Department of Occupational Therapy
Eastern Washington University
College of Health Science and Public Health
Master's of Occupational Therapy Procedures and Application

Admission: Admission to the Professional Occupational Therapy Program at Eastern consists of three stages:
Stage I: Completion of all Occupational Therapy Prerequisites (see Prerequisite Worksheet).
Stage II: Application to Eastern Washington University (EWU) Graduate Studies Program.
Stage III: Formal OT application made online to OTCAS at www.otcas.org.

Stage I: Successful Completion of Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Courses.

Stage II: Application to Eastern Washington University (EWU) Graduate Program.
You must apply to Eastern Washington University's (EWU) Graduate Studies Program.
1. Submit all EWU graduate application materials to EWU’s Graduate Studies Program online through EagleNet at http://eaglenet.ewu.edu. For more information call Graduate Studies Office at 509-359-6297 or visit their website at www.ewu.edu/grad.
2. Complete any additional procedures as required by EWU's Graduate Studies Program.
3. Send current GRE test score results to EWU's Graduate Studies Program prior to the OT Supplemental Application January 15th deadline. EWU’s school code is 4301 and the Department of Occupational Therapy code is 0618.

Stage III: Completion of the Entry Application for the Professional Master's of Occupational Therapy Program.

The deadline for application for Summer 2016 is:
January 1, 2016 for OTCAS
January 15, 2016 for Supplemental Application

Admission Procedures to the Professional MOT Program:
A student is considered for admission based on the quality and completed elements of a) performance in prerequisite courses, application essay, letters of reference, volunteer/work hours, and GRE test scores, b) demonstrated success in higher education as determined through college credentials, and c) the successful completion of a group interview.

Decisions for admissions are based upon the following:

1. Successful application to OTCAS at WWW.OTCAS.ORG.
2. Successful application to Eastern Washington University's (EWU) Graduate Studies Program.
3. Successful completion and grade of a 2.0 or greater on all prerequisites. Please enter all your prerequisite courses directly into your OTCAS application.
4. Successful completion of a Bachelor's degree by June of the entering year.
5. Demonstrated 3.0 cumulative college GPA in the last 90 quarter or 60 semester credits and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all prerequisite courses.
6. Documented voluntary or work experience of thirty (30) hours with persons with disabilities and ten (10) hours shadowing an occupational therapist in at least two practice settings for a total of 40 hours of voluntary/work experience. These hours are placed directly into your OTCAS application.

7. Three ORIGINAL Letters of Recommendation. These letters are completed through your OTCAS application.
   a. *One from instructor/teacher who taught any college-level academic courses taken by the applicant in the areas of a) Mathematics, or b) Science, or c) English, or d) Psychology.
   b. *One from an Occupational Therapist who supervised volunteer/work experiences related to services for persons with disabilities.
   c. *One from a person (unrelated) who can provide a character reference. Examples include: a former or current employer, co-worker, mentor, religious leader, counselor, coach, and charity/volunteer organization leader.

8. Personal Essay: All applicants must compose an essay as listed on OTCAS. The personal essay is an important part of your application for admission and provides you with an opportunity for you to clearly and effectively express your ideas. The essay must capture the interest of the reader, be relevant to the theme of the essay, and convey a message that is clear and relatable. Please use language that conveys an understanding of the professionalism required at this level, the healthcare environment, and occupational therapy. Lastly, please adhere to the pragmatics of language, such as spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

9. GRE: The GRE exam must be completed as a part of your application to the OT program. The test version must be October 2010 or later. Successful candidates are expected to perform a score of greater than 3.5 on the written section of the exam. Send your scores directly to EWU. EWU’s school code is 4301 and the Department of Occupational Therapy code is 0618.

10. Successful completion of a group interview. Candidates, who meet all minimum requirements, may be invited to a group interview and open house within four weeks after the January 15th supplemental application deadline.

11. Application Fee: A $50 application fee is due when application to Graduate Studies is made online. The application fee through the Graduate Studies program is $100 - $50 for Graduate Studies and $50 for the Occupational Therapy program.

**Sequence of Study:** The academic portion of this professional program is five (5) semesters in length and all students must be enrolled full time and follow the sequence of courses. The program begins in the summer of each year and proceeds in a lock-step sequence. Following five semesters of academic work, master’s project, and oral examination, the students will need to complete a six-month fieldwork experience before they are qualified to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination. After successful completion of Level II fieldwork, students will graduate with a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy (MOT). Fieldwork must be completed within 24 months of coursework. Only students who successfully complete the academic courses, fieldwork, pass the NBCOT, and meet state licensure standards (in states where this applies) may practice as a registered occupational therapist.

**Stage IV:** Candidates will be notified of their admission status to the Professional Occupational Therapy Program within three weeks of Committee reviews following the completion of group interviews.

**Accreditation:** The Professional Occupational Therapy Program at Eastern Washington is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) 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 and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the Program will be able 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). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Following completion of academic coursework, all students must successfully complete the Level II Fieldwork within 24 months before taking the Certification exam. Be advised that a criminal record may render an individual ineligible to take the Certification Examination and consequently, ineligible to practice as an occupational therapist.