



Rehabilitation Science



Welcome!

MSc(OT) Program Admission Information Webinar Session

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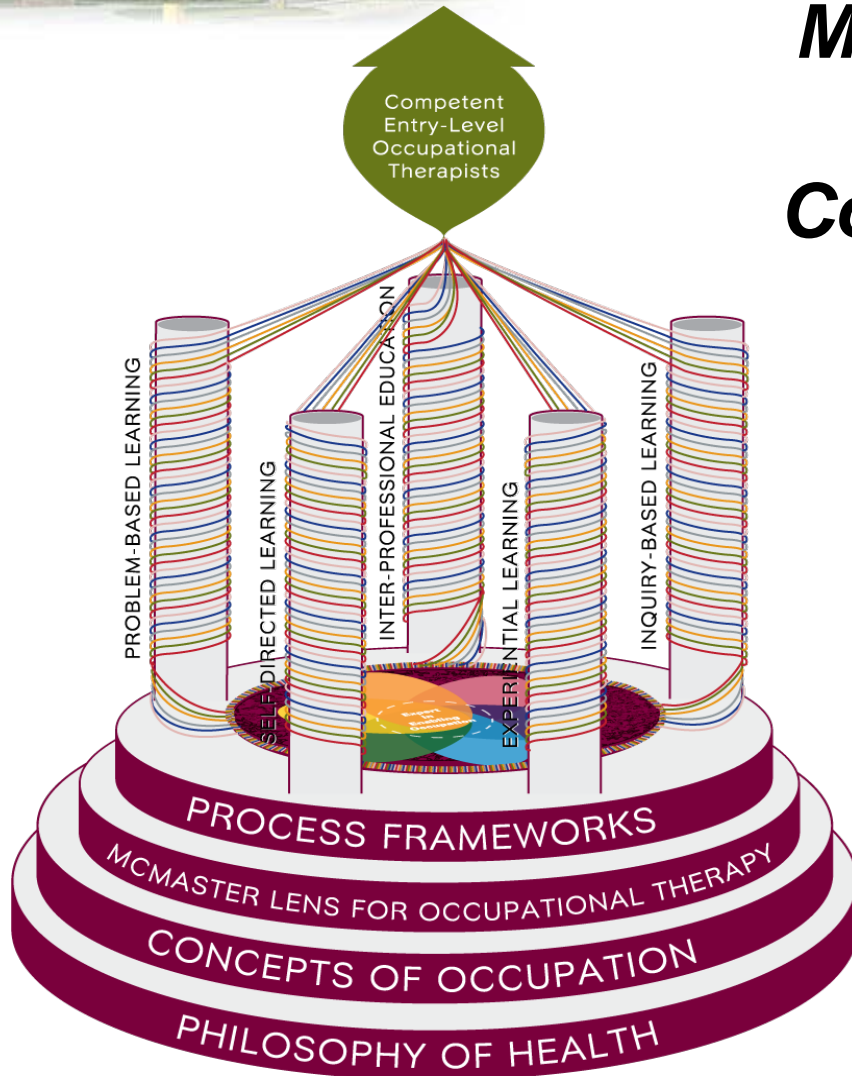
Do you want to be an occupational therapist?

- OTs work collaboratively with people to enable them to participate in the occupations that give meaning and purpose to their lives.
- Check out: <http://otontario.ca/> and <http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?pageid=3024> for more information

Is the McMaster Occupational Therapy Program a good fit?

- What kind of learning works best for me?
- Am I ready for graduate education?
- Am I ready for a professional preparation program?
- How will I know if this program is the right program for me?

McMaster Occupational Therapy Program Conceptual Frameworks



Courses	
—	Practica
—	Problem-based Tutorial
—	Professional Reasoning & Skills
—	Evidence-based Practice
—	Inquiry Seminar
—	Foundational Knowledge

See McMaster's [OT Program Handbook](#) for details



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Curriculum Overview

JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
								Term 1 Wellness, Health and Occupation 616 Foundational Knowledge I 617 Inquiry & Integration 618 Professional Reasoning and Skills		Practicum 619 Occupational Therapy Practicum 1	
								Term 2 Person, Environment & Occupation 626 Foundational Knowledge II 627 Inquiry & Integration 628 Professional Reasoning and Skills		Practicum 629 Occupational Therapy Practicum II	
Practicum 729 Occupational Therapy Practicum III		Term 5 Complexities of Practice II: Older Adults & Transition to Practice 737 Inquiry & Integration 738 Professional Reasoning and Skills				Practicum 739 Occupational Therapy Practicum IV		CONVOCATION November,			



What will the learning look like?

