OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, M.S.

Admissions to the Occupational Therapy, M.S. was suspended as of summer 2020 and will be discontinued as of fall 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the department (otadmissions@education.wisc.edu).

The MS–OT (https://kinesiology.education.wisc.edu/ot/academics/msot/) program is a two-year professional program designed to prepare students for practice. It is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE (http://www.aota.org/education-careers/accreditation.aspx)—6116 Executive Blvd, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852). At the master’s level, two years of didactic classroom learning is followed by 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experiences in a variety of settings. This program meets the requirements for OTR certification set by the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT (http://www.nbcot.org/)).

The occupational therapy program resides in the Department of Kinesiology (https://kinesiology.education.wisc.edu/) and now offers two graduate professional programs, an entry-level doctorate (entry-level OTD) and a post-professional doctor of occupational therapy (post-professional (OTD (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/kinesiology/occupational-therapy-otd/)) for therapists with earned Masters degrees. Occupational therapists interested in pursuing advanced research training may also apply to the M.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/kinesiology/kinesiology-ms/)/Ph.D. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/kinesiology/kinesiology-phd/) in Kinesiology—Occupational Science Track (https://kinesiology.education.wisc.edu/academics/grad-program/occupational-sci/). The purpose of the graduate programs is to prepare clinicians, researchers, and teachers who possess a solid foundation in both the theoretical and applied aspects of the disciplines of occupational therapy and science.