MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The MS Occupational Therapy program prepares students with a baccalaureate degree to become qualified occupational therapists. The didactic portion of this program includes four terms of on-campus coursework followed by two terms of experiential and hybrid coursework. The program requires successful completion of academic courses and integrated fieldwork concluding with two, 12-week offsite fieldwork experiences.

Accreditation

The profession’s accrediting body, the American Occupational Therapy Association (ACOTE), has granted Candidacy status to this program. With Candidacy status, the first class of students were admitted for studies in January 2022. A required self-study of the program was submitted to ACOTE in November 2022. If granted Pre-Accreditation, ACOTE will perform an onsite visit in the Summer 2023 and the decision for full accreditation would follow in August 2023. If granted full accreditation, graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapists through the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and will be able to apply for licensure through the professional licensure board in the state in which the graduate wishes to practice.

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Requirements

A cumulative minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in undergraduate coursework and minimum 2.7 GPA for prerequisite coursework is required from an accredited university. Evidence of completion of the Bachelor’s degree and all prerequisites must be received prior to the start of the program. Please check with the CMU Occupational Therapy Program Director or the Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) for the complete list of additional admission requirements.

For additional details on admission requirements, please visit the Department of Kinesiology page of the university website.