

Admission to the Program

Each year the MSOT Program at Wilmington College will accept and enroll up to 24 students. Applications are received on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply for *Early Decision* admission by submitting their OTCAS application <https://otcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login> by June 1st. Students are encouraged to submit their OTCAS application for standard admission by October 1st. Applications will continue to be received and processed for admission after October 1st until all slots are filled. A student may apply for the program in OTCAS while completing prerequisite coursework.

The MSOT Admissions Team utilizes a calculation for admission based on items from the following categories:

Step 1 – Review of application materials.

1. Current cumulative GPA* (a bachelor's degree must be conferred prior to the program start date)
2. Current prerequisite GPA*

Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a C or better:

- Developmental Psychology (3 credit hours)
- Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)
- Medical Terminology (1–2 credit hours)
- Sociology or Anthropology (3 credit hours)
- Behavioral Health Elective (3 credit hours)

B or better in the following courses:

- Anatomy and Physiology I w/ lab (4 credit hours)
- Anatomy and Physiology II w/ lab (4 credit hours)
- Statistics (3 credit hours)

3. Two written references from professional individuals who can address work/school habits, ability to work well with others, and commitment to goals.*

4. Two completed Job Shadow Experience Forms.* <https://wordpress.wilmington.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Job-Shadowing-Form-1.pdf>

5. Signed Essential Functions Form – Minimal Technical Standards. https://wordpress.wilmington.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Final_OT-Minimum-Technical-Standards-1.pdf.

6. A current personal resume.

Step 2– Interview. Eligible students are invited for individual interviews utilizing established interview script and rubric.*

Step 3 – Final Scoring. All interview scores are averaged and added to the preliminary score.

Step 4– Offer. The student may receive an initial verbal offer followed by an official offer letter from Wilmington College Office of Admissions. A student's seat will be held for three weeks from date of written offer. Students will be required to make a non-refundable \$500 deposit to permanently hold their

seat in the cohort. The \$500 deposit will be credited toward tuition in the first semester of the WC MSOT Program. Deposits will not be refunded to students who withdraw their held seat. A bachelor's degree must be conferred prior to enrollment in OT coursework.

Step 5 – Waitlist. Once all 24 seats are filled, applicants may be placed on a waiting list.

Additional Information:

Students who wish to be considered for exception from any of the admissions criteria outlined above must make a written statement to the admissions committee. Any exceptions to the admissions process will be made on a case-by-case basis by the MSOT admissions committee after careful review.

A completed admissions application is only good from the year in which it is submitted. Individuals who do not receive admission to the program, and wish to re-apply, must submit a new application to be considered.

GRE is not required for admission

Transfer credits from another occupational therapy graduate program will not be accepted for the occupational therapy program.

*included in admission calculation