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Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)

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A Professional OT Degree Program

The entry-level Master of Science in Occupational Therapy is a professional degree program that prepares students as generalists, academically and professionally, to fulfill the responsibilities of occupational therapists. Our 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 c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.



Earn Your MSOT in 22 Months

The program is 5+ full-time consecutive semesters; this includes one (1) summer session online and one (1) semester off campus for Level II Fieldwork in the final spring semester.

Modern State-of-the-Art Facilities

The MSOT program is part of the Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions, which moved into its new home in SBU's Francis Hall following a comprehensive \$18 million renovation project in 2020-21. A comfortable and welcoming space, Francis Hall boasts state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, from high-tech classrooms, labs, Anatomage tables and exam rooms, to group study spaces, student breakout rooms and other modern amenities.

Admission Criteria

Our program is designed for students who have earned a B.S. or B.A. degree.

<https://www.sbu.edu/academics/occupational-therapy/admission-criteria>

Applicants to the MSOT program are processed through St. Bonaventure's Free Occupational Therapy Program Application. SBU also receives applications through the Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) or through the SBU Early Assurance Pathways. Applicants must submit all official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended as evidence of completion of prerequisites, three letters of recommendation, and a personal essay. Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis until class capacity is reached.



Early Assurance Pathways

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

Applicants to occupational therapy via EAP may pursue one of two tracks: our accelerated 3+2 pathway or our traditional 4+2 pathway. While in a pre-OT track, students can earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health, Health Science or another undergraduate program while fulfilling OT prerequisite courses. Students are also welcome to join OT department events throughout their undergraduate studies at SBU before they matriculate into the MSOT graduate program.



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Student Standards & Expectations

The OT program at St. Bonaventure is committed to the education of all qualified individuals, including people with disabilities who, with reasonable accommodation, are capable of performing the essential functions of the program.

The essential functions of the OT student practitioner include professionalism, observation skills, intellectual and conceptual abilities, communication skills, behavioral and social skills, physical/motor skills, and tolerance to environmental factors.

Curriculum & Courses

The program is 73 credit hours, in two phases:

- Didactic/Course-related Phase (on campus + online): 16 months
- Level II Fieldwork: 2 placements (OT 710 & OT 720); 6 months of supervised fieldwork.

The Didactic/Course-related Phase includes lectures and an abundance of experiential learning: labs, field trips, simulations, role-plays, interprofessional learning experiences, and Level I Fieldwork.

Level I Fieldwork experiences enrich didactic and lab coursework through directed observation and participation in selected aspects of the OT process. Over 120 hours of Level I Fieldwork begin in year one and continue into year two.

The Level II Fieldwork Phase is in the final semester of year two. These are in-depth professional experiences during which the student must demonstrate competence in the delivery of services to clients and their families or caregivers. Students are required to complete the equivalent of 24 weeks of full-time, supervised, Level II Fieldwork.

Level II Fieldwork experiences may take place within the United States or in international sites where the supervising therapist has graduated from a program approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

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



Visit SBU

Prospective MSOT students and their families are invited to visit SBU at any time: schedule an appointment [here](#) or by emailing Dr. Suzi Marasco at smarasco@sbu.edu.