

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)/CLINICAL DOCTORATE (DPT)

# Occupational Therapy

in partnership with Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis



As a student at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis, you could benefit from preferred admission consideration for the Master of Science (M.S.) or Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, recently ranked No. 3 nationally by US News and World Report (2020).

Through our partnership with the School of Medicine, you can integrate the final year of your undergraduate degree with the first year of the Master of Science (M.S.) or Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD).

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The mission of the occupational therapy program at the School of Medicine is to advance human health by enhancing people's participation in everyday life activities through evidence-based practice, innovative research and the education of tomorrow's leaders in occupational therapy and rehabilitation.

## Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the School of Medicine's occupational therapy program, undergraduate students at UHSP may apply at the beginning of their junior year (after completing 45 credit hours at UHSP), and you must meet the School of Medicine's admission requirements.

The GRE General Test must be taken no more than five years prior to application. Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing scores are required. You also must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 at UHSP.

## Prerequisite Courses

- Physiology
- Upper-level life science course
- Abnormal Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Social science course
- Statistics

## Observation Hours

Once in the program, you will experience firsthand what it would be like to work with patients requiring occupational therapy. Over the course of the program, you will complete 30 hours of observation in a variety of locations where occupational therapists commonly practice.

- Hospitals or clinics
- School districts
- Summer campus for children with disabilities
- YMCA
- United Cerebral Palsy Association
- Special Olympics
- Ronald McDonald House
- Nursing homes
- Homeless shelters
- Independent living center

## Integrated Options

Through our partnership with the School of Medicine, you can pursue advanced education in occupational therapy through two different integrated pathways:

- "3+2" M.S. in Occupational Therapy: Integrate your bachelor's degree with a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy.
- "3+3" Doctor of Occupational Therapy: Integrate your bachelor's degree with a Doctor of Occupational Therapy.

Learn more at  
[uhsp.edu/graduate](https://uhsp.edu/graduate).

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Develop your research portfolio by engaging in meaningful research alongside expert faculty and clinicians.

At UHSP, students at every level have opportunities to engage in research experiences — and the opportunities are growing.

Research funding at UHSP quadrupled from \$2.39 million in 2018 to \$9.15 million in 2019.

In 2019, we also ranked No. 1 among all private pharmacy institutions in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's (AACP) most recent Funded Research Grant Institutional Rankings Report.

In addition to science- and humanities-based faculty research, the University is actively working on research combating the opioid epidemic and improving patient care through the Center for Clinical Pharmacology and Center for Health Outcomes Research and Education.

Faculty at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis are performing world-class research to develop new and better methods to understand and address disabilities.

Research areas include:

- Rehabilitation science
- Low vision
- Human performance
- Occupational therapy neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)

Learn more at [uhsp.edu/research](http://uhsp.edu/research).

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## WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS

Build your professional network and begin your career in health care in one of the nation's premier biomedical complexes, where both the University and the School of Medicine are located.

Through partnerships with neighboring institutions within the Washington University Medical Campus, you will have unrivaled access to elite educational, professional and research experiences with some of the top health care professionals, faculty and researchers in the nation.

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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Since its founding in 1891, the School of Medicine has been committed to advancing human health throughout the world.

Students are trained in a variety of health care fields including medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy and others.

The School of Medicine's programs in physical therapy and occupational therapy, among others, are among the highest ranked in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.



## CENTER FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND EDUCATION

Further your studies and become practice- and team-ready through the Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education at Washington University Medical Campus.

Through the center, students at UHSP, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis find opportunities to collaborate and conduct research with students in pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, medicine, occupational therapy, audiology and deaf education.

Learn more at [cipewumc.org](http://cipewumc.org).



## NEXT STEPS

To learn more about the occupational therapy program or to schedule a visit, contact the Office of Admissions at [admissions@uhsp.edu](mailto:admissions@uhsp.edu) or 314.446.8328.