

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (M.S.)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/ot/occupational-therapy-ms-professional-track>

## Description

### Professional Occupational Therapy Program Requirements for Advanced--Standing Students B.S./M.S.

The program is two-and-a-half years (five semesters) of coursework, including fieldwork experiences. Students enroll in a 1-credit January term (J term) Level 1 fieldwork course in between the first and second semesters of the first year of the professional program. There are no summer course requirements.

Advanced--standing students complete the first year of the professional program as part of their B.S. degree in occupational science.

### Professional Occupational Therapy Program Requirements for Entering Graduate Students M.S.

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## Academic Standards and Policies

In order to be awarded an M.S. in occupational therapy from UNH, students must earn a minimum of B- in all required occupational therapy courses and receive a passing criterion score on the American Occupational Therapy Association Fieldwork Evaluation for the Occupational Therapist in both 12-week Level II fieldwork experiences. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 and meet professional behavioral standards, which are explained in detail in the *OT Department Policy and Procedure Manual*.

Because curriculum review and revision is undertaken annually, occupational therapy faculty work closely with students during academic advising sessions and share information about any policy and requirement changes during registration periods as well as throughout the academic year. Students are expected to take an active role in verifying expectations and requirements and should check with their departmental advisers each September for updated policies and requirements. Program requirements and policies for retention in the major are posted annually in the *OT Department Policy and Procedure Manual*, which is available on the OT department's organization site on MyCourses; students are provided a hard copy or a digital copy of the manual when they enter the program.

Students will participate in a variety of off-campus and fieldwork experiences throughout the course of study. Students are responsible for transportation to fieldwork sites and other off-campus learning experiences and are covered with basic personal liability insurance through UNH for all practical components of the curriculum. Students

are responsible for meeting the health and criminal record clearances established by their fieldwork sites and off-campus learning experiences. Proof of immunization such as poliomyelitis, rubella, H1N1, and hepatitis B may also be required. For Level II fieldwork, health insurance and a physical examination, including a tuberculin test, are required. All fieldwork experiences are scheduled in centers approved by the Department of Occupational Therapy and with whom active Memoranda of Understanding with UNH exist.

After successfully completing all Level II fieldwork requirements and academic work, students are awarded a Master of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy. They are then eligible to sit for the National Board Certification Examination in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Consistent with NBCOT expectations, students must sit for the certification examination within two years of completion of coursework and fieldwork. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination and/or obtain State Licensure.

**Curriculum and schedule:** Most classes will be scheduled during weekdays during the day and into early evening. Some courses require experiential, off-campus learning: Level I and II fieldwork experiences are two and twelve-weeks, respectively. These full time experiences are planned collaboratively with the fieldwork coordinators.

## Requirements

### PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED-STANDING Students B.S./M.S.

#### Undergraduate Courses

OT 710	OT Practice and Professional Roles	4
OT 741	Human Occupation	4
OT 751	Mind Body Systems/Neurologically Based Function and Dysfunction	4
OT 752	Human Movement and Environmental Effects on Everyday Occupations	4
OT 752L	Human Movement Lab	1
OT 792	Level I Fieldwork (J term)	1
OT 785	Research Methods and Application to Practice	4
OT 760 & 760L	Psychosocial Evaluation and Intervention and Psychosocial Evaluation and Intervention Lab	5
OT 745	Administration and Management for Occupational Therapy Practice	4
Select one of the following:		5

OT 771 & 771L	Enabling Participation in Community Groups and Enabling Participation in Community Groups Lab	
OT 730 & 730L	Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance and Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance Lab	

#### Graduate Courses

Advanced-standing students are required to have 44 graduate credits, which includes 16 to 18 credits of fieldwork, in addition to 36 credits, which includes 1 to 3 credits of fieldwork, taken as part of the occupational science degree.

OT 862 & 862L	OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children and OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children - Lab	4
OT 863 & 863L	Occupational Therapy Intervention for Adults and Occupational Therapy Evaluation and Intervention for Adults - Lab	4
OT 854	Level II Fieldwork, I <sup>1</sup>	8
OT 855	Level II Fieldwork Discussion <sup>1</sup>	1
OT 856	Level II Fieldwork, II	8
Select one of the following: <sup>2</sup>		5
OT 871 & 871L	Enabling Participation in Community Groups and Enabling Participation in Community Groups Lab	
OT 830 & 830L	Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance and Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance Lab	
OT 865	Occupational Therapy Practice and Professional Reasoning <sup>3</sup>	3
OT 875	Leadership in Occupational Therapy Systems of Practice	3
OT 886	Engagement in Research	3
Select at least 3 credits of graduate-level elective course(s)		3
Total Credits		78

<sup>1</sup> The spring semester of the second year is an extended semester of fieldwork. Students' Level II fieldwork is completed the third week of June.

