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The Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Missouri is in the process of discontinuing its combined Bachelors / Masters in Occupational Therapy degree program. The last cohort for the 3-year combined degree program applied in December 2015, will begin coursework in Summer 2016, and will graduate in Spring 2019.

Our professional Masters in Occupational Therapy (MOT) will continue as a 2-year post-baccalaureate entry graduate program (Summer/Fall/Spring + Summer/Fall/Spring). Prospective students will apply for entry into the program during their final year of undergraduate coursework or after they have completed a baccalaureate degree. However, in either case a baccalaureate degree must be completed prior to beginning coursework during the following summer semester.

In order to implement these changes, we will not have an application cycle in Fall 2016. Our next application cycle will occur in Fall 2017, with 44 accepted students beginning coursework in Summer 2018 and graduating in Spring 2020.

Many undergraduate students at the University of Missouri pursue a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree through the Department of Health Sciences within the School of Health Professions (SHP) in preparation for applying to graduate level occupational therapy programs. However, any baccalaureate degree is acceptable for admission to the University of Missouri - Department of Occupational Therapy as long as all prerequisite coursework has been completed satisfactorily prior to beginning the professional program.

The SHP Student Services Office (573-882-8011) has academic advisors that work with University of Missouri undergraduate Health Sciences majors to ensure that their coursework is in alignment with the prerequisites for our graduate program. Students in other degree programs and from other institutions may contact the Department of Occupational Therapy at 573-882-3988 to schedule an advising appointment.

High school students who are planning a campus visit should contact Mizzou Admissions at 573-882-7786 or http://admissions.missouri.edu. Admissions staff can assist you in scheduling a meeting with a faculty representative from the Department of Occupational Therapy to learn more about the profession and our graduate program. We also recommend that you ask Admissions to arrange for an appointment with an SHP academic advisor and / or the SHP Coordinator of Recruitment, Cheri Ghan, to discuss your undergraduate plan.