



TTI Program Overview Occupational Therapy

Do you want to work in a health care profession where you can spend quality time with your patients and help them to improve their quality of life? Are you patient, reliable, and compassionate? Do you have an interest in the sciences? If you answered yes to these questions, consider a career in Occupational Therapy. Testing and Training International (TTI) students complete their Master's degree in Occupational Therapy through the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT).

An occupational therapist is a skilled licensed/certified health care worker who implements treatment plans, assesses patients' needs, determines therapeutic goals, plans treatment activities, communicates with patients and health care providers, and documents patient progress. Occupational therapists work with people of all ages who need specialized assistance to lead independent, productive, and satisfying lives due to physical, developmental, social, or emotional problems. Occupational therapists use the "occupations" of self-care, work, and play/leisure activities to increase independence, enhance development, and/or prevent disability. They may work in a wide variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, school systems, psychiatric hospitals and private practice outpatient clinics. OT is a challenging and fascinating job combining creativity and problem solving with the ability to make practical, meaningful changes in a person's life. As an OT you will use your knowledge, critical thinking, and hands-on skills to help others.

Throughout our OT program, students will acquire the necessary skills for a solid entry-level position as an occupational therapist. Our coursework focuses on medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, growth and development, kinesiology and occupational therapy for mental and physical health. Our program is convenient, practical, and designed to give you the edge you need to succeed as an OT.

Program Design

Bachelor of Science- Liberal Arts, Excelsior College
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)

Bachelor of Science – Liberal Arts

Applicants who do not yet hold a bachelor's degree will complete their undergraduate studies through Excelsior College via online exams and in-class science prerequisite courses. Science prerequisite courses will be completed in an **in-class format** with Daemen College in Brooklyn on Sundays and one additional evening (schedule subject to change). See below for the full list of prerequisite courses. All applicants missing the science prerequisites will be required to enroll with TTI and join our science prerequisite courses in Brooklyn.

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Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)

The Master of Science in Occupational Program through NYIT is located in Long Island, NY and features an all-women's cohort with classes scheduled around the Yomim Tovim for our students' convenience. This degree program combines classroom lecture and clinical experience, preparing students for a career which will significantly impact people's lives.

In order to join the Master's program a student will need:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college with mandatory prerequisite courses.
- Proof of 50 volunteer hours under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.
- Three letters of recommendation **on letterhead**, including one from a licensed OT.
- All applicants must submit an OTCAS application (further explanation will be given, when pertinent).
- Students must show evidence of:
 - ✓ required immunizations and health clearance (including history and physical examination)
 - ✓ basic life support, first aid certification
- Applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0, with no science or math grade below B- and no grade below a C+ in non-science prerequisites.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE EXAMS/COURSES	AGENCY	CREDITS	COST
In-class sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Biology with lab ▪ General Chemistry with lab 	Daemen College	Each course with lab must be 4 credits	\$2000 per course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and Physiology I with lab ▪ Anatomy and Physiology II with lab 	Barton Community College	Each course with lab must be 4 credits	\$600 per course
Introductory Psychology	Coopersmith	3	\$135
Human Growth and Development	Coopersmith	3	\$135
Introductory Sociology	Coopersmith	3	\$135
Abnormal Psychology	Coopersmith	3	\$135
Statistics	Coopersmith	4	\$180

Fast Facts, Bachelor of Science-Liberal Arts

- 8-12-month self-paced BSL degree program through Excelsior College, including four in-class science prerequisites, \$18,200.
- 120 credits required, including 32 credits of prerequisites for entry into the MA OT program.
- Science prