



# Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

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The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program at St. Bonaventure University prepares students for meaningful careers as occupational therapists, rooted in a holistic, client-centered approach to care across diverse settings and populations. The 22-month program combines rigorous academic work, hands-on fieldwork, and state-of-the-art facilities in the Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions.

## **A Professional OT Degree Program**

The entry-level Master of Science in Occupational Therapy prepares students as generalists, ready to excel as occupational therapists. Our program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). More information is available at (301) 652-AOTA or [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org).



## **Curriculum & Courses**

The program is 73 credit hours, in two phases:

- Didactic/Course-related Phase (on campus + online): 16 months
- Level II Fieldwork: OT 710 & OT 720, 6 months of supervised fieldwork

## **Visit SBU**

Prospective MSOT students and their families are invited to visit SBU at any time. Schedule an appointment by emailing [ot@sbu.edu](mailto:ot@sbu.edu) or calling (800) 462-5050.

22

Months to  
Complete

16

Month Classroom  
Phase

6

Month Fieldwork  
Phase

## Plan of Study

First Year						Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits	Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
OT 500	2	OT 560A	3	OT 630	3	OT 660	4	OT 710	6
OT 510	3	OT 570	3	OT 640	3	OT 670	4	OT 720	6
OT 520	3	OT 580	3	OT 650	3	OT 680	4		
OT 530	3	OT 590	3			OT 690	4		
OT 540	2	OT 600	3			OT 700	2		
OT 550	3	OT 615	3						
	16		18		9		18		12
Total Credits = 73									

A full listing of our courses and course descriptions can be found at [www.sbu.edu/MSOT](http://www.sbu.edu/MSOT).

## Early Assurance Pathways (EAP)

Qualified incoming freshmen (or current SBU students) can pursue a seat in our MSOT program by selecting an Early Assurance Pathway (EAP).

### EAP offers two tracks for MSOT:

- Accelerated 3+2 pathway
- Traditional 4+2 pathway

While completing pre-OT track, students can earn a bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Science, Psychology, or another undergraduate program while fulfilling OT prerequisite courses. They can also participate in OT department events during their undergraduate studies before transitioning to the MSOT graduate program.

## Admission Criteria

- B.S. or B.A. degree & 3.0 GPA
- Prerequisites completed prior to program start:
  - Anatomy & Physiology I & II (8 Credits)
  - General Physics or Kinesiology (3 Credits)
  - General Psychology (3 Credits)
  - Abnormal or Maladaptive Psychology (3 Credits)
  - Developmental Psychology (3 Credits)
  - Sociology or Anthropology (3 Credits)

Students may apply to the MSOT program with prerequisite courses in-progress or planned. Applicants with outstanding prerequisites who otherwise meet our criteria will be offered provisional admission.

All outstanding coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher, and all applicants must submit an official transcript from within the U.S. or Canada showing proof of degree completion before matriculation.

## Holistic Admissions Approach

### Applicants to the MSOT program are processed through:

- St. Bonaventure's Free Occupational Therapy Program Application
- Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS)
- SBU Early Assurance Pathways

### Applicants must submit:

- All official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal essay
- On-campus interview

**Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis until class capacity is reached.**