

Occupational Therapy / Master of Science

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program is designed to prepare students with the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to provide services to children and adults with developmental, physical, cognitive, and psychological conditions across different practice settings. Occupational Therapists analyze how human and environmental factors influence a client's performance and participation within the context of meaningful daily life activities, or occupations. OT uses a science driven, evidence-based, and client-centered practice

healthcare team, Occupational Therapists work in association with clients, caregivers, and other providers. Occupational Therapists are viewed as advocates for political and social change to benefit clients, communities, their profession, and the provision of healthcare. Occupational Therapists work in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, public school systems, in-home patient care, private clinics, and community-based organizations.

The MSOT Program at Lewis University is a continuous, full-time, entry-level program designed to be completed over 6 consecutive semesters in 24 months. The classes run Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM with some evening and weekend hours required for community-based learning experiences. The Lewis University entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

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Students must complete 24 weeks of Level II fieldwork within 18 months following completion of the didactic portion of the program. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR).

In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. A felony conviction may affect the program's ability to provide the student with the necessary fieldwork opportunities due to required background checks and fingerprinting.

To be accepted for admission in the M.S. in Occupational Therapy program at Lewis University, ideal candidates will meet the following requirements:

