

Occupational Therapy (MS)

Develop the Skills to Help People Maximize Their Independence

Our independence – our ability to do for ourselves – is something many of us take for granted. For some people, it’s a goal they strive toward every day. Discover the rewards that come from helping someone overcome their challenge to become more independent. Earn your Master’s in Occupational Therapy from Lewis University.

A Program to Help You Develop Your Skills

Designed to provide you with the skills to help people with developmental, physical, cognitive, psychological and sensory performance issues, this program will give you the opportunity to work with a wide range of ages and conditions in a variety of settings. That’s because our faculty are trained experts who are dedicated to preparing you to take on practice and leadership roles in the field of occupational therapy. Upon completion of the program, you’ll be able to:

- Describe delivery models and systems
- Communicate and work with professionals who provide care to individuals and populations
- Apply therapeutic methods to help people participate in meaningful life roles and occupations
- Plan occupation-based interventions to address performance issues in a variety of contexts and environments
- Apply occupational therapy theory and evidence to client care
- Promote the development of programs and services that ensure social and occupational justice

The 76 credit hour MSOT Program at Lewis University is a continuous, full-time, entry-level program designed to be completed over 7 consecutive semesters in 28 months. The classes run Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Why Choose Lewis?

- Opportunity to develop practice skills in mental health, rehabilitation, pediatrics and older adult care
- State-of-the-art OT lab with kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, laundry and car transfer setup
- Ranked as one of *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Top Tier Colleges”
- Strong relationships with agencies for fieldwork experience
- Competitive program tuition compared to other schools

The right decision for a great education is
Lewis University.

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Admission Requirements

In order to be considered for admission into the MSOT program, ideal candidates meet the following requirements:

- Baccalaureate degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Preferred majors include psychology, sociology, exercise science, education and biology.
- GPA of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Prerequisite coursework with a grade of “C” or above in the following subjects within the last seven years: human anatomy and human physiology with lab, general psychology, developmental psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology and statistics. Cadaver lab experience and familiarity with medical terminology are recommended.
- GRE Score of 300 (150 each for the verbal and quantitative sections); writing score of 4 or above preferred.
- Minimum of 40 hours of volunteer or observation experience with an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant prior to application. More than one site recommended
- Three Letters of Recommendation. One must be from a supervisor in a work, internship or volunteer setting. The remaining two should be from professional and/or academic references.
- Application for admission submitted via the OT Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) and paid application fee.

A balance of applicant experiences, attributes, and academic performance will be evaluated. Applicants that do not meet the GPA or GRE requirements, but who demonstrate strengths in other areas, may be considered. Other areas evaluated based on the applicant’s OT CAS application include, but are not limited to: life experience, leadership experience, community service, written communication, service orientation, work experience, commitment to the Lewis University mission, research and scholarship experience, participation in extracurricular activities, and awards and recognitions.

The entry level occupational therapy master’s degree program at Lewis University is accredited by The Accreditation Council For Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) Of The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), Located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE’s telephone number, c/o AOTA, Is (301) 652-AOTA, and its web address Is www.acoteonline.org. The graduates of this program are able 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; however, 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.*

Graduation Requirements

To complete the MS in Occupational Therapy degree, a student must earn a minimum of 76 credit hours in the MSOT program of study.

Degree Requirements (76)

OTED 50000	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3
OTED 50100	Theory	3
OTED 50200	Occupational Therapy and Mental Health I	3
OTED 50300	Foundations of Movement for Occupational Performance	3
OTED 50400	Foundations of Cognition for Occupational Performance	3
OTED 50500	Analysis and Evaluation	3
OTED 50600	Occupational Therapy and Pediatrics I	3
OTED 50700	Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation I	3
OTED 50800	Evidence-based OT Practice I	3
OTED 50900	Occupational Therapy and Aging I	3
OTED 51300	Applied Biomechanics for Occupational Performance	3
OTED 60100	Leadership and Advocacy	3
OTED 60200	Occupational Therapy and Mental Health II	3
OTED 60300	Technology and the Environment	3
OTED 60600	Occupational Therapy and Pediatrics II	3
OTED 60700	Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation II	3
OTED 60800	Evidence-based OT Practice II	3
OTED 60900	Occupational Therapy and Aging II	3
OTED 61200	Level I: Mental Health	1
OTED 61600	Level I: Pediatrics	1
OTED 61700	Level I: Rehabilitation with Adults or Older Adults	1
OTED 61800	Capstone: Occupational Justice and the Community	3
OTED 62000	Level II A	8
OTED 62100	Level II B	8

Level I Fieldwork may require students to drive more than an hour each way. Level II Fieldwork rotations may require students to relocate or drive more than an hour each way. All students must be prepared to arrange and pay for transportation from their residence to a fieldwork site. Likewise, all students must be prepared to pay living and housing expenses, as well as all parking fees associated with their fieldwork placements, when applicable.

Lewis University's Mission Statement

Lewis University, guided by its Catholic and Lasallian heritage, provides to a diverse student population, programs for a liberal and professional education grounded in the interaction of knowledge and fidelity in the search for truth. Lewis promotes the development of the complete person through the pursuit of wisdom and justice. Fundamental to its Mission is a spirit of association which fosters community in all teaching, learning and service. These distinctive values guide the University in fulfilling its Mission:

Knowledge

The result of a lifelong pursuit of learning fostered through creative and critical interaction in a community of learners.

Fidelity

The spirit which recognizes God as ultimate reality, unifying the diverse forms of knowledge in the pursuit of fullness of truth, while recognizing the diversity of human experience.

Wisdom

The result of the integration of reflection and action developed through higher learning throughout all of life.

Justice

The affirmation of the equal dignity of every person and the promotion of personal and social responsibility.

Association

A commitment to student learning, development, and success accomplished through collaboration, mutual respect, collegiality, and dedicated service in the spirit of our Catholic and Lasallian Mission.

Mission of the Occupational Therapy Program

The mission of the MSOT program at Lewis University is to prepare intellectually engaged, ethically grounded, and socially responsible occupational therapists in the spirit of our Catholic and Lasallian heritage. In doing so, our students and faculty will work to improve quality of life and occupational engagement for all individuals through education, scholarship, service and advocacy.

We meet this mission by:

- Fostering an understanding of people as occupational beings
- Immersing students in the study of occupational therapy practice
- Preparing critical thinkers who are dedicated to working with their clients
- Supporting the advancement of evidence-based practice and occupational justice

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