The Degree of MSc (Occupational Therapy) [Graduate]

Program Requirements

MSc Postprofessional stream

This stream may be taken as a course-based or a thesis-based program.

Course-based program

Students are required to complete ★24 in coursework including a ★6 capping exercise.

Coursework

- OCCTH 501 - Theory and Practice of Enabling Occupation OR
- OCCTH 507 - Occupation and Society: Theory and Practice
- OCCTH 562 - Evidence-Based Practice in Occupational Therapy OR
- OCCTH 566 - Research and Scholarly Practice
- OCCTH 563 OR
- OCCTH 567
- OCCTH 564
- two (★3) credit electives

Capping exercise

- OCCTH 900 - Directed Final Project

Thesis-based program

Students are required to complete ★21 in coursework and a thesis.

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- OCCTH 507 - Occupation and Society: Theory and Practice
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  • **OCCTH 566 - Research and Scholarly Practice**

• **OCCTH 563 OR**
  • **OCCTH 567**

• **OCCTH 564**
  • **REHAB 500 - Conducting Rehabilitation Research**

• two (★3) credit electives
• Additional coursework in research design, statistics, or specialized content may be recommended by the thesis supervisor and thesis committee.

**Thesis**

• Registration in 900-level THES

**MSc course-based entry-level stream**

Students are required to complete ★81 in coursework, including ★3 of approved interprofessional coursework, field placements, and a ★3 final project.

Orientation Program: The program requires that each student, after acceptance into the program, attend a department orientation program immediately before the beginning of the first term. Dates are confirmed on admission. Attendance at the orientation program is a prerequisite for first year courses. Normally students must complete all previous term/year courses to be eligible to proceed to the subsequent term/year.

It is imperative that registered students attend all listed hours of instruction. Students with absences will receive a grade of NC (failure, no grade point value assigned).

**Course requirements (★75)**

• **OCCTH 502 - Assessment and Evaluation of Occupational Performance**
  • **OCCTH 503 - Professionalism and the Intentional Relationship in Occupational Therapy Practice**
  • **OCCTH 507 - Occupation and Society: Theory and Practice**
  • **OCCTH 510 - Occupational Therapy Process and Practice: Application**
  • **OCCTH 517 - Foundations of Psychiatry and Mental Health Practice for Occupational Therapists**
  • **OCCTH 518 - Assessment and Interventions for Occupational Therapists in Mental Health Practice**
  • **OCCTH 519 - Enabling Occupation: Advanced Practices in Mental Health**
  • **OCCTH 520 - Occupational Therapy Process and Practice: Integration**
  • **OCCTH 522 - Enabling Occupation Through the Use of Assistive Technology**
  • **OCCTH 525 - Fieldwork-Learning in a Practice Context**
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  • **OCCTH 530 - Occupational Therapy Process and Practice: Synthesis**
  • **OCCTH 540 - Occupational Therapy Process and Practice: Evaluation**
  • **OCCTH 543 - Student Selected Modules** All students must complete and pass either a minimum of three distinct OCCTH 543 modules or one ★3 Individual Study (OCCTH 599 or equivalent). The modules are designed to be intensive and interactive.
Interprofessional coursework (★3)

- REHAB 501 - Introduction to Interprofessional Practice
- REHAB 502 - Indigenous Health - Interprofessional Practice
- One 1★ course related to interprofessional practice as directed by the Department

Capping Exercise (★3)

- OCCTH 903

Ethics Requirement

Students must fulfill the FGSR Academic Integrity and Ethics Training Requirement.

Professional Development Requirement

Students in the MSc in Occupational Therapy automatically fulfill the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Professional Development Requirement through their program.

Costs:

All costs associated with obtaining a professional degree are the responsibility of the student and this includes costs associated with the project.

Fieldwork Courses:

Fieldwork courses are practical placements at approved facilities.

Policies and Procedures:

The procedures governing fieldwork placements are binding and will be provided in a procedures manual.

Fieldwork Placement Sites:

Students will attend required fieldwork placements at approved institutions and will follow the administrative procedures and regulations of the institutions. Placements may be located regionally and/or nationally. Opportunities for international
placements will be determined on an individual basis. Students must travel in order to meet the fieldwork education component of the program. Students are responsible for the costs associated with fieldwork placements.

**Fieldwork Placement Requirements**

To be eligible for admission to fieldwork placements the students must meet the following requirements:

1. CPR Certification
2. Security Clearance Check
3. Medical Examination and Immunization Requirements (See [University Infectious Diseases Regulation](#))
4. Fit testing for Respirator Mask, as required.

Details on these fieldwork requirements are available in the fieldwork procedures manual. Please refer to the manual for details. Note that all fees and costs for these fieldwork requirements are the student’s responsibility.

A student who fails a fieldwork placement may appeal that decision. Information regarding appeal procedures is available in the fieldwork placement procedures manual.

**Practicum Intervention Policy:**

The Dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, or supervisor acting on behalf of the Dean, may immediately deny assignment of a student to, withdraw a student from, or vary terms, conditions, or site of fieldwork practicum if the Dean or supervisor has reasonable grounds to believe that this is necessary in order to protect the public interest. Refer to the [Practicum Intervention Policy](#), for additional information.

**Length of Program**

Normally a minimum of 26 months is required to complete the MSc programs.

The maximum time to complete the course-based MScOT program as set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research is six years.

The maximum time to complete the thesis-based MScOT program as set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research is four years.