

Master of Occupational Therapy

The mission of the Walsh University Occupational Therapy Program reflects the philosophy and vision of the profession of occupational therapy. The Occupational Therapy Program provides an educational experience that integrates active learning techniques, evidence-based practice, and collaboration with faculty who engage in scholarship. The program supports personal and professional growth through lifelong learning, critical thinking, professional behaviors, interprofessional collaboration, cultural awareness, and spirituality.

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



Some of the courses in the program are offered in a hybrid format. Students must have access to a computer or tablet with a camera to participate in synchronous teaching sessions and complete certain assignment requirements.

Entrance into the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program

Specific application requirements, to be submitted on OTCAS include the following:

- B.S. or B.A. degree with an undergraduate overall GPA of 3.0 or greater
- Transcripts from all former institutions attended
- Three letters of recommendation (may be from an instructor, employer, supervisor, or coach)
- Exposure to the field of occupational therapy and completion of at least 2 observation forms from 2 different locations.
- On-Site Interview (by invitation)
- TOEFL score (international students only)

YEAR ONE					
SEMESTER 1 <i>FALL • Aug.–Dec.</i>		SEMESTER 2 <i>SPRING • Jan.–Apr.</i>		SEMESTER 3 <i>SUMMER • May–Aug.</i>	
COURSE	HRS.	COURSE	HRS.	COURSE	HRS.
OT 503/503L-Human Anatomy/Lab	6	OT 602-Evaluation and Assessment Skills	3	OT 604-Psychosocial Aspects of Occupational Performance	3
OT 502-Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3	OT 606-Therapeutic Interventions in Pediatrics	4	OT 614-Therapeutic Interventions in Adults and Geriatrics	4
OT 504-Conditions in Occupational Therapy	2	OT 608-Biomechanics in Occupational Therapy	3	OT 616-Environmental & Technological Interventions	2
OT 506-Task Analysis	2	OT 610-Neuroscience for the Occupational Therapist	3	OT 618-Therapeutic Groups	2
OT 508-Theory and Frames of Reference	2	OT 612-Level I Fieldwork: A Seminar	2	OT 620-Evidence-Based Practice I	2
				OT 622-Level I Fieldwork: B Seminar	2
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	15	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	15	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	15

YEAR TWO					
SEMESTER 4 <i>FALL • Aug.–Dec.</i>		SEMESTER 5 <i>SPRING • Jan.–Apr.</i>		SEMESTER 6 <i>SUMMER • May–Aug.</i>	
COURSE	HRS.	COURSE	HRS.	COURSE	HRS.
OT 624-Evidence-Based Practice II	2	OT 660-Level II Fieldwork-AB	7	OT 662-Level II Fieldwork - CD	7
OT 626-Occupational Therapy Management and Leadership	2	-	-	-	-
OT 628-Neuro-Cognitive Rehabilitation	2	-	-	-	-
OT 630-Advanced Clinical Reasoning	3	-	-	-	-
OT 632-Level I Fieldwork: C Seminar	2	-	-	-	-
OT 652-Community Based Practice in OT	2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	13	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	7	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	7

Indicates hybrid course format

The Walsh University entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acotonline.org. 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, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

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Prerequisites

COURSE NAME	CREDIT HRS REQUIRED
Anatomy and Physiology I	4
Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Medical Terminology	1
General Psychology	3
Developmental Psychology	3
Abnormal Psychology	3
Principles of Sociology	3
Kinesiology or Biomechanics or Physics	3
Statistics	3

Frequently Asked Questions

What is unique about the clinical experiences at Walsh?

Students will complete three Level I fieldwork placements during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th semester of coursework. These placements will be competency based and consist of at least 45 hours of contact time in the clinic where all of our students will be rotating through specific sites to gain specific skills. In the 5th & 6th semesters of the program, students will be completing Level II fieldwork which is full-time for either 6 or 12 weeks with the expectation that the student will be at an entry-level 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 Occupational Therapy program?

You do not need to have completed your degree to apply or be interviewed however, you must have completed your degree and all of the pre-requisite coursework prior to beginning the graduate MOT 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?

You will need 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.



The Walsh Advantage

Experienced faculty and small classes assure **individual attention** and encourage active participation.

Hands-on clinical experience opportunities throughout Ohio and the entire U.S.

State-of-the-art facilities

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