

OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Occupational Science and Technology (OST) offers a 120-credit undergraduate program in the area of occupational studies (OS). The OS undergraduate degree offers a flexible educational path. Combined with a blend of elective courses, a degree in the area of occupational studies may prepare the student to work in different health and human service settings. The OS degree combined with the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) courses offers a viable career path. There is a steady need for Recreational Therapists to assist in the care and prevention of age-related illness and injuries and provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities. It is recommended that students pursue employment under a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) to be eligible to sit for the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) exam to obtain the professional credential. Additionally, graduates will be particularly well-prepared for further graduate study in occupational therapy and other disability-related disciplines. The efficient degree program is in concert with the University mission "to further academic and professional opportunities at all levels for women, minority, part-time, and financially or educationally disadvantaged students." Students have the flexibility to complete the revised curriculum in a reasonable (4 year) period of time.

The Department of Occupational Science and Technology offers a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy that prepares students to become occupational therapists. During the program, students engage in graduate-level instruction embedded in the theory, research, and clinical underpinnings required to become evidence-based occupational therapy practitioners. Students may select a thesis option or project option in pursuing this degree. Students who are interested can choose to combine elective courses from the OT program with other courses on campus to receive the transcript-designated concentration in assistive technology and accessible design and/or ergonomics. (**Note:** The ergonomics concentration is being revised; admission to the program is temporarily suspended.) Graduates of the program are eligible to take the occupational therapist certification examination offered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) (<http://www.acoteonline.org/>) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA (2682).

Programs

- Assistive Technology and Accessible Design, Graduate Certificate (College of Health Sciences, Department of Occupational Science and Technology) (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/assistive-technology-design-graduate-certificate/>)

Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Kris Barnekow	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Madison	✓	
Joyce Engel	Professor	PhD	University of Kansas	✓	
Tamicah Gelting	Unlisted	MS, OTR	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		

- Occupational Science and Technology, BS (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/occupational-science-technology-bs/>)
- Occupational Therapy, MS (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/occupational-therapy-ms/>)
- Occupational Therapy, MS: Assistive Technology and Accessible Design (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/occupational-therapy-assistive-technology-accessible-design-ms/>)
- Occupational Therapy, MS: Ergonomics (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/occupational-therapy-ergonomics-ms/>)
- Occupational Therapy, OTD (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/occupational-therapy-otd/>)
- Therapeutic Recreation, Undergraduate Certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/therapeutic-recreation-undergraduate-certificate/>)
- Trauma Informed Care, Graduate Certificate (College of Health Sciences, Department of Occupational Science and Technology) (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/health-sciences/occupational-science-technology/trauma-informed-care-graduate-certificate/>)

Graduate Admission Requirements

Each graduate program has admission requirements in addition to the general Graduate School admission requirements. Refer to Graduate Admission and Costs (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/admission-costs/graduate-admission/>) for the graduate school's admission requirements, and to the specific program for the program's admission requirements.

Undergraduate Admission

Students interested in the OS undergraduate program are encouraged to contact the College of Health Sciences Office of Student Affairs. Students with bachelor's degrees in other areas are welcome and encouraged to contact Student Affairs for a credit evaluation.

Students Entering the OS Program Fall 2017

Admission to the Major

Students will automatically be admitted to the major after completion of 57 credits. Within those 57 credits, students must have a B- or better in BIO SCI 202, OCCTHPY 151 and OCCTHPY 201, PSYCH 101, and THERREC 202. At the time of admission to the major, students must declare at least one track that they will complete.

Upon admission to the occupational studies major, students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA. Failure to attain a semester GPA of 2.75 or higher will result in the student being placed on academic probation for one semester. A second semester GPA below 2.75 will result in dismissal from the program. Any given course may be repeated only one time.

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Jay Kapellusch	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	✓	
Phyllis King	Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	✓	
Theodore King	Professor	PhD			✓
Randal Kohl	Clinical Instructor	MS, CTRS, CPRP, CBIS	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse		
Nancy Nelson	Clinical Associate Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Heidi Plach	Clinical Associate Professor	MS	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Carol Haertlein Sells	Professor	PhD			✓
Michelle Kaye Silverman	Unlisted	MS, OTR	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Bhagwant Sindhu	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Florida	✓	
Brooke Slavens	Associate Professor	PhD	Marquette University	✓	
Roger O. Smith	Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Madison	✓	
Virginia Stoffel	Associate Professor	PhD	Cardinal Stritch University	✓	
Patricia Thomas	Clinical Associate Professor	MPA	Long Island University		
Ying-Chih (Inga) Wang	Associate Professor	OTR/L, PhD	Johns Hopkins University	✓	
Dana Washburn	Clinical Assistant Professor	MS	Rush University, Chicago		