

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MS)

## Degree Requirements

Effective December 2021

Code	Title	Hours
OT 500	Occupation in Context	3
OT 501	Occupational Development	4
OT 504	Neurosci Basis of Occ Perform	3
OT 505	Scientific Inquiry I	2
OT 506	Research Design	1
OT 507	ADL/IADL Eval & Intervention	2
OT 508	Experiential Learning-Peds	2
OT 509	OT Foundations	3
OT 511	Neuromusculoskeletal Assessmen	1
OT 513	Neuromusculoskeletal Experient	2
OT 515	Psychosocial Eval & Intervent	3
OT 517	Occupational Evaluation I	3
OT 521	Practicum I	1
OT 525	Documentation	3
OT 526	OT for Adults	2
OT 528	Adult Experiential Learning	2
OT 531	Practicum II	1
OT 535	Foundations Low Vision Rehab	2
OT 539	Professional Dev Seminar	1
OT 545	Scientific Inquiry II	2
OT 547	Research Implementation	1
OT 550	Level II Fieldwork - A	6
OT 551	Pract. IV Psych/Soc	1
OT 552	OT School-Based Practice	3
OT 553	OT and the Older Adult	2
OT 554	OT & the Older Adult Exp Learn	2
OT 555	Level II Fieldwork - B	6
OT 557	OT for the Young Child	3
OT 558	Tech & Environ Interven in OT	3
OT 567	OT for UE Injuries and Work	2
OT 568	UE Injuries & Work Experientia	2
OT 571	Interprofessional Collaboratio	1
OT 572	Eval and Intervention Child an	2
OT 573	OT in Acute Care	2
OT 574	OT and Wellness	3
OT 575	Advanced Professional Writing	2
OT 576	Res Analysis and Presentation	1
OT 577	Management and Supervision	3
OT 578	Intervention Competencies	2
OT 581	Clinical Practice I	2
OT 582	Clinical Practice II	2
Elective Course		1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>95</b>

## Expenses

Students admitted in the Occupational Therapy program will be charged a matriculation deposit of \$300 required to secure a seat in the entering class. This amount is not refundable but will be applied towards tuition expenses after classes begin.

Students should be prepared for extra expenses associated with professional studies including books, local travel to and from fieldwork sites and out-of-town travel and living expenses during Level II Fieldwork assignments. Special lab fees are assessed for the following courses:

Abbr	Course Description	Fee
OT 500	Occupation in Context	\$30.00
OT 501	Occupational Development I	\$21.00
OT 504	Neuroscientific Basis of Occup Perf	\$70.00
OT 508	Experiential Learning	\$26.00
OT 513	Neuromusculoskeletal Experiential Learning	\$30.00
OT 515	Psychosocial Evaluation & Intervention	\$26.00
OT 517	Occupational Evaluation I	\$50.00
OT 521	Practicum I	\$50.00
OT 528	OT for Adult Experiential Learning	\$65.00
OT 531	Practicum II	\$50.00
OT 535	Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation	\$32.00
OT 545	Scientific Inquiry II	\$25.00
OT 550	Level II Fieldwork (A)	\$5.00
OT 551	Practicum III	\$50.00
OT 552	School Basted OT Practice	\$38.00
OT 554	OT and the Older Adult Experiential Learning	\$32.00
OT 555	Level II Fieldwork (B)	\$5.00
OT 557	OT for the Young Child	\$35.00
OT 558	Technology and Environmental Interventions in OT	\$50.00
OT 568	UE/Work Experiential Learning	\$85.00
OT 572	Evaluation & Intervention Child & Adolescence	\$33.00
OT 573	OT in Acute Care	\$30.00
OT 574	OT & Wellness	\$13.00
OT 578	Intervention Competencies	\$40.00
OT 582	Clinical Practice 2	\$25.00

Retention Policies In accordance with the Policies of the University of South Alabama Graduate School:

- A minimum overall 3.0 GPA on all work attempted in the student's specific program of study is required. A maximum of two courses with the grade of "C" may be counted toward a degree program.
- Any term in which a graduate student drops below a 3.0 GPA, the student is placed on probationary status and has a period of two terms to attain a 3.0 GPA or be dismissed from the Graduate School.

