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MASTER *of* SCIENCE *in*  
**OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY**

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# Helping

Occupational therapy is a science-driven, evidence-based profession that enables people of all ages to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health and prevent – or live better with – illness, injury, or disability.

(American Occupational Therapy Association, 2010)

## IN-DEMAND PROFESSION

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase by more than 30 percent through 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. The average annual salary for occupational therapists is over \$76,000.

- ▶ One of the fastest growing professions
- ▶ Annual median salary over \$76,000
- ▶ 100% job placement rate
- ▶ NBCOT Pass rates consistently well above national average
- ▶ ACOTE accredited
- ▶ Alumni satisfaction, e.g., preparation for practice, preparation as servant-leader in field, etc.
- ▶ Employer satisfaction, e.g., satisfaction with clinical preparation, ethical and professional behaviors, management preparation, etc.



## PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION: LEADERSHIP & PRACTICE

Our mission is to prepare occupational therapists as servant-leaders who engage in scholarship, contribute to the profession, and offer clinical expertise to the under-served local and global communities. To that end, Milligan's MSOT program will prepare you with critical thinking and clinical skills to assume leadership roles in clinical practice, administration, research, and education. The MSOT program is recognized for its engagement of students and faculty in the community, hands-on clinical experiences, and preparation for the realities of professional practice. Partnerships with regional, state, and national health care systems; hospitals, clinics; and non-profit, community-based organizations provide a wide range of professional experiences for our MSOT students.

## MSOT ACCREDITATION

Milligan's MSOT program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at ACOTE, c/o Accreditation Department, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449, 301-652-AOTA, [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org).

[www.milligan.edu/MSOT](http://www.milligan.edu/MSOT)

“The faculty and staff in the OT program have demonstrated a genuine interest in my success as an individual, not just my performance as a student.”

*Morgan*



## CURRICULUM & SCHEDULE

This graduate degree is a full-time, two-and-a-half year program, including fieldwork experiences. Courses meet four days a week (Monday through Thursday). The 79-hour curriculum includes coursework in three essential components:

### BASIC SKILLS

This component is foundational and includes applied science courses, research methods and design, and an introduction to the profession of occupational therapy.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCESS

The core includes the study of occupation, typical life span development, and wellness integrated with the theories and methods of OT. Major topics dealing with disease processes, impacts of dysfunction, wellness, assessment, intervention, and adaptation are incorporated.

### CAPSTONE EXPERIENCES

Capstone topics include administration and leadership, professional development, directed research, and Level II Fieldwork. Students also are expected to complete an original research or graduate project.

## FIELDWORK

The occupational therapy program requires students to participate in both Level I and II fieldwork experiences. Our students are given opportunities in diverse settings and locations allowing them to form a cohesive understanding of occupational therapy through fostering servant leadership and developing professional behaviors.

## CARING FACULTY

Teaching you is more than a job to our faculty – it’s a mission. Our faculty are dedicated Christian professionals who go above and beyond to challenge you to stretch your mind. They bring real world experience into the classroom every day because they continue to work in the fields they teach. Through small class sizes that provide personal interaction with faculty, as well as hands-on lab and community immersion experiences, students are prepared to lead, direct, and deliver occupational therapy services to underserved populations.

## NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

As a graduate of our program, you will be eligible to sit for national certification examination, administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, you will be an Occupational Therapist Registered (OTR). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are often based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Exam.

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## **NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

Milligan is consistently named one of the Best Regional Colleges in the South in "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report and one of the nation's Top 100 Baccalaureate Colleges by Washington Monthly. The college also is recognized as a College of Distinction.

## **CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

Milligan is affiliated with the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (cccu.org), a group of 100 colleges and universities whose commitment to a Christ-centered life goes beyond a mere occasional reference.

## **NORTHEAST TENNESSEE**

You get the best of both worlds at Milligan. Our picturesque campus is located in beautiful northeastern Tennessee, within minutes of restaurants, shopping, theatres and cultural activities, as well as plenty of outdoor adventures like hiking, skiing, and more.

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## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Completed application on OTCAS
- Undergraduate degree
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GRE combined score of 297 or higher
- Prerequisite courses
- Minimum of 40 observation hours
- 3 references

## **APPLY TODAY**

www.OTCAS.org  
Phone: 423.461.1538  
Fax: 423.722.1087  
Email: MSOT@milligan.edu  
Web: www.milligan.edu/MSOT

## **MSOT PREREQUISITE COURSES**

You must have a baccalaureate degree that includes the following prerequisite courses:

### **Math & Science**

9-12 hours, including 8 hours of Anatomy & Physiology

- Math
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II

### **Social Science**

9 hours including

- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology or Intro to Anthropology
- Human Development or Developmental Psychology

### **Communication**

6 hours

- Writing/English
- Public Speaking

### **Medical Terminology**

1-3 hours



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