

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.



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	5	OT 604-Psychosocial Aspects of Occupational Performance	3	OT 614-Therapeutic Interventions in Adults and Geriatrics	4
OT 502-Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3	OT 606-Therapeutic Interventions in Pediatrics	4	OT 616-Environmental & Technological Interventions	2
OT 504-Conditions in Occupational Therapy	2	OT 608-Biomechanics in Occupational Therapy	4	OT 618-Therapeutic Groups	2
OT 506-Task Analysis	2	OT 610-Neuroscience for the Occupational Therapist	3	OT 620-Evidence-Based Practice I	2
OT 508-Theory and Frames of Reference	2	OT 612-Level I Fieldwork: A Seminar	2	OT 622-Level I Fieldwork: B Seminar	2
OT 602-Evaluation and Assessment Skills	3	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	17	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS	12

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

Some of the courses in the program are offered in a hybrid format (*indicated by tan cells in table at left*). 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:

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

- B.S. or B.A. degree (or in final year)
- 6 of the 9 prerequisite courses completed (or in progress) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for interview
- All prerequisites must be completed prior to matriculation*
- Transcripts from all former institutions attended
- Three letters of recommendation (may be from an instructor, employer, supervisor, or coach)
- Minimum 20 hours of observation in two settings
- Interview (by invitation)
- TOEFL score (international students only)

Prerequisites

COURSE NAME	CREDIT HRS REQUIRED
Anatomy and Physiology I	3
Anatomy and Physiology II	3
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 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 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. Your degree can be in any field as long as you have completed the pre-requisite 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.

Three Pathways to Admission

1. Traditional

2. Early Assurance (4+2) Direct Freshmen Entry

3. Early Assurance (3+2) Direct Freshmen Entry



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.

Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at gradadmissions@walsh.edu or **330.490.7238** for additional information.

www.walsh.edu/mot

The Walsh University Master of 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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