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School of Allied Health Professions
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MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MOT):
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Deadline for applications is June 1st of the year prior to an incoming class.

The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program conducts Information Sessions for individuals interested in applying for admission. These group sessions include an overview of the program and information on admissions procedures. They are conducted on the **First Friday at 1:00 p.m. from January through June, and again in October and November.** Persons interested in attending are asked to contact us to let us know that they are planning on coming to a given session via email or phone call.

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REQUIREMENTS:

Admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program is on a competitive basis; therefore, meeting the following minimal requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. All fields of study are accepted; no preference is given to one major area of study over another.

2. Applicants are expected to have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) for their undergraduate degree, and a cumulative GPA of 2.8 for prerequisite courses.

3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). We would like to see a combined score of at least 900, and a 3.5 on the analytical writing. The GRE must be taken within the past five years. As of August 2011, scoring has changed on the GRE. For those applicants with updated scoring, we require a score of at least a 150 on the verbal section and a 141 on the quantitative section. For more information on the new GRE scoring, please refer to http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide.pdf.

4. Completion of prerequisite courses (with a minimum grade of "C") <u>prior to enrollment</u> in the program. Completion of prerequisite courses is not required <u>prior to applying</u> to the program. However, if prerequisite courses are not complete by application, a plan for their completion is required when applying.

Prerequisite courses	Credits	Comments
Abnormal Psychology	3	
Anatomy/with Lab*	4 (3/1)	Human or Vertebrate or Comparative
Chemistry	3	Organic or General or Introduction or Elementary
Human Development Across Lifespan	3-6	3 credits if lifespan covered in one course; 6 credits if separate childhood and aging courses taken to cover lifespan
Human Physiology*	3	Lab is highly recommended, but not required
Sociology	3	Any sociology course is acceptable
Statistics	3	Must be inferential statistics; needs to include descriptive statistics, correlation, and analysis of variance

* If Anatomy and Human Physiology courses are taken as Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II instead of as separate courses, then a total of seven (7) credits are needed for the combined course content

5. Applicants need to have at least **40 documented OT observation hours** under the supervision of an OTR. As few as one occupational therapist (OTR) at one site and as many as four therapists at four different facilities can be used to complete the 40 hours. A **Documentation of Experience Form** will need to be completed by each supervising occupational therapist to verify hours of contact. (If four therapists are visited to accrue the 40 hours, then four Documentation of Experience forms will need to be submitted.) You are responsible for distributing and collecting the forms once they are completed, sealed, and signed. This form along with its instructions can be downloaded at http://alliedhealth.lsuhsc.edu/ot/application.aspx

6. Computer literacy is required of all students in the program. Specifically, students are expected to be proficient in word processing, spreadsheet management, internet navigation, and e-mail procedures.

*Strongly recommended courses (but not required): Computer Science, Medical Terminology, Public Speaking, Technical Writing, and Philosophy.