THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

The program includes five semesters of coursework, as well as six months of fieldwork. Our comprehensive, fully accredited Master of Occupational Therapy curriculum is conducted in state-of-the-art learning laboratories within Rockhurst’s St. Ignatius Science Center.

The OT program consists of a minimum of 75 credit hours broken into two years of study.

Year One
You will take courses in:
- Health through occupation
- Occupational performance: Education, health and wellness
- Gross anatomy with cadaver labs
- Psychosocial performance: Theory and practice
- Fieldwork and evidence-based practice: Impact of a disability
- Medical conditions
- Structural and applied kinesiology
- Occupations across the lifespan
- Research
- Concepts in the OT process

Year Two
You will take courses in:
- Neuroscience
- Neuromanagement: Theory and practice
- Pediatrics and developmental disabilities
- Musculoskeletal assessment and intervention
- Fieldwork
- Capstone research

Rockhurst also offers a part-time sequence for those who wish to complete the program in three years.
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION
Once you complete your Master of Occupational Therapy degree, you’ll need to pass the national certification examination, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Our program prepares students for success on this exam. In fact, 100 percent of Rockhurst’s 2013 occupational therapy graduates passed the national exam.

LEARN HERE AND ABROAD
We’re proud to say that our OT students have a broad range of opportunities to provide services throughout the Kansas City area, as well as regionally and on international service trips. These experiences prepare you to become a more well-rounded occupational therapist.

POINTS OF ACCEPTANCE
RU undergraduates can apply for the Master of Occupational Therapy program through freshman pre-admission, our occupational therapy scholars program, or regular admittance. Rockhurst graduates have the option of completing their undergraduate degree and OT degree within our 3+2 program.

If you’re planning to transfer to RU, you may apply for pre-admission if you have completed two years of undergraduate coursework.

Post-baccalaureate students apply through OTCAS at otcas.org the summer prior to the selection of a new class. Students are encouraged to apply upon completion of the majority of their prerequisite courses.

PREREQUISITES
Required prerequisite courses include:

- English composition I and II
- Interpersonal communication
- Statistics
- Ethics
- Abnormal psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Introductory sociology or anthropology
- Introductory physics with lab
- Anatomy with lab (minimum of four hours completed within the past five years)
- Physiology with lab
- General biology with lab
- Introductory physics with lab
- Anatomy with lab (minimum of four hours completed within the past five years)

Requirements are subject to change. It is the applicant’s responsibility to contact the Office of Graduate Admission to inquire about changes before submitting an application.

For more information on admission requirements or to apply, visit rockhurst.edu/ot or contact the Director of Graduate Admission at Cheryl.Hooper@rockhurst.edu or 816-501-4097.