



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE (BS/MS) IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The occupational therapy program prepares those who have achieved Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) status the opportunity to become a master's entry-level practitioner through a flexible, part-time evening program. This program meets the standards, skills, values and ethics requirements set forth by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). ACOTE is located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. The telephone number is 301.652.2682.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A complete application form and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College - check or money order.
- Complete, official undergraduate transcripts from Salem State College.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or graduate degrees held.
- Two completed Reference for Graduate Admissions forms; referees may attach a letter, but must also return the provided form.
- A 500-1000 word, type-written, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions: What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College? What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you to meet them? Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

PREREQUISITES:

An associate's degree from an accredited college or university in Occupational Therapy with a minimum of one year of clinical experience, and a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Health Studies from Salem State College with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average. Students with a grade point average of less than 3.0 may petition the SSC Occupational Therapy Committee for consideration of admissions. Graduates from the master's program meeting all requirements will be eligible to sit for the Occupational Therapy Certification Examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) www.nbcot.org.

Any student who has been convicted of a prior felony may be considered ineligible by NBCOT to sit for the NBCOT examination and may be unable to attain an OT license from the State Licensure Board.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 31

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Pre-Entry

Foundation Year Core Courses and Support Courses	74
Advanced Placement Credits	21

First Year: Bachelor of Science Degree

• OCT 400N Pathways for Occupational Therapy Practice	3
• OCT 401 Effective Documentation in OT Practice	2
• OCT 402 Critical Thinking & Professional Judgment	2
• OCT 403 Activity, Methods & Media	3
• OCT 404 Perceptual and Cognitive Disabilities	3
• OCT 406 Conditions and Pathologies	3
• OCT 408 Research, Writing & Learning I	3
• OCT 411 Theoretical Principles of Occupation I	2
• OCT 407N OT Analysis & Interventions I	4
• OCT 412 Theoretical Principles of Occupation II	2
• OCT 413 OT Analysis & Interventions II	4

Total First Year Credits: Bachelor of Science Awarded **126**

Second Year: Master of Science Degree

• OCT 712 Theoretical Principles of Occupation III	2
• OCT 715 OT Analysis & Intervention III	4
• OCT 800 Research, Writing and Learning II	2
• OCT 718 Theoretical Principles of Occupation IV	2
• OCT 720 OT Analysis & Intervention IV	4
• OCT 802 Research, Writing and Learning III	2
• OCT 850 Level II Fieldwork & Seminar A	6

Third Year

• OCT 900 Civic Advancement & Administration II	2
• OCT 910 Trends & Innovative Practice Arenas	3
• OCT 920 Capstone Seminar in Professional Practice	3
• OCT 960 Level II Fieldwork & Seminar B	6

Electives (Up to 6 Credits)

• OCT 912 Special Topics in Occupational Therapy	3
• OCT 915 Thesis Seminar	3

Total Second and Third Year Credits: Master of Science Awarded **36-42**

*Note: Graduate students have the option of taking up to six additional credits of independent study with Department Chair approval.

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.