

Master of Occupational Therapy Program

The Walsh University Master of Occupational Therapy Program aligns with the profession's philosophy and vision. The program delivers an educational experience that integrates active learning, evidence-based practice, and collaboration with scholarly faculty. It fosters personal and professional growth through lifelong learning, critical thinking, professional conduct, interprofessional teamwork, cultural awareness, and spirituality.

Graduates facilitate participation in meaningful and necessary occupations with clients, families, and organizations in their communities. They contribute to the profession's future through leadership, evidence-based practice, and service. The Occupational Therapy Program advances the missions of Walsh University and the School of Behavioral and Health Sciences by encouraging individuals to act with reason, guided by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.



YEAR 1

Semester 1 – Fall Foundational Knowledge & Skills		Semester 2 – Spring Clinical Application & Skill Development		Semester 3 – Summer II Critical Thinking & Clinical Reasoning	
Course	Hrs.	Course	Hrs.	Course	Hrs.
OT 603/OT 603L Foundations of Body Structure and Movement	5	OT 650 OT Clinical Foundations Lab: Introduction to Professional and Practice Skills (SP2)	1	OT 651 OT Skills Integration Lab: Evaluation and Intervention in Practice (SU2)	2
OT 602 Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3	OT 614 Occupation-Based Practice and Rehabilitation for Adult Physical Dysfunction	4	OT 626 Occupational Therapy Management and Leadership (SU2)	2
OT 600 Conditions in Occupational Therapy	2	OT 608 Therapeutic Approaches in OT: From Assessment to Intervention	4	OT 620 Evidence-Based Practice I (SU2)	2
OT 601 Analysis of Human Function and Activity	3	OT 610 Neuroscience for the Occupational Therapist	3	OT 622 Level IB Fieldwork (SU2)	2
OT 604 Psychosocial Aspects of Occupational Performance	4	OT 612 Level IA Fieldwork	2		
		OT 616 Environmental & Technological Interventions	2		
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	17	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	8

YEAR 2

Semester 4 – Fall Entry-Level Professional Practice & Integration		Semester 5 – Spring Supervised Entry-Level Clinical Practice		Semester 6 – Summer Supervised Entry-Level Clinical Practice	
Course	Hrs.	Course	Hrs.	Course	Hrs.
OT 624 Evidence-Based Practice II (F1)	2	OT 660 Level II Fieldwork A	7	OT 662 Level II Fieldwork B	9
OT 606 Occupation-Based Practice and Rehabilitation in Pediatrics	4				
OT 628 Neuro-Cognitive Rehabilitation	2				
OT 630 Advanced Clinical Reasoning	3				
OT 632 Level IC Fieldwork	2				
OT 652 OT Competency Lab: Advanced Practice and Fieldwork Readiness (F2)	2				
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	15	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	7	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	9
TOTAL ACADEMIC CREDITS:	50				
TOTAL FIELDWORK CREDITS:	22				
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS:	72				

The Walsh MOT program offers a flexible hybrid model, blending in-person and online learning. Select courses also feature an innovative flipped classroom approach to maximize engagement and hands-on application. Students are required to have a laptop (Windows or macOS) with a webcam and reliable internet access.

Entrance into the Master of Occupational Therapy Program

Specific application requirements, include the following:

Students matriculating in the Master of Occupational Therapy program at Walsh University must have:

- B.S. or B.A. degree (or in final year)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in 3 of 5 prerequisite courses (completed) for application review
- Complete all prerequisites before matriculation*
- Transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Three letters of recommendation (may include academic or professional references)
- Minimum 20 hours of observation in two different settings

Prerequisites

COURSE NAME	CREDIT HRS REQUIRED
Anatomy and Physiology I	3
Anatomy and Physiology II	3
Developmental Psychology	3
Abnormal Psychology	3
Introduction to Statistics	3

Frequently Asked Questions

What is unique about the clinical experiences at Walsh?

Students will complete Level I fieldwork rotations that include both in-person and virtual /simulated experiences during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th semester of coursework. These rotations will have site-specific objectives related to your didactic content. In the 5th & 6th semesters of the program, students will complete Level II fieldwork which is full-time for 12 weeks with the expectation that the student will be at an entry-level occupational therapy practitioner at the completion of 24 weeks of Fieldwork II experiences.

Do I need to have a Bachelor's degree to apply and be admitted to Walsh University's Master of Occupational Therapy program?

You do not need to have completed your degree to apply; however, you must have completed your degree and all of the prerequisite coursework prior to beginning the graduate MOT coursework. Your degree can be in any field as long as you have completed the prerequisite coursework.

How can I determine if a course at my institution will meet a specific pre-requisite requirement?

We have an equivalency chart in the Office of Graduate Admissions. If your course is not yet on the list, we will complete a syllabus review to determine if the course will meet the requirement.

How many observation hours are required?

We strongly recommend students complete at least 20 hours of observation in at least two different OT locations. You must be supervised by a licensed occupational therapist, or occupational therapy assistant for the observation hours. Hours must be verified with a signature from the supervising therapist and include the name of the site.

If I am already a licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA), do I need to complete the observation hour requirement?

No, if you successfully passed the OTA NBCOT exam, you do not need to complete the observation hours.

How long will it take to complete the program?

The program is six consecutive semesters beginning in the fall.

Does the OT program accept transfer credits from other MOT Programs?

Yes, Walsh University reviews transfer credits case by case. Students may transfer equivalent coursework from an ACOTE-accredited OT program, depending on course content, grades, and documentation, including proof of good standing.

Pathways to Admission

1. Traditional
2. Direct Application
3. Early Assurance Traditional
4. Early Assurance Accelerated
5. OTA Bridge to OT
6. Partnership



The Early Assurance Occupational Therapy program allowed me to begin OT coursework early while saving significantly on tuition. It strengthened my confidence in a field where I can thrive.

Rachel Kibler '26

The Walsh Advantage

- Our hybrid program combines flexible, online – learning with engaging on-campus experiences, helping students balance life's demands while building meaningful connections.
- Gain hands-on clinical experience at sites across Ohio and throughout the United States.

Graduate Admissions

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The Walsh University Occupational Therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number is (301) 652-6611 and the web address is www.acoteonline.org.



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