

Admissions Information

Masters of Occupational Therapy (MOT)

(For students with an undergraduate degree)

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Admission to The Graduate School at Chicago State University

- Students who wish to pursue a Masters of Occupational Therapy degree must be admitted to The Graduate School at Chicago State University. Applications are available through the Graduate College. (www.csu.edu/GraduateSchool/)
- Students applying to The Graduate School at Chicago State University must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) in the final 60 semester credit hours of undergraduate and/or graduate courses.

Prerequisite Requirements for MOT Students

For students with an undergraduate degree, the following prerequisites are required:

- Anthropology or Sociology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Statistics
- Computer Science
- Human Anatomy *
- Human Physiology *
- Cadaver Lab (30 hours) *
- Introduction to OT

* The anatomy and physiology courses must be taken within 5 years of admission to the professional program.

Admission to the Occupational Therapy Program

- Admission to the professional program is based on completion of the following requirements and acceptance by the admissions committee:
- Submission of a completed Occupational Therapy Department application and a current evaluation of credits. All applicants are strongly encouraged to review admission eligibility with an advisor before applying.
- Proof of over 40 hours of work experience or community service that demonstrates human service skills. Experience is to be described on the prescribed form and signed by an appropriate supervising individual. This experience is not limited to the field of occupational therapy.
- Two recommendations on the prescribed form. One of the recommendations must be from an upper division teacher. The other recommendation may be from another upper division teacher or an employer or community service supervisor. Relatives cannot submit recommendations.
- A typed essay of approximately 1000 words on the applicant's reasons for pursuing a career in occupational therapy and how the applicant's human service experience has enhanced or developed their interpersonal skills.
- Interview with the members of the Occupational Therapy admission committee. Applicants who are not accepted into the program may be invited for an interview with the chairperson to discuss options to strengthen their re-application.
- Students are admitted to the professional program only once a year in the fall semester. If slots become available, applicants on the waiting list will be offered admission in rank order.
- Applications are accepted and reviewed throughout the year.
- The deadline for submission of application materials is March 15th each year.
- The department application and all supporting documents are submitted directly to the Department of Occupational Therapy in Library Room 132.