



Master of OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

A WELL-ESTABLISHED PATH FOR THOSE WELL ON THEIR WAY

With a welcoming faculty and access to well-rounded and long-lasting knowledge, our community of researchers, scholars and teachers is committed to educating clinical and academic leaders.

Our students are primed to impact the world as empowered and impassioned changemakers new to occupational therapy. Elmhurst's program will push your potential to the next level with rigorous academic learning, fieldwork, service learning, collaborative research and practical experience – all designed to help you go far and do well.

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Years to
degree
completion

\$69,000

total tuition costs
*tuition and fees
subject to change

60

Semester
hours

YOUR FUTURE IS WELL WITHIN YOUR REACH

As an occupational therapist, you will understand human beings to be complex, culturally diverse beings who are pursuing meaning and life satisfaction through engagement in purposeful everyday life activities. You provide support in life-giving independence by applying evidence-based practices to help people build skills for everyday living.

Explore boundless opportunities for clinical work in:

- Hospitals
- Day care facilities
- Nursing homes
- Schools and universities
- Community centers
- Private practice or residences

ACCREDITATION

Elmhurst University's master's degree program in entry-level occupational therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 7501 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is 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.

NBCOT Certification - Upon program accreditation and successful curriculum completion the graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the NBCOT examination to become a practicing occupational therapist. The examination is administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), located at One Bank Street Gaithersburg MD, 20878, NBCOT's phone number is (301) 990- 7979, web address is nbcot.org.

NBCOT Eligibility - A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. For students with a concern in this area, NBCOT can be contacted directly for information related to the Early Determination and Character Review process for approval to take the NBCOT certification examination.

Further information can be found on Elmhurst's website: elmhurst.edu/Motaccred

11%

projected employment
growth of occupational
therapists from 2023 - 2033

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov)

\$98,340

median annual wage
for OTs in 2024

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov)



**Elmhurst
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School of
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A lot of things come together in this field—neuroscience, biology, psychology, anatomy and sociology. We help our students connect the dots, and we make it a point to always be available to them.

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PROGRAM FORMAT

Full-time

Hybrid

(combined on-campus and online includes classroom and fieldwork)

Fall start only



APPLICATION DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS

The OTCAS application will open July 19, 2025 for Fall 2026 consideration. Applications must be verified by OTCAS on or before January 15, 2026. (Unverified applications will not be reviewed)

All applications are processed through OTCAS. There is no supplemental application required by Elmhurst University.

Scan for more info:



Course Sequence

You'll complete 21 courses for a total of 60 semester hours.

YEAR ONE

Fall Term

MOT 500	Fundamentals of Contemporary Practice
MOT 504	Research Methods
MOT 516	Fieldwork IA: Factors Influencing Health and Illness
MOT 508	Healthcare Systems and Health Policy
MOT 512	Health and Occupation

January Term

MOT 520	Clinical Neuroscience I
MOT 524	Professional Practice Seminar

Spring Term

MOT 528	Evaluation I: Mental Health and Learning Challenges
MOT 552	Evaluation II: Acute and Chronic Physical Health Challenges
MOT 540	Fieldwork Level IB: Building Community Partnerships

Summer Term

MOT 544	Clinical Neuroscience II
MOT 548	Functional Anatomy

YEAR TWO

Fall Term

MOT 564	Fieldwork IC: Serving Populations
MOT 532	Planning and Intervention I: Mental Health Challenges
MOT 536	Planning and Intervention II: Learning Challenges
MOT 556	Planning and Intervention III: Acute Physical Health Challenges
MOT 560	Planning and Intervention IV: Chronic Physical Health Challenges

January Term

MOT 568	Synthesis I: Ability-Based Competencies
MOT 572	Fieldwork IIA

Spring Term

MOT 572	Fieldwork IIA
MOT 576	Fieldwork IIB

Summer Term

MOT 580	Synthesis II: Wrap-up
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Admission Criteria

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or foreign equivalent
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Personal Statement
- Professional Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- A minimum of 20 documented observation hours
- Interview (by invitation only)

Note: The master of occupational therapy program at Elmhurst does not accept transfer credits, experiential learning credits or Advanced Placement credits toward fulfillment of graduate-level coursework required to complete the master of occupational therapy degree.

Prerequisite Coursework:

- Human Anatomy with a lab (4 credit hours) and Human Physiology with a lab (4 credit hours)
OR
- Human Anatomy & Physiology I with a lab (4 credit hours) and Human Anatomy & Physiology II with a lab (4 credit hours)
- Sociology or Anthropology (3 credit hours)
- Developmental Psychology (3 credit hours)
Example: Lifespan Development, Child Development, Adolescent Development, Adult Development and Aging
- Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)
Example: Abnormal Psychology, Psychopathology
- Statistics (3 credit hours)
Example: Elementary Statistics, Business Statistics, Social Science Statistics

**Students must have earned a B- or better in all prerequisite coursework and must have completed this coursework within the past 5 years.*