In addition, the following Departmental Retention Policies apply:

- Students in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each course in the occupational therapy curriculum. This minimum grade of "C" reflects only the letter grade since many courses will require an 80% or 90% competency in order to be considered passing level.
- A student who receives a grade below "C" will be academically dismissed.
- Any combination of nine (9) semester hours of grades of "C" in OT courses will result in academic dismissal.
- Students who earn more than two "C" grades in any OT courses will result in academic dismissal
- If for any reason a student must withdraw from the occupational therapy program, re-admission will require approval of the department chairperson and the Dean of the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.
- All occupational therapy coursework taken prior to Level II Fieldwork must be successfully completed with a grade of "C" or better and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order for a student to be eligible to proceed with Level II Fieldwork.
- Level II Fieldwork will be graded as Pass/Fail using the criterion scores developed by the American Occupational Therapy Association. A student will be allowed to withdraw from fieldwork, without penalty, under special circumstances, for example, a serious illness/newly acquired disability. Withdrawal from Level II Fieldwork requires the recommendation of the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and the permission of the Department Chairperson. All repeat fieldwork experiences must be completed within one year.
- If a student fails a Level II Fieldwork course (OT 550, OT 555), a "U" or unsatisfactory will be recorded as the grade. IF the student is permitted to repeat the Level II Fieldwork course, the student may be required to complete remediation tasks prior to repeating the course. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator will schedule the repeated fieldwork at the earliest available time, but no later than 12 months following completion of all other academic requirements. A student failing to satisfactorily complete two out of three attempts of the 12-week fieldwork placements (OT 550, OT 555) shall be dismissed from the program.

**Note:** In some semesters, courses may not start and/or finish during the regular University beginning and ending dates for the semester. For example, one course may start at the beginning of a semester and finish at the semester midpoint, while another course starts at the midpoint of the semester and finishes at the semester's end. Accreditation: The Department of Occupational Therapy MSOT Program is accredited by:

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)  
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200  
Bethesda, MD 20814

ACOTE's phone number is (301) 652-6611 (x2914). 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). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may adversely affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Clinical fieldwork placements will be provided, as safely available, to our students and may require variations in dates for starting and for completion of the clinical rotations. In addition, simulation may be utilized for the completion of level I fieldwork

## Graduation Plan

(95 Total Hours)

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
OT 500	Occupation in Context	3
OT 501	Occupational Development	4
OT 509	OT Foundations	3
OT 511	Neuromusculoskeletal Assessmen	1
OT 513	Neuromusculoskeletal Experient	2
OT 517	Occupational Evaluation I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
OT 505	Scientific Inquiry I	2
OT 506	Research Design	1
OT 507	ADL/IADL Eval & Intervention	2
OT 508	Experiential Learning-Peds	2
OT 515	Psychosocial Eval & Intervent	3
OT 526	OT for Adults	2
OT 528	Adult Experiential Learning	2
OT 535	Foundations Low Vision Rehab	2
OT 521	Practicum I (- 101)	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
OT 525	Documentation	3
OT 552	OT School-Based Practice	3
OT 553	OT and the Older Adult	2
OT 554	OT & the Older Adult Exp Learn	2
OT 551	Pract. IV Psych/Soc	1
OT 590 or AHP 510	Special Topics - or IPE Autism Spectrum Disorders	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
OT 504	Neurosci Basis of Occ Perform	3
OT 545	Scientific Inquiry II	2
OT 547	Research Implementation	1
OT 557	OT for the Young Child	3
OT 558	Tech & Environ Intervent in OT	3
OT 567	OT for UE Injuries and Work	2
OT 568	UE Injuries & Work Experientia	2
OT 531	Practicum II (- 101)	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
OT 539	Professional Dev Seminar	1
OT 571	Interprofessional Collaboratio	1
OT 572	Eval and Intervention Child an	2
OT 573	OT in Acute Care	2

OT 574	OT and Wellness	3
OT 575	Advanced Professional Writing	2
OT 576	Res Analysis and Presentation	1
OT 577	Management and Supervision	3
OT 578	Intervention Competencies	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
OT 550	Level II Fieldwork - A	6
OT 581	Clinical Practice I (online)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
OT 555	Level II Fieldwork - B	6
OT 581	Clinical Practice I (online)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>95</b>

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