



M.S. Occupational Therapy – Scholar Plaza, Loudoun

A Full-time, Two-and-a-half-year Professional Degree Program (75 credit hours)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree or higher from regionally accredited institution prior to matriculation.
**COTA applicants with an associate’s degree must have completed 90 credit hours (can include all OTA courses) prior to matriculation.*
- A grade of “C” or above is required for all prerequisite courses. AP and CLEP credits are not acceptable for prerequisite coursework.
- Three letters of recommendation are required to be submitted through OTCAS: One must be from a licensed occupational therapist. Of the remaining two, one must be from a current/recent professional contact or current/recent academic contact. No personal references are accepted.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the profession by completing a minimum of 40 shadowing hours under a licensed occupational therapist at the time of application. Exposure to multiple practice settings is encouraged.
**COTAs who have passed the NBCOT exam are not required to complete shadowing hours.*
- Personal Essay: Your essay should address why you have selected Occupational Therapy as a career and how this degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals.

Interviews will be held monthly September 2023 through June 2024

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

No more than 9 outstanding credits of prerequisite course work permitted at time of application. Outstanding credits must be shown in OTCAS as courses “in progress” or “planned” and must be completed prior to matriculation.

Credits	Course
3	General or Introductory Psychology
3	Abnormal Psychology
3	Statistics <i>(Course content must include descriptive and inferential statistics)</i>
6 (minimum)	Human Anatomy & Physiology (two sequential courses) <i>Content must include lecture and laboratory sections to include human structure and function, including the musculoskeletal system and an overview of the nervous system. For all courses taken after Summer 2022, labs must be completed in person; no online labs will be accepted.</i>
6	Social Science <i>(Two 3 credit hour courses) can include courses in: sociology, anthropology, ethics, economics, political science, community or public health, epidemiology, gerontology, religion, philosophy, gender studies, or cultural or urban studies.</i>
3 (minimum)	Life Span Human Development <i>(Course content covering infancy to the elderly and including physical development; students may have to take more than one course to meet this requirement)</i>
1	Medical Terminology <i>(CEU courses/certificates are not accepted)</i>

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Fall 2024 (August)

How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to <https://otcas.liasoncas.com>.

Admission Deadline

Priority Deadline – November 15, 2023

Rolling Deadline – Up to June 1, 2024
based on space availability

PREREQUISITES: Bachelor’s Degree or COTA with Associate’s Degree

GPA’s:

Minimum Cumulative & SU Prerequisite – 3.0

Preferred SU Prerequisite – 3.2

Format/Location

Hybrid with weekly on-campus classes (Thursdays) at the Scholar Plaza Campus, Leesburg, VA.

Required Tests

GRE not required.

International students, please visit the below website for English language testing requirements: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students/>

Foreign Transcripts

Must be evaluated by WES per OTCAS requirements. Please visit

https://help.liasonedu.com/OTCAS_Applicant_Help_Center for more information.

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Office of Financial Aid

<https://www.su.edu/financial-aid/incoming-graduate-aid/>

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CAMPUS LOCATION



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DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Shenandoah University's (SU) Division of Occupational Therapy (SUDOT) offers an innovative hybrid graduate program leading to a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. At SU, hybrid education means learning occurs in three environments: online, the classroom, and the community. The majority of didactic content is delivered online through interactive learning activities and cutting-edge e-learning platforms. Classroom-based face-to-face experiences emphasize skill development, small group learning forums, and faculty-student/clinician-student mentoring.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at Scholar Plaza Loudoun is a full time program. Students attend classes on campus one day per week (Thursdays) for the face-to-face portion of their courses. All fieldwork and experiential learning are completed on non-campus days and during normal working hours. Non-classroom time commitment will take at least 40 hours per week. This dynamic and demanding curriculum recommends that full-time students not engage in outside employment greater than 10 hours per week.

The learning model requires students to think critically and act professionally in independent, interpersonal and community-based problem-solving experiences. Graduates of this program enter the field as passionate, self-reflective learners, critically thinking practitioners, and professionals who understand the importance of ethics, leadership and service.

SCHOLAR PLAZA LOUDOUN CAMPUS

The Scholar Plaza Loudoun Campus is also home to other allied and health sciences programs, including Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Nursing and Speech and Language Pathology programs. The state-of-the-art facilities allow for the development of a variety of clinical skills and include technology labs, a cadaver lab, and other learning laboratories. The Scholar Plaza Loudoun Campus is located just 40 minutes northwest of Washington, D.C.

ACCREDITATION

Shenandoah's MSOT program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.



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