

3+ 2 Articulation Agreement in Occupational Therapy for Students Applying at the End of their First Year at Messiah College

The 3+ program in Occupational Therapy (3+ OT) is the result of a new and exciting collaboration between Messiah College and the Jefferson School of Health Professions of Thomas Jefferson University (TJUSHP). Students can earn both a Bachelor's Degree in either Biopsychology (B.S.) or Health and Exercise Science (B.A.) and the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) degree in a total of five years. Students will spend the first three years at Messiah, and then proceed to Jefferson School of Health Professions for the final two and a half years of graduate Occupational Therapy coursework. The Bachelor's degree in either Biopsychology (B.S.) or Health and Exercise Science (B.A.) from Messiah will be awarded after successful completion of the first year at Jefferson School of Health Professions. The MSOT from Thomas Jefferson University will be awarded after successful completion of the final year at Jefferson School of Health Professions.

Admission Requirements for Messiah College 3+ OT Students	Application Requirements for 3+ OT Students from Messiah College to the MSOT Program at JSHP	Curriculum Options	Other
<p>- Admission to this 3+ program is self-designated and is open to all students accepted to Messiah College.</p> <p>- At the end of their first year, a TJUSHP Admissions Committee will interview Messiah College students who have met the admission criteria in GPA and shadowing hours. This interview will take place at TJUSHP. If</p>	<p>- Students must earn a GPA of at least a 3.3 (both overall and in BIOL 185 & 186) <i>by the end of their first year</i>. The science portion of the GPA is composed of grades in BIOL 185 & 186, only. Chemistry grades are part of the overall GPA.</p> <p>-Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher at the end of</p>	<p>- There are two <i>academically equivalent</i> major choices. The choice of track should be based on student interest. They are:</p> <p>~ Biopsychology (B.S.) or</p> <p>~ Health and Exercise Science (B.A.)</p> <p>-Students who are not</p>	<p>-A grade of at least 'C' is required to transfer prerequisite coursework to TJUSHP.</p> <p>- As indicated on the curriculum sheets, credits earned during the first year at TJUSHP will be counted toward the</p>

accepted into the program by TJUSHP, students will receive a *conditional acceptance* into the MSOT program during the summer before their sophomore year of college.

-In order to maintain their TJUSHP accepted status, Messiah students will be expected to meet the GPA and shadowing criteria, and to participate in joint MC/TJUSHP “keeping in touch” activities initiated by TJUSHP.

their fifth semester at Messiah.

- Qualifying students must complete at least 35 hours of OT-related experience by the end of their first year. (The more hours, the better.)

-A total of 15 additional hours of OT-related experience in at least two settings must be completed during the final two years at Messiah College.

-NO GRE IS REQUIRED for students who successfully complete the first three years of this 3+ program.

-Qualifying candidates are required to contact [Donald Sharples](#) to schedule an interview at the end of their first year at Messiah. The interview will take place at TJU as soon as possible after Messiah College grades are made available.

eligible for this 3+ articulated program are encouraged to complete their four year degree at Messiah College and to re-apply to TJUSHP – and/or other OT programs – at the end of their junior year for matriculation into a program at the end of their senior year.

-Note: A GRE will be required of Messiah students who apply to TJUSHP at the end of their senior year.

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