The Occupational Therapy Department offers a five-year entry level Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Degree. Occupational Therapy as a profession is based on the belief that occupation, including its interpersonal and environmental components, may be used to prevent and mediate dysfunction and elicit maximum adaptation. For information regarding the program, the website is: [http://www.ot.und.edu/index.html](http://www.ot.und.edu/index.html).

The Occupational Therapy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). For information regarding accreditation, contact ACOTE at (301) 652-2682, or 4720 Montgomery Lane, PO Box 31220, Bethesda, MD, 20824-1220. All basic professional programs must comply with the [Standards for an Accredited Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, 2006](http://www.ot.und.edu/index.html). Graduates of the program will be able to sit for the national entry-level certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT, 800 South Frederick Avenue, Suite 200, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-4150; phone 301-990-7979. After successful completion of this examination the graduate will be an Occupational Therapist Registered (OTR). Most states require licensure in order to practice; state licenses may be based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination.

A satellite professional level MOT program, also accredited by ACOTE, is available at Casper College, Casper, WY. Tuition and other information regarding the program are available by contacting the Occupational Therapy Department at Casper College, Casper, WY, telephone 307-268-2613.

**Mission Statement**

The Department of Occupational Therapy shares the mission of the University of North Dakota and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences to serve the public through:

1. teaching and preparation of highly skilled entry-level occupational therapists;
2. scholarly and creative activity; and
3. service.

The mission is accomplished through integration of scholarly inquiry and application of occupation in teaching/learning and OT practice contexts. Promotion of health and wellness of the public through engagement in meaningful and valued occupations and commitment to best practices within the profession of OT are expected outcomes. Best practices in the profession will reflect the exemplars of self-reflection, client-centeredness, and occupation-centered practice driven by research evidence. The skills for lifelong learning and ethical and effective leadership will be promoted to enhance the quality of life of all people with whom we engage.

**Admission Requirements – Pre-Occupational Therapy**

A pre-OT student typically spends the first two years as a pre-major at the University of North Dakota to complete the program prerequisites. In the beginning of the sophomore year when the student is completing the required courses as listed below, he/she must make written application for admission to the professional occupational therapy program. The CLEP in natural sciences will not meet the Biology and Chemistry requirements in Occupational Therapy. Students should carefully check all CLEP exams for potential acceptance at UND. A student must have at least a C in all prerequisite courses. The student must also obtain a minimum of a C in all professional level courses. Please refer to the academic catalog for specific courses that are required prior to the professional program.

**Admission Requirements - Professional Program**

Admission to the professional program in occupational therapy is on a competitive basis with consideration given to pre-professional performance in the sciences, general graduation requirements, leadership potential, volunteer work and personal qualifications. Each application is thoroughly reviewed. This review includes the applicant’s academic record (must have minimum overall GPA of 2.75 based on a 4 point scale), pattern of withdrawals, incompletes, etc., elective coursework, volunteer and/or work experience, references, essay and a personal interview.

A prerequisite for admission to the UND Professional Program at the Year I level will be 60 hours of observation with a professional occupational therapy supervisor and should be distributed over the three required areas (Psychosocial, Physical Dysfunction, Pediatric).

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Year III Professional Program
The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog. Admission to the School of Graduate Studies requires:
4. Acceptance into the Professional Occupational Therapy program.
5. Successful completion of OT Professional Year I and II.
6. Completion of the School of Graduate Studies application forms.
7. Overall GPA of 2.75 or a 3.0 in both junior and senior years.
8. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
9. Letter of endorsement from the Chair or Graduate Director of the Department that assures automatic advancement in status from the undergraduate program to the graduate program. The letter of endorsement will be written for students in good academic and professional standing in the program.

It is important to be aware that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination or to attain state licensure as an Occupational Therapist. You will be asked to respond to the following questions when registering for the NBCOT exam:
• Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony?
• Have you ever had any professional license, registration or certification revoked, suspended or subject to probationary conditions by a regulatory authority or certification board?
• Have you ever been found by any court, administrative or disciplinary proceeding to have committed negligence, malpractice, recklessness, or willful or intentional misconduct, which resulted in harm to another?

Information regarding NBCOT’s process of screening applicants for Character Review may be found at: www.nbcot.org. If you have any questions, the department will assist you in this process.

Many fieldwork facilities are requiring proof of immunizations, drug testing, fingerprints, and/or criminal background checks. It is the responsibility of the student to check the fieldwork information and to pay the cost for each process.

Degree Requirements
The BGS Health Studies degree is available to OT students who:
1. have completed their pre-OT work either at UND or at another institution.
2. have successfully completed the first two years of the OT professional sequence.

The BGS degree would normally then be awarded at the end of the Professional Year Two, prior to beginning the Graduate School career, if the student has completed all general UND graduation requirements, including:

1. 125 total credits,
2. 60 credits from 4-year schools, including at least 30 from UND,
3. 36 upper-level credits,
4. all essential studies requirements.

Students seeking the Master of Occupational Therapy degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Occupational Therapy Department.

To maintain graduate student status, the professional level Year III student is required to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 for all work completed in Year III. Students who were previously on academic or professional probation will be dismissed from the School of Graduate Studies if placed on one additional probation within the professional program.

Refer to the academic catalog for the M.O.T curriculum sequence.

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