



MASTER OF
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY

Admission Requirements for the MOT Program:

Messiah's admission requirements for 2023 are listed below.

- Completion or anticipated completion of a bachelor's degree (must be completed prior to enrollment in the MOT) from a regionally accredited college or university
- 3.0 GPA or higher; C or better earned for prerequisite course work
- Observation hours are encouraged, but will not be an admission requirement for the 22/23 admissions cycle. Please review this [video from AOTA](#)
- Documentation of community service, leadership experiences and work experience is preferred
- 3 Letters of Recommendation; ideally one from an OT, but an OT recommendation will not be a requirement for the 22/23 admissions cycle
- Completion of an admission interview; select students will be invited to interview

Pre-requisites Courses for the OT Program: 16-20 Credits

Please note, that students must earn a "C" or better from an accredited program in all pre-requisite courses for acceptance into the MOT Program. For the 22/23, admission cycle prerequisites can be completed as a pass/fail course. "Pass" needs to be earned to meet the requirement.

Life Sciences - 6-8 credits from the following two courses:

Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab -- 3 or 4 credits
Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab – 3 or 4 credits

Psychology - 6 credits from the following two courses:

Abnormal Psychology – 3 credits
Life Span Development or Developmental Psychology – 3 credits
(Life Span Development can be substituted by taking these three courses: Child Development; Adolescent Development; Adult Development – 9 credits)

Statistics (Mathematics, Sociology or Psychology Department) - 3 credits

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Health - 1 to 3 credits from the following:

Medical Terminology

Additional Courses Recommended but not Required:

Kinesiology, Neuroscience, Physics, Contemporary Issues in Health or Community Health or equivalent
Research Methods or Advance Research Methods