

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



In today's complex health care environment, it is impossible to teach students about everything they will encounter in the future as clinicians. At SVSU, in addition to receiving education regarding the basic skills required to be competent therapists, students in the Master of Science Program in Occupational Therapy are empowered as problem-solvers. Students learn to reason through difficult clinical situations, work with other clinicians in a variety of disciplines and conduct research to find the solutions necessary to provide the best care possible for clients, no matter the setting.

WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU, SO JOIN US!

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a minimum of 83 credits prior to admission to the MSOT program
- Successful completion of all general education and prerequisite undergraduate courses.
- Achievement of a minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA for all pre-professional coursework (based upon all college-level work computed both at SVSU and other schools and colleges).
- Completion of 30 hours of verifiable work and/or volunteer experience with people experiencing decreased participation in daily activities due to illness, disability, or decreased access to basic resources and opportunities.

CAREERS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapy is a health and rehabilitation profession that provides services to individuals of all ages whose abilities to cope with tasks of living are impaired by physical injury or illness, psychological and social disability, or developmental disabilities. The occupational therapist designs the rehabilitation process individually for each client and, through evaluation and treatment, seeks to achieve restoration or improvement of impaired functions. The goal of occupational therapy is to assist clients to achieve a maximum level of independent living by developing and enhancing the capacities that remain after disease, accident, deformity or disability.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase by 26 percent between 2008 and 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations. The increasing elderly population will drive growth in the demand for occupational therapy services.



THE MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS AN ENTRY-LEVEL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PREPARE PROFESSIONALLY-QUALIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS WHO CAN EFFECTIVELY ASSUME POSITIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TO TREAT CLIENTS WHO ARE LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITY TO PERFORM DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE TASKS AND ROLES.

Accreditation

The entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program 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, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.