



School of Allied Health Professions
Department of Occupational Therapy

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MOT): ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Deadline for applications for the January 2023 class is June 17, 2022.

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 of the month 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 2.8 (based on a 4.0 scale) for their undergraduate degree, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for prerequisite courses.
3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). We require a minimum score of at least a 150 on the verbal section, a 141 on the quantitative section, and a 3.5 on the analytical writing. The GRE must be taken within the past five years (based on the date applied). For more information on 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") prior to enrollment in the program. Completion of all prerequisite courses is not required prior to applying to the program. You may have no more than 3 outstanding prerequisites at the time that you apply, and you must report a plan regarding when you will complete the remaining courses.

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 **20 documented OT observation hours** under the supervision of an licensed occupational therapist. As few as one occupational therapist (OTR) at one site and as many as two therapists at two different facilities can be used to complete the 20 hours. A **Documentation of Experience Form** will need to be completed by each supervising occupational therapist to verify hours of contact. A total of 20 hours is required for admission; however, more hours are always desirable. It is permissible to have multiple forms, from multiple therapists/practice settings, as long as any individual form reflects at least 10 or more hours. 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.lsuhscc.edu/ot/application.aspx>
6. Applicants must secure at least 3 professional references to complete an evaluation on their behalf via OTCAS. At least one of the 3 references must be a licensed occupational therapist. The occupational therapist completing the reference may be the one who was interviewed. Evaluations (sometimes called Letters of Evaluation, Letters of Reference, or Letters of Recommendation) are submitted by the evaluators themselves via Letters by Liaison, the OTCAS recommender portal. Refer to OTCAS for instruction on the evaluation process. [Click here](#) for more information.
7. 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.