

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN INTERESTED IN THE 3-2 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MSOT) or 3-3 DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OTD) PROGRAM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MSOT PROGRAM:

Due to the decision by AOTA and ACOTE to support dual entry into the field of occupational therapy, the School of Occupational Therapy at Puget Sound decided to maintain the MSOT Program while adding an entry-level OTD as well. This will allow students who want to finish in 2.5 semesters to complete their degree and start working 6-9 months earlier.

The entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number is (301) 652-2682 and its web address is www.acoteonline.org

MSOT graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) after completion of their coursework and fieldwork. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice and state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEVELOPING OTD PROGRAM:

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has been granted Candidacy by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number is (301) 652-2682 and its web address is www.acoteonline.org

The program must successfully complete a future pre-accreditation review and an on-site evaluation to be granted full Accreditation Status before OTD graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice and state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING THE 3-2 MSOT PROGRAM or 3-3 OTD PROGRAM AND THEIR ADVISORS:

- *Students should contact George Tomlin, prospective student advisor for occupational therapy, and the Admission Evaluator in the Office of the Registrar right away to begin planning for this accelerated track.*
- Students must engage in careful educational planning in order to fulfill prerequisites for admission to the School of Occupational Therapy as well as core and major requirements since their senior year load will be *only* OT coursework.
- An applicant to the 3-2 MSOT program or 3-3 OTD program must have entered Puget Sound as an

undergraduate student *no later than the beginning of the sophomore year.*

- Students may opt to take prerequisite courses (e.g., Anatomy/Physiology) elsewhere over the summer and transfer credit back to Puget Sound. This requires transfer credit evaluation and verification *in advance*. It is best to consider these options when choosing courses for the first semester of the freshman year.
- Working toward the 3-2 MSOT program or 3-3 OTD program does not guarantee admission to the School of Occupational Therapy. Students will apply in the fall of their junior year and will be notified of admission decisions in February.
- ***Students who don't pursue the 3-2 or 3-3 option or are not admitted into the 3-2 or 3-3 programs may still apply to the School of Occupational Therapy during their senior year at Puget Sound.*** They begin by completing a bachelor's degree in their major discipline, making room for occupational therapy prerequisites in their first seven semesters. They then apply to the School of Occupational Therapy by December 1 of their senior year, or any year thereafter. For many students, a year or more of work experience, particularly health-related work experience, before beginning graduate school is very beneficial. Students are encouraged to express their interest in occupational therapy early to the Office of Admission and the occupational therapy faculty, and to keep in touch with them during the undergraduate years.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

- Please note that pre-requisites could change; check the School of OT website for the most current information about undergraduate preparation: <https://www.pugetsound.edu/admission/graduate-admission/apply-graduate-programs/school-occupational-therapy>
- Current pre-requisites are:
 - Two semesters of anatomy and physiology with labs (EXSC 221/222).
 - Human development *through the lifespan* (PSYC 220 and 221 OR PSYC 222).
 - NOTE: PSYC 101 is a pre-requisite for PSYC 220, 221, and highly recommended for PSYC 222.
 - Upper division courses in human behavior. Students who take PSYC 220 and 221 will need *one*, students who take PSYC 222 will need *two*.
 - Options include: CONN 320, 369; PSYC 225, 230, 250, 255, 311, 320, 330, 335, 350, 365; SOAN 202, 206, 212, 213, 215, 225, 230, 240, 295, 296, 305, 314, 360, 370, 420.
 - Statistics (MATH 160).
 - Alternatively, students may use PSYC 201 or 301 to fulfill the statistics pre-requisite requirement. While MATH 160 is required for PSYC 201 and 301, psychology majors may want to consider using PSYC 201 or 301 as their statistics pre-req course in their application to the School of OT if either grade is higher than their grade in MATH 160.
 - One course in Medical Terminology (CLCS 120)

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2021-2022 CURRICULUM GUIDE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (3/2 or 3/3 PROGRAM)

DEGREE: Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) or Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

CONTACT PERSON: George Tomlin, Professor and Prospective Student Advisor

Fall Semester Classes

Spring Semester Classes

Freshman ¹		Units		Units
SSI 1	1	SSI 2		1
CHEM 110 or 115 ²	1	BIOL 111 (NS core)		1
MATH 160 (MA core)	1	PSYC 101 or Approaches Core (if PSYC 101 was taken in the fall)		1
FL (if needed) or PSYC 101	1	FL (if needed) or Approaches Core or Major req		1
Sophomore		Units		Units
EXSC 222/lab (OT prerequisite)	1	EXSC 221/lab (OT prerequisite)		1
PSYC 220 or 221 or 222 (OT prerequisite) ³	1	PSYC 220 or 221 or 222 (OT prerequisite) ²		1
PSYC 225 ⁴ (SL core; fills an OT prerequisite) or other Human Behavioral Science OT prerequisite	1	Major requirement		1
Approaches core or Major requirement	1	Approaches core or Major requirement		1
Junior		Units		Units
Major requirement or Approaches core	1	Major requirement or Approaches core		1
Major requirement	1	Major requirement		1
Major requirement	1	Major requirement or Elective		1
CN core or Elective or Major requirement	1	CN core or Elective or Major requirement		1

Take GRE in summer or fall of 2021; Apply to School of Occupational Therapy by 12/1/21; Students notified of admission status by mid-February 2022:

Senior Year Baccalaureate/First Year Master or Doctorate
Students will follow the course requirements for the first year of the occupational therapy programs (MSOT or OTD).

¹ Most freshmen should not register for 200 level psychology or comparative sociology courses. Therefore, freshman selections should be made to satisfy as many **core requirements** as possible and explore alternate areas of interest.

² Chemistry is not a pre-requisite for the OT Program. It is a pre-requisite for both Anatomy and Physiology (A & P; EXSC 221/222) in the 2018-19 Bulletin, however, Exercise Science stated that CHEM will no longer be required for enrollment in EXSC222 and only one semester (CHEM 110 or 115) will be required for EXSC 221, beginning in 2019-20. Students *could* take CHEM 110 or 115 in their sophomore year, but it would have to be concurrent with EXSC 222 and it may not be advisable for some students to take concurrent sciences classes with labs.

³ If students take PSYC 222 instead of PSYC 220 and 221 for the lifespan development requirement, they will need to enroll in an additional behavioral science course to meet pre-requisites for the School of OT.

⁴ PSYC 225 meets both the Social Scientific Approaches core and a human behavior prerequisite for the OTD, *except for those majoring in psychology who cannot use this as a Social Scientific Approaches core*. Students wishing to meet the prerequisite with another course may choose from the Bulletin options.

