

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

St. Ambrose University offers the only program leading to a registered occupational therapist degree in the state of Iowa. The two-plus-three year program consists of a minimum of two years of liberal arts education, including prerequisites emphasizing biological and social sciences. The professional occupational therapy course requirements span three years, including internships.

The professional phase of the program is arranged in a life-span format and includes five semesters on campus followed by 24 weeks of full-time field experience. With this three-year format, students have the opportunity to enroll in electives, special topics or independent study courses. The MOT program also has an Assistive Technology Lab that serves as a resource center for students and offers free services to clients and health care professionals.

Students may enter the program as an undergraduate or graduate student. If you have not earned an undergraduate degree, you will need to complete a baccalaureate degree by the end of your second year in the program and will be considered a graduate student your third year. If you have already earned a baccalaureate degree, you will be considered a graduate student throughout your enrollment.

mission statement The St. Ambrose University Master of Occupational Therapy program develops ethical, innovative and sensitive health professionals engaged in life-long learning who serve as socially responsive individuals dedicated to optimizing the occupational participation of others in a diverse and global society.

accreditation The St. Ambrose MOT program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

Program graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an occupational therapist (OTR). In Iowa and most other states, a professional license is also required for practice. The NBCOT exam typically serves as the licensing exam but students will need to apply separately for licensure. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or attain state licensure.

admission process Applicants should apply online using the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) at www.otcas.org. Supplemental materials will be submitted directly to the MOT office. Applications to the program will be considered Oct. 1 through Dec. 15 for the following fall. Applications received after the deadline may be considered until the class is filled.

admission requirements/prerequisites Contact the MOT program for current program information, as additional requirements may be added.

- > The following pre-requisite coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher and with a combined GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale). All pre-requisite courses must be completed no later than the end of May prior to beginning the MOT Program in August.

SUBJECT	SAU EQUIVALENT
Anatomy/Physiology (4 cr)	*BIOL 202
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Medical Terminology (course/competency, 1 cr)	HS 250
Statistics (3 cr)	STAT 213
Ethics (3 cr)	PHIL 207
Social Sciences (must include Lifespan, 6 cr)	PSYC 305

*BIOL 202 must be in progress or completed at time of application

- > Complete and submit an OTCAS application to the St. Ambrose MOT program through the OTCAS website. Applications are available online at www.otcas.org. An application fee of \$125 for the first application and \$45 to each additional program will be required. Applicants seeking assistance with the application process should contact Customer Service at otcasinfo@otcas.org. A personal statement is required as part of the OTCAS application.
- > Complete supplemental materials and submit directly to the MOT office.
 1. Submit the Plan of Study Course Checklist. Students planning to take credits toward their baccalaureate degree while enrolled in the MOT program can have no more than nine credit hours outstanding toward that degree by the time MOT coursework begins. Students may need to enroll in summer and interim sessions to complete this course of study in five years. Discussion of your plan of study with an MOT faculty member is encouraged.
 2. Provide documentation—on official letterhead and signed by a registered occupational therapist—of 50 hours of volunteer OT experience completed within the past 5 years in at least two different OT settings. Applicants may receive some credit from employment in an occupational therapy setting with approval from the MOT program.

Prospective students will be selected for professional interviews that focus on academic, personal and professional preparedness in anticipation of beginning graduate level study. If selected, applicants will be required to discuss their submitted personal statement during the interview.

At the completion of the application process, students will be notified of their admission status in writing and must submit a written acceptance and pay the accompanying fee.

curriculum

	CREDITS
Semester 1	
MOT 415 Principles and Practice of OT	3
MOT 425 Fundamentals of OT with Individuals & Groups	5
MOT 430 Neuroscience Applied to OT	4
MOT 440 Kinesiology I: Analysis of Movement	3
HS 500 Conditions Impacting Occupational Performance	3
Semester 2	
MOT 467 Psychosocial Interventions Across the Lifespan	5
MOT 480 Occupational Therapy with Adults	5
MOT 482 Field Experience with Adults	2
MOT 486 Skills and Adaptations for Occupational Performance	3
Semester 3	
HS 501 Pharmacology for the Health Professions	2
MOT 545 OT Research I: Using Evidence to Guide Practice	3
MOT 570 Occupational Therapy with Older Adults	5
MOT 572 Field Experience with Older Adults	2
MOT 576 Occupational Studies and Participation with Adults and Older Adults	3
Semester 4	
MOT 575 OT Research II: Developing Research Project	3
MOT 585 Occupational Therapy with Pediatrics	5
MOT 587 Field Experience with Pediatrics	2
MOT 589 Occupational Studies and Participation with Pediatrics	3
MOT 590 Kinesiology II: Advanced Assessment & Remediation	3
Interim/Summer	
MOT 600 OT Research III: Implementing Research	2
MOT 610 Level I Intensive Fieldwork	2
Semester 5	
MOT 625 Level II Fieldwork Seminar	1
MOT 630 OT Leadership and Management	4
MOT 635 Applied Occupational Therapy Practice with Upper Extremity Conditions	3
MOT 640 Clinical Reasoning and Ethics in OT	3
MOT 645 OT Research IV: Dissemination of Research	2
Semester 6	
MOT 650 Level II Fieldwork Experience	6
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Any Semester	
*MOT 510 Special Topics	1-3
*MOT 511 Independent Studies	1-2

*Students will need two additional courses for graduation. These may be chosen from MOT Special Topics or Independent Studies or approved electives.

field experience Students will complete a variety of field experiences while enrolled in coursework, and will complete 24 weeks of full-time field experience upon completion of their MOT coursework. Students are responsible for their own transportation, travel and housing costs for these experiences, and continue to pay tuition while completing their field experience.

study abroad While in the MOT program, occupational therapy students have the opportunity to study in Ecuador and Brazil. Prior to entering the program, a semester-long study is available in Ireland. For more information, contact the MOT program or the Study Abroad Office at StudyAbroad@sau.edu.

tuition plan/financial assistance MOT students are included in the One Price Tuition Plan that eliminates all course fees and includes other miscellaneous costs incurred by OT students. The plan ensures that tuition costs remain one rate throughout the normal course of full-time graduate study making financial planning easier and allowing students to take elective courses at no additional cost. Costs associated with textbooks, fieldwork experiences, room and board and graduation are not included. Contact the MOT program for this year's tuition rate and details. A limited amount of graduate financial aid is available. The St. Ambrose Financial Aid Office provides information on graduate studies loans.

international student and students with English as a second language Visa holders are subject to federal nonimmigrant laws that vary based on visa type. Contact International Student Services at global@sau.edu for information on admission requirements and academic guidelines for your specific visa type. A TOEFL exam is required for students who speak English as a second language. Contact the MOT program for specific requirements.

for further information

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