<sup>2</sup> Whichever was not taken in year one

<sup>3</sup> Course requirements for OT 865 Occupational Therapy Practice and Professional Reasoning, include a capstone experience in which students synthesize knowledge from academic coursework and fieldwork experiences to develop an innovative occupational therapy program that addresses the needs of a specific population or program.

## Professional OT Program MS Requirements for Entering Graduate Students

The professional master's degree track requires the completion of 74 graduate-level credits, which includes 19 credits of fieldwork.

Required OT courses include:

OT 810	OT Practice and Professional Roles	3
OT 841	Human Occupation	4
OT 845	Administration and Management for Occupational Therapy Practice	3
OT 851	Mind Body Systems/Neurologically-based Function and Dysfunction	3

OT 852 & 852L	Human Movement and Environmental Effects on Everyday Occupations and Human Movement and Environmental Effects on Everyday Occupations Lab	4
OT 892	Level I Fieldwork (J term)	1
OT 885	Research Methods and Application to Practice	3
OT 860 & 860L	Psychosocial Evaluation and Intervention and Psychosocial Evaluation and Intervention Lab	4
OT 862 & 862L	OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children and OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children - Lab	4
OT 863 & 863L	Occupational Therapy Intervention for Adults and Occupational Therapy Evaluation and Intervention for Adults - Lab	4
OT 846	Transitions: Student to Professional	2
OT 854	Level II Fieldwork, I	8
OT 855	Level II Fieldwork Discussion	1
OT 856	Level II Fieldwork, II	8
OT 865	Occupational Therapy Practice and Professional Reasoning	3
OT 875	Leadership in Occupational Therapy Systems of Practice	3
OT 886	Engagement in Research	3
Select one of the following:		5
OT 871 & 871L	Enabling Participation in Community Groups and Enabling Participation in Community Groups Lab	
OT 830 & 830L	Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance and Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance Lab	
Select 3 credits of graduate-level elective course(s)		3
Total Credits		69

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## Elective Courses

OT 887	Upper Extremity Rehabilitation and Splinting	4
OT 890	Occupational Therapy and Sensory Integration	4
OT 891	Ergonomics for Occupational Therapy	4
OT 892	Level I Fieldwork	1
OT 824	Assistive Technology and Physical Disabilities	4
OT 826	Assistive Technology and Sensory, Communicative, and Cognitive Disabilities	4
OT 866	AMPS Training	4
OT 895	Readings and Research in Occupational Therapy	1-6

## Degree Plan

### Plan of Study for Advanced-Standing B.S./M.S.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
OT 710	OT Practice and Professional Roles	4
OT 741	Human Occupation	4
OT 751	Mind Body Systems/Neurologically Based Function and Dysfunction	4
OT 745	Administration and Management for Occupational Therapy Practice	4
OT 752 & 752L	Human Movement and Environmental Effects on Everyday Occupations and Human Movement Lab	5
OT 760 & 760L	Psychosocial Evaluation and Intervention and Psychosocial Evaluation and Intervention Lab	5
OT 785	Research Methods and Application to Practice	4
OT 792	Level I Fieldwork	1
Select one of the following:		4-5
OT 771 & 771L	Enabling Participation in Community Groups and Enabling Participation in Community Groups Lab	
OT 730 & 730L	Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance and Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance Lab	
Credits		35-36
<b>Second Year</b>		
OT 830 & 830L	Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance and Assistive Technology for Enhancing Occupational Performance Lab	5
OT 862 & 862L	OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children and OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children - Lab	4
OT 846	Transitions: Student to Professional	2
OT 854	Level II Fieldwork, I	8
OT 855	Level II Fieldwork Discussion	1
OT 856	Level II Fieldwork, II	8
OT 863 & 863L	Occupational Therapy Intervention for Adults and Occupational Therapy Evaluation and Intervention for Adults - Lab	4
OT 871 & 871L	Enabling Participation in Community Groups and Enabling Participation in Community Groups Lab	5
Credits		37
<b>Third Year</b>		
OT 865	Occupational Therapy Practice and Professional Reasoning	3

OT 875	Leadership in Occupational Therapy Systems of Practice	3
OT 886	Engagement in Research	3
Choose additional graduate level electives		3
Credits		12
Total Credits		84-85

### Plan of Study for Entering Graduate Students M.S.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
OT 810	OT Practice and Professional Roles	3
Credits		3
<b>Second Year</b>		
OT 862 & 862L	OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children and OT Evaluation and Intervention for Children - Lab	3
Credits		3
<b>Third Year</b>		
OT 865	Occupational Therapy Practice and Professional Reasoning	3
Credits		3
Total Credits		9