- *SDL* and *Reflection* are consistent expectations
- Large and small group classes and seminars (*IBL, IPE*)
- Tutorial groups (*PBL*)
- Professional Reasoning and Skills (*Experiential Learning, IPE, IBL*)
- Clinical Education (*Experiential learning, IPE*)

How will you be evaluated?

- Self, peer and tutor/faculty/preceptor evaluation
- Tutorial performance
- Scholarly and Reflective papers
- Clinical documentation
- Written and oral exams
- Group and Individual presentations
- Practical Direct observation/skills testing/OSCEs
- Competency-based Fieldwork Evaluation for Occupational Therapists (CBFEOT)
- Professional Practice Portfolios



Program requirements

- All courses are required; full time program
- Minimum B- or Pass in each course
- Some travel required for practica or classes at students' expense
- Clear Police Records Check a condition of admission

fhs.mcmaster.ca/main/documents/police_record_check_policy_20150507_3.pdf

- Professional Behaviours are expected

fhs.mcmaster.ca/main/education/documents/professional_behaviour_code_of_conduct_for_learners.pdf



Clinical Education

- 28 weeks / four practica over two years
- Practica opportunities available in a wide range of practice areas and settings
 - Hospital, community, rehabilitation facilities, role emerging
- All students must have one practicum in mental health/illness
- Students are responsible for their own transportation and associated costs in order to complete program requirements
- International opportunities are available



McMaster Catchment Area

Core: Ancaster, Barrie, Brantford, Burlington, Dundas, Fergus, Georgetown, Hamilton, Milton, Oakville, Orangeville, Paris, St. Mary's

Shared with University of Toronto and Western University: Brampton, Mississauga, Peel Region

Shared with Western University: Beamsville, Cambridge, Fort Erie, Grimsby, Guelph, Niagara Falls, St. Catherines, Welland

Northern Studies Stream (NSS)

- Partnership between McMaster University and Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- An integral component of the McMaster OT program
- Provides exposure to remote/rural practice as well as Aboriginal health and cultural beliefs
- Fully funded for transportation to and from North and Housing
- Between 6-10 student OTs participate for each practicum
- New practicum models focused on Aboriginal health in development



What do our grads say about us?

- Overall satisfaction: 4.3/5
- Top three features of the program:
 - Problem-based, self-directed learning
 - Faculty / clinical instructors
 - Placement experiences, including northern studies stream



Admissions

How does the McMaster
Occupational Therapy program
decide who is offered admission?

Admission Requirements

- Graduated from a **four-year baccalaureate degree** (120 units/credits), with a minimum average of **B+ (or 77% or 3.30/4 or 9/12)**, calculated over the last 60 units of your university degree work.
- Apply via www.ouac.on.ca/orpas/
- Marks from **recent and relevant graduate-level** courses contribute towards the calculated GPA and must have a grade of B- or higher
- There are no pre-requisites or recommended preparation courses.

GPA Calculation MMI

- Applicants may apply in 4th year undergrad (must provide proof of completion of degree requirements prior to June 30, 2018)
- Practicum courses and non-convertible grades (e.g. pass/fail) will not be included in this calculation
- Ontario Bachelor of Education degrees will not be included or converted in the GPA calculations
- **Invitations to interview during the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) weekend are based solely on GPA standing**
- Cut-off for MMI is variable (in 2017 it was 3.72/4.00)

Multiple Mini Interviews

Two-part station-based process

- Part 1: Two written stations (paragraph style)
- Part 2: Multiple evaluators, scenario based in-person interviews
 - Short, timed interview stations where we evaluate your ability to:
 - Think on the spot
 - Communicate ideas
 - Demonstrate how you might address a particular scenario

MMI Offers

- After the MMI, applicants are ranked on a combination of their pre-admission GPA (25%) and their Multiple Mini Interview scores (75%)
- Offers of admission based on overall ranking
- We do not provide feedback to applicants concerning their performance on the multiple mini interview



Important Dates

- January 5, 2018 – Deadline to apply ORPAS online application form
- January 12, 2018 – Deadline for ORPAS to receive non-refundable application fee (\$270); Deadline to submit dual application fee (\$90) to McMaster OT Program Coordinator
- January 30, 2018 – Deadline for transcripts, TOEFL/IELTS
- Early March – Offer to interview emailed to applicants
- **April 13-14, 2018 – Interviews at McMaster University (SAVE THE DATE)**
- May 18, 2018 – Emailing of offers for OT program
- June 1, 2018 – Response to offer due (\$500 non-refundable deposit)
- TBD – Provisional acceptances become “firm”
- June 30, 2018 – Final transcripts due to McMaster University

More information available at:

<http://srs-mcmaster.ca/ot-admissions>

What questions do you have for us?



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