Prerequisites Hours
General Biology (may include Zoology) .......... 8
Anatomy & Physiology ................................ 8
General Chemistry ....................................... 4
General Physics or Kinesiology .................... 4
English Composition ..................................... 6
Speech ............................................................ 3
Psychology
  General ....................................................... 3
  Lifespan ...................................................... 3
  Abnormal .................................................... 3
Social Science
  General Sociology ...................................... 3
  Anthropology ............................................... 3
  Other .......................................................... 3
Humanities ..................................................... 9
Statistics ......................................................... 3
Medical Terminology .................................... 1
Electives ......................................................... 26
Total ............................................................. 90

The American Occupational Therapy Association
The national professional association for occupational therapists is the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).
http://www.aota.org

AOTA Centennial Vision
We envision that occupational therapy is a powerful, widely recognized, science-driven, and evidence-based profession with a globally connected and diverse workforce meeting society’s occupational needs.

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, a part of the American Occupational Therapy Association, accredits the Occupational Therapy Program:

4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814-3449
(301) 652-AOTA
http://www.acoteonline.org

The UTHSC MOT Program is accredited through 2019-2020.

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)
Graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this examination, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Many states require licensure in order to practice based upon the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination
http://www.nbcot.org

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Program Expenses
Direct educational costs include the fees set by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees. Detailed information regarding fees can be obtained from: Financial Aid Office at (901) 448-5568 or http://www.uthsc.edu/finaid

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Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)
The Department of Occupational Therapy is located within the College of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). Eighteen months of professional education on the UTHSC campus is followed by nine months of fieldwork. Graduates of the program are awarded a Masters of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree in May of the third year.

The MOT curriculum is comprised of three six-month terms divided into two blocks. Students must complete three 2-week Level I rotations each term. At the end of the 18 months, the student must complete three 3-month fieldworks. These experiences are designed to provide the student with a broad exposure to occupational therapy in a variety of settings and geographic locations. Students should anticipate the financial impact of traveling and living out of town for the majority of their fieldworks.

Admissions Requirements
A bachelor’s degree is not a requirement for admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy Program. To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of the following 90 credit hours of prerequisite coursework with a grade of “C” or better in each course: (The biology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry and physics/applied kinesiology courses must be taken within the last five years and each must include a laboratory component. Higher level science courses may be substituted if current.) No credit is awarded for prior experiential learning to meet the prerequisite requirements. A bachelor degree is not required.

2. Minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. A lower GPA may be considered with an exceptional score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). If a required course is repeated both grades are used in the GPA calculation for the cumulative GPA. The credit hours assigned to a course may be counted only once in fulfilling the required number of hours.

3. Satisfactory score on the GRE taken within the last five years. The highest score in each category will be considered if the test has been taken more than once.

4. GRE revised General Test (3.5 or higher on the Analytical Writing)

5. Plan for completion of remaining pre-requisite coursework. All prerequisites must be completed by Sept. 1 of application year if not completed at time of application.

6. Completed application through the OT Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) www.otcas.org on or before March 1 of the year prior to the January start date.

7. Three professional or academic references (1 must be from an occupational therapist)

8. Volunteer observation hours: A minimum of 40 hours in at least two settings.

9. Leadership experiences

10. Essay

Our Mission
The mission of the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is to prepare competent occupational therapy graduates who are eligible for certification and to provide quality occupational therapy services to meet diverse health care needs with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region.

The Profession
Occupational therapists are health professionals who work with people across their developmental lifespan to enhance quality of life. Occupations are the everyday activities a person or group performs, as basic as grasping a cup or complex as hosting a party. Occupational therapists work in the hospital, home, school, workplace or leisure environment considering the sensory, physical, mental and social aspects of desired activities to identify barriers to success. Occupational therapy takes a holistic approach to help clients improve abilities, change their environment or modify a task for the best person-environment-occupation fit. They also guide family members, caregivers, and community leaders to support meaningful occupations.

Job Market and Earning Potential
Occupational therapists practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, out-patient/in-patient clinics, school systems, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, mental health facilities, etc. The American Occupational Therapy Association reports the median salary for an occupational therapist of around $72,000 depending on position, years of experience, degree of education, geographic location, and practice setting (2006).