

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – M.S.

For more information, please visit the Occupational Therapy Department catalog page.

During the third year of study in the OTBS degree program students will choose which path of graduate work to pursue, the BS/OTD or the BS/MS.

Following successful completion of the five-year BS/MS degree students will be eligible to sit for the national board exam, the NBCOT.

Refer to the BS/OTD page in the IC undergraduate catalog for more information regarding program admission, academic standards, and graduation requirements. The BS/MS and BS/OTD students will share the same admission and academic standards. There are differing graduation requirements between the two degree levels, although both degrees will allow eligibility to sit for the NBCOT certification exam.

Major Department Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
OTGR 61700	Cultural Perspectives in Occupational Therapy	3
OTMS 60200	Advocacy and Population Health	3
OTGR 61600	Technology and Environmental Adaptation	3
OTGR 60600	Concepts in Productive Aging	3
OTGR 61500	Disability Culture and Communities	3
OTMS 60300	Leadership and Professional Advancement	3
OTMS 60400	Evidence in Occupational Therapy II	3
OTGR 60100	Practice Based Experience II	2
Clinical Fieldwork Courses:		
OTGR 62000	Fieldwork Level IIA	6
OTGR 62100	Fieldwork Level IIB	6
Total Credits		35

¹ Note: Specific courses vary based on student and faculty interests

Clinical Fieldwork

Clinical fieldwork is an essential part of professional training, and students must complete two 12-week level II fieldwork experiences in preparation for their degree and certification. Fieldwork centers maintain contractual relationships with Ithaca College, and students are placed in fieldwork centers by the fieldwork coordinator well in advance of the beginning of these placements. Once placements are confirmed, students cannot alter them. Clinical Fieldwork is graded on a satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) scale.

Students will be assigned to fieldwork based on a lottery system and the availability of placements. Students should expect to do their fieldwork at a distance from their homes and Ithaca. They are responsible for making their own housing and travel arrangements, although the department and

the fieldwork center are usually able to provide some help. Students and their families need to plan ahead for this process.

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) requires that all level II fieldwork experiences be completed within 24 months of the completion of the academic portion of the curriculum. Students who fail to complete graduate fieldwork within this period are subject to dismissal from the program.