Help others live life to the fullest

Chatham University’s Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program is a 22-month course of study that includes four terms of academic studies on campus followed by two terms of full-time fieldwork. Each term, you will have opportunities to work with clients, blending what you are learning in the classroom with hands-on practice.

The Master of Occupational Therapy program at Chatham University enjoys a 97% graduation rate, with 99% of graduates passing the national certification exam within one year of graduation, and 100% becoming employed within six months of graduation. Chatham’s Master of Occupational Therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

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The Master of Occupational Therapy is a program within Chatham University’s School of Health Sciences. The School of Health Sciences has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after healthcare professionals. From high licensure or board pass rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter or advance their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and clients, and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- The MOT program offers fieldwork opportunities in traditional and non-traditional practice settings at more than 350 sites nationwide—including the many nearby hospitals, clinics, and community agencies in Pittsburgh, a nationally recognized premier healthcare hub.
- Faculty members are accomplished teachers, scholars, practitioners, and active leaders in the field. Class sizes are small, ensuring each student receives personalized attention and feedback.
- Students take an active leadership role in holistic sustainable health through engagement in community health promotion and advocacy events.
- An elective course in global health perspectives allows students to gain experience in international healthcare settings.
- Students network with numerous OT practitioners, including our esteemed alumni, through guest lectures and fieldwork experiences. Opportunities also exist to present at state and national OT conferences.
- In addition to newly renovated classroom and laboratory spaces, students have the opportunity to practice OT techniques in our full-size, mock apartment. Chatham’s location also offers access to a network of resources from nearby colleges and universities.

**SAMPLE COURSES**

**OTH 622 Occupational Performance in Children and Adolescents**

This course addresses the occupational development of children and adolescents, and the interrelationship between the child, occupation, and the environment on occupational performance and participation. Students learn theories and conceptual models of practice used in pediatric OT, and the evaluation and intervention process as practiced in a variety of settings (community, hospitals, schools, etc). Influence of the family, environment, and sociocultural factors on the developing child and the OT process is explored.

**OTH632 Environmental Interventions**

Students learn principles of assistive technology practice and the occupational therapist’s role on the assistive technology team. Students explore and critique technology resources, assess environments, and apply information to evaluation and treatment. The impact of environmental interventions on the consumer’s ability to engage in meaningful occupations is discussed and analyzed.

**OTH644 Community Based Fieldwork & Seminar**

This community-based fieldwork experience emphasizes higher level management and leadership skills, including program development, advocacy, and consultation. Students learn about community agencies, population and organizational needs, and apply their knowledge to conceptualize, plan, implement, and evaluate a unique program in a community-based agency.

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**FACULTY EXPERTISE**

Students benefit from the breadth of faculty expertise found in Chatham’s MOT program:
- Biomechanics
- Community-based Practice
- Evidence-based Practice
- Geriatrics/Skilled Nursing
- Gerontology
- Holistic practice
- Home Care
- Leadership
- Mental Health
- Neuroscience
- Pediatrics
- Rehab Management
- School-based Practice
- Sensory Integration
- Spinal Cord

**OUTCOMES**

MOT graduates work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, long-term care facilities, schools, and early intervention centers. A small sampling of employers of recent graduates includes:
- Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, OH
- KIDS Therapy Associates, San Diego, CA
- River Pediatric Therapies, Pittsburgh, PA
- University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora, CO
- UPMC St. Margaret, Pittsburgh, PA

“Faculty strive to ensure students have the theoretical and conceptual perspectives that underlie the practice of occupational therapy, as well as the skill set and resources to put that knowledge into practice. OT practitioners who work with our students consistently note that our students are able to ‘hit the ground running.’”

— CATHY DOLHI, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA, associate professor of occupational therapy

**FAST-TRACK TO DOCTORATE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

MOT students can take advantage of Chatham’s Fast-track to Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) program. This program consists of two parts that save students time and money while gaining valuable experience:

1. Students can apply during their fourth term, and, if accepted, enroll in two online OTD courses at no charge during their fifth and sixth terms.
2. Then, while working as occupational therapists, students complete 21 additional credits of our fully online OTD curriculum. Students must be actively engaged in the OTD program within three years of completing the MOT degree.
ADMISSION INFORMATION
Students must apply and submit all relevant materials directly to OTCAS at otcas.org, which opens each July. Students begin their application the year prior to the fall term they intend to start.

For admission requirements and application deadline information, please visit chatham.edu/motreqs.

Apply online at otcas.org

VISIT CHATHAM
The best way to get to know our program is by visiting Chatham Eastside, home to our MOT program. We offer weekday visits and Saturday Open Houses throughout the year.

Register at chatham.edu/gradvisit or chatham.edu/gradopenhouse