



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/occupational-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/>

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI?

- Tours and meetings with our student ambassadors are available by contacting the Department of Occupational Office at (573) 882-3988 or OTadmissions@missouri.edu.

CAN I SCHEDULE AN INDIVIDUAL ADVISING APPOINTMENT WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT?

- Yes, for program information you can call the Department of Occupational Office at (573) 882-3988 or email OTadmissions@missouri.edu where you will be able to set up an advising appointment with a student ambassador. Both in-person and telephone advising appointments may be scheduled.
- If you would like the admissions committee to review a course to ensure the course meets our program requirements, please call (573) 882-3988 or email muot@health.missouri.edu.

HOW LONG IS THE PROFESSIONAL MU OT PROGRAM?

- The full-time program is completed in two years including three regular semesters, two summer semesters, and six-months of clinical fieldwork.

IS THERE A PART TIME OR ONLINE PROGRAM AVAILABLE?

- No, this is a full-time professional program that must be taken in sequence.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

- Applications are available online beginning July 1st and deadline for submission is January 15. All applications will be submitted through OTCAS, the OT centralized application service: <https://otcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

IS THERE A WAY TO BE AUTOMATICALLY ADMITTED TO THE MUOT PROGRAM?

- No, there is no automatic admission option, but admissions will be on a rolling basis.

DO MY PREREQUISITE COURSES NEED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE I APPLY TO MUOT?

- Prerequisite courses may be in progress as long as they are completed by the end of the spring semester before summer admission to the program. It is best to have as many courses as possible completed prior to applying. GPA requirements still apply. Acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of all prerequisites and on completion of degree.

WHAT IS THE GPA REQUIREMENT TO ENTER THE MUOT PROGRAM?

- A CUM GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale must be earned for ALL undergraduate coursework completed at the time of application.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR?

- Forty four (44)

HOW MANY APPLICATIONS DO YOU TYPICALLY RECEIVE?

- The number of applications varies year to year.

IS THE GRE OR GMAT REQUIRED?

- No, we do not require a graduate entrance exam.

WHEN YOU SELECT STUDENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, DO YOU HAVE A WAIT (ALTERNATE) LIST AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

- There is a wait list. The admissions committee will contact students from this list if a class position becomes available. The amount of students admitted from this list varies year to year.

HOW MANY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OBSERVATION HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

- Twenty (20) observation hours with a licensed occupational therapist are required for application.
- Observation hours are to be done in a minimum of two (2) OT practice settings.
- The TigerOT Clinics are NOT available for observation hours.
- An Observation Form (provided on website) signed by the licensed therapist observed is required.
- Observations must be completed at time of application.
- All observation forms should be uploaded to OTCAS with application.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

- It is recommended that each applicant have a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering (completed within the past 5 years).
- Volunteer experiences should be clearly reflected on the applicant's resume.

IS AN INTERVIEW REQUIRED?

- Interviews may be required if requested by the admissions committee. Applicants will be notified if they are being requested to interview.
- In-person interviews are preferred but not required. The admissions committee will schedule remote interviews at the applicant's request.

WHO ACCREDITS THE PROGRAM?

- The Department of Occupational Therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the [American Occupational Therapy Association](http://www.aota.org/), 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD, 20814-3425, telephone (301) 652-2682 TDD 800-377-8555; FAX (301) 652-7711.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- Program costs can vary according to each student. Our website has a total degree cost estimate that is updated annually based on current tuition and fees (see prospective students section for cost); however, we recommend students figure their estimated scenarios using the MU worksheet and tools below.
- MU Cashiers: Worksheet and Fees <http://cashiers.missouri.edu/costs/budget-worksheet.html>
- Textbooks: estimated total cost \$1,950
- MU OT Curriculum <https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/occupational-therapy/degree-program/mot-curriculum/>

IS THERE FINANCIAL AID?

- Financial aid information is available by contacting the MU financial aid office at <http://sfa.missouri.edu/>

WHAT IS MUOT'S PASS RATE ON THE NATIONAL LICENSURE EXAM?

- Our published three year average score is above the national average on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), with a 100% pass rate for first and second time test takers.