

Master of Science in OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Occupational Therapy is a health care profession that uses purposeful activity to achieve functional outcomes that promote health, prevent injury or disability, and develop, improve, sustain, or restore the highest possible level of independence.

Stockton University's Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program is a full-time two and one-half-year entry-level professional program. It includes four semesters of course work including Level I fieldwork, one short summer session and two three-month Level II fieldwork rotations that must be completed within 24 months following completion of academic work.

Accreditation

The **Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)** Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) located at:

ACOTE

c/o American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200

Bethesda, MD 20814-3449

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GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO SIT FOR THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (NBCOT). AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS EXAM, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, REGISTERED (OTR). IN ADDITION, STATES REQUIRE LICENSURE TO PRACTICE; HOWEVER, STATE LICENSES ARE USUALLY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE NBCOT CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION. A FELONY CONVICTION MAY AFFECT A GRADUATE'S ABILITY TO SIT FOR THE NBCOT CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION OR ATTAIN STATE LICENSURE.

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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The MSOT program is among the most competitive at the University. Admission is very selective. Applicants are considered once per year; a new class of students (cohort) begins each fall.

- Completion of the two applications for graduate admission with supplemental materials (listed below). Please visit www.otcas.org for online application, and www.stockton.edu/grad for supplemental application and a list of where supplemental materials are to be sent.
- Completion of a baccalaureate degree.
- Demonstration of academic preparedness with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better.
- Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of B- or better. Students may apply to the program while in the final semesters of completing these prerequisites.
- Typed essay that demonstrates written communication skills and clarifies the applicant's purpose in pursuing a graduate degree in occupational therapy.
- For applicants whose native language is not English, scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- Documentation of 40 hours of work, volunteer work or community service with an occupational therapist in a variety of occupational therapy settings with clients of different ages and diagnoses.
- Three recommendation forms from those who can verify experiences and attest to academic excellence (i.e. college professor, occupational therapy professional with whom you did your observations, employer). References from family and other personal references are not accepted.
- Copy of current driver's license.
- Additional paperwork will be required of international students.

Additionally, applicants must meet the "Technical Standards" requirements for participation in Stockton's Occupational Therapy program. These functions can be reviewed online at www.stockton.edu/graduate/occupational-therapy.html

Completion of a CPR course (proof of current CPR certification or recertification is required).

Some preference is given to New Jersey residents and Stockton graduates, though other applicants are routinely accepted.

For more details regarding admissions criteria, pre-requisites, FAQs and curriculum, please visit www.stockton.edu/graduate/occupational-therapy.html

Application deadline: Fall 2020: Verified by November 19, 2019



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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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The cumulative undergraduate GPA includes all of an applicant's college or university historical coursework drawn from all institutional transcripts on record. Once all transcripts are entered into the application, your cumulative GPA is calculated.

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