

3+ 2 Articulation Agreement in Occupational Therapy for Qualifying High School Seniors*

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 Applied Health Science (B.S.) and the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) degree in 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 Applied Health Science (B.S.) 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.

*** This document is intended for current Messiah College applicants with a high school GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale; a combined SAT score of at least 1250 or, an ACT score of at least 28; who have completed at least 35 hours of OT shadowing by February of their senior year of high school.**

Admission Requirements for Messiah College 3+ OT Students	Application Requirements for 3+ OT Students from Messiah College to the MSOT Program at TJUSHP	Curriculum Options	Other
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- Admission to this 3+ program is open to all students accepted to Messiah College who have indicated their desire to participate in this program on their application. There are no additional entrance requirements at the time of application to Messiah College.

-The Messiah /TJUSHP representative, [Martha Smith](#), will facilitate communication between the accepted student and our TJUSHP representative Donald Sharples.

- A TJUSHP Admissions Committee will interview students at TJUSHP who have been accepted at Messiah **and** who meet these requirements:

1. High school GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
2. Combined SAT score of at least 1250 or, an ACT score of at least 28.
3. Completed at least 35 hours of [documented](#) OT shadowing by early February of their senior year of high school.

- If accepted into the program by TJUSHP, high school seniors will receive a *conditional acceptance* into the MSOT program soon after their TJUSHP interview.

-In order to maintain their TJUSHP accepted status, Messiah students will be expected to

- Students **must** earn a GPA of at least a **3.0** (both overall **and** in the sciences) *by the end of their first year*.

- A GPA of at least 3.0 (both overall **and** in the sciences) must be achieved by the time of application to TJUSHP.

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

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

-Candidates must submit a Jefferson application that includes, but is not limited to, a letter of endorsement from the designated Messiah representative (Martha Smith) in a timely manner.

- There are two *academically equivalent* major choices. The choice of track should be based on student interest. They are:

[Biopsychology \(B.S.\)](#) or

[Applied Health Science \(B.S.\)](#)

-Students who are not eligible for this 3+ articulated program as high school seniors are encouraged to reapply at the end of their first year at Messiah College.

-A grade of at least 'C' is required to transfer prerequisite coursework to TJUSHP.

- As indicated on the curriculum sheets, credits earned during the first year at TJUSHP will be counted toward the completion of the Messiah degree.

meet the GPA and shadowing criteria, and to participate in joint MC/TJUSHP “keeping in touch” activities initiated by TJUSHP.			
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