



APPLICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW LONG IS THE PROFESSIONAL MUOT PROGRAM?

- The full-time program is five regular semesters, two summer semesters and a six-month clinical fieldwork.

IS THERE A PROCESS WHEREBY I CAN BE AUTOMATICALLY ADMITTED TO THE MUOT PROGRAM?

- The School of Health Professions has a SHarP Scholar Program. Students may apply and if accepted as a “pre-OT” SHarP Scholar and if requirements are maintained, it enables the student to be automatically admitted to the professional program. For more information, see: <http://shp.missouri.edu/admissions/index.php>. Note: All SHarP scholars must still complete the application forms and participate in the application process.
- All other students must apply to the professional program (all applicants must first be accepted by the University)

IS THERE A PART TIME PROGRAM AVAILABLE?

- No, this is a full time professional program that must be taken in sequence with other courses.

HOW MANY TIMES PER YEAR DO YOU ADMIT STUDENTS?

- We only admit students once per year with first classes beginning in the summer term.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

- Applications are available online beginning in October; deadline for submission is January 15. Applications may be accepted after the deadline on a space available basis.

HOW MANY STUDENTS DO YOU USUALLY ADMIT EACH YEAR?

- Thirty (30)

HOW MANY APPLICATIONS DO YOU TYPICALLY RECEIVE

- 60 – 80

WHEN YOU SELECT STUDENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, DO YOU HAVE A WAIT (ALTERNATE) LIST AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

- We have an alternate list of approximately 10 applicants. Faculty rank each applicant and alternate numbers are assigned based on that ranking. The admissions committee will notify alternates of their alternate position and will only call students from this list if a class position becomes available.

IS THE GRE OR GMAT REQUIRED?

- No, we do not require a graduate entrance exam

DO MY PREREQUISITE COURSES NEED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM?

- Prerequisite courses may be in progress as long as they are completed by the end of the spring semester before summer admission to the program. You may have as many courses in progress as needed. Of course, it is best to have as many courses as possible completed prior to applying. GPA requirements still apply. Acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of all pre-requisites.

HOW MANY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OBSERVATION HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

- Thirty (30) observation hours with a registered occupational therapist are required for application
- Twenty (20) of the observation hours are recommended to be done in an OT Practice Setting
- An Observation Form (provided) signed by the licensed therapist observed is required.
- Observations must be completed at time of application to the program.
- All additional observations, and volunteer or work hours should be reported on the “Activities Form”

IS AN INTERVIEW REQUIRED?

- Yes, the personal interview is an important part of the admission process and is required of all applicants. Phone interviews may be considered for applicants living a distance from campus.

HOW CAN I STRENGTHEN MY APPLICATION?

- Make sure to meet with the MU SHP Academic advisor (573-882-8811) to be sure all pre-requisite credits from other colleges transfer and meet MU and MU OTOS requirements.
- Follow the directions for all application requirements and forms
- Ask for references from individuals that have knowledge of your work, academic performance, volunteer experiences or other experiences relevant to Occupational Therapy. Be sure that they can answer all the questions on the form as there is a point value attached to these responses. A written letter of recommendation may be attached.
- Get a diverse volunteer experience to record on the additional Activities Form and do as many hours as you can above the minimum
- Expand your leadership experiences through student organizations, Greek organizations, or community organizations
- Use campus resources available to you, such as the Writing Lab and Student Success Center

WHAT IS THE PREFERENCE GIVEN TO MISSOURI RESIDENTS AND MU STUDENTS?

- There is a small point value given to both Missouri residents and to University of Missouri students who have completed one semester of courses on campus prior to application.

WHO ACCREDITS THE PROGRAM?

- The MU OTOS program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). The American Occupational Therapy Association may be reached at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220, 301.652.2682.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- Tuition information is available by contacting the MU Cashier’s Office at <http://cashiers.missouri.edu/cost.htm> .

IS THERE FINANCIAL AID?

- Financial aide information is available by contacting the MU financial aide office at <http://sfa.missouri.edu/>

WHAT IS MUOT’s PASS RATE ON THE NATIONAL LICENSURE EXAM?

- Our students do exceptionally well on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), with a 100% pass rate for first and second time test takers.

CAN I VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI?

- Yes, campus tours are available by contacting MU Admissions at <http://admissions.missouri.edu/visitus/campusTourAndOverview.php>

MAY I HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ADVISING APPOINTMENT WITH AN OT ADMISSION ADVISOR?

- Yes, you can call the Department of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science Office at (573) 882-3988 where you will be able to set up an advising appointment. Both physical and telephone advising appointments may be scheduled.