Master of Occupational Therapy

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Program Overview

The Occupational Therapy program at the University of Puget Sound offers two entry-level (professional) graduate tracks. These two tracks share a common core of courses, including an introductory research course, but differ in the focus of their final project. The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) track emphasizes health policy, advocacy, and leadership. Students in this track complete a two-course sequence on these topics, including a capstone policy project or a program development project that describes occupational therapy services that could be delivered to underserved clients. The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) project emphasizes research. Students in the MSOT program complete a two-course sequence in research methods, including a research project of publishable quality.

Applicants to the Occupational Therapy program are admitted into either the MOT track or the MSOT track based on their preference and qualifications. During the first semester of study, enrolled students may petition to change their track.

Occupational Therapy Program Application Process

We look forward to receiving your application at the University of Puget Sound. To help you with the application process, we have enclosed our list of “Frequently Asked Questions.” If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admission at 800.396.7191, 253.879.3211, or admission@ups.edu.

Admission to the Occupational Therapy Program consists of two phases. First, a student must be admitted to the university as a regular student after completing the Application for Graduate Admission (Phase I). It is highly recommended that the applicant complete and submit the Phase I university application prior to December 15. Only students who are denied admission at Phase I will receive letters notifying them of their Phase I decision. All other applicants may assume that they have successfully cleared Phase I and should submit the Phase II application. Second, a student must be admitted to the Occupational Therapy program after completing the Entry Level Graduate Occupational Therapy Degree Candidacy Application (Phase II). This application must be received by January 15.

Application for Graduate Admission (Phase I) Checklist - Recommended Submission Date: December 15

- Submit the Application for Graduate Admission with a $50 non-refundable processing fee. (Disregard processing fee if previously paid.)
- Submit official transcripts for all college work. Transcripts must be sent directly from each university or college attended.

Entry Level Graduate Occupational Therapy Degree Candidacy Application (Phase II) Checklist - Deadline January 15

- Complete all prerequisites or include on the Prerequisite Worksheet a plan to do so before enrollment.
- Satisfy grade point average requirement.
- Submit the Entry Level Graduate Occupational Therapy Degree Candidacy Application with a $25 non-refundable processing fee.
- Arrange to have official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores sent to the University of Puget Sound from the Educational Testing Service.
- Complete and submit your Program Essay.
- Complete and submit your Work and Experience record.
- Complete and submit the Prerequisite Worksheet. (Include course description/syllabus as required.)
- Distribute and arrange to have the three reference forms, Educator, Employer, and Occupational Therapist, sent to the University of Puget Sound. The reference writers may not be members of your immediate family.

Interviews

The Occupational Therapy program does not require a personal interview as part of its selection process. The applicant is considered on the merits of application materials and college credentials. (Every applicant, of course, is welcome to visit the program and meet with the faculty and students.)
International Students
In addition to the above requirements, international students must complete the International Student Application and Financial Statement available from the Office of Admission; satisfy travel visa application requirements by showing adequate resources to cover anticipated period of study; and, if English is a second language, submit official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of 550 or higher (paper-based exam), 213 or higher (computer-based exam), or 80 or higher (iBT).

Submission of Materials
All materials should be submitted online or in writing to the Office of Admission. Only reference forms may be submitted by fax to 253.879.3993. Confirmations to verify receipt of application materials are not mailed. Applicants are welcome to contact us to check whether all application materials have arrived. Students should wait to call until seven days after all materials should have arrived at Puget Sound in order to allow time for processing and recording of materials. The Office of Admission and the University of Puget Sound assume no responsibility for applications that are not considered because they are incomplete or postmarked after the January 15 deadline. All application materials submitted become the property of the university and cannot be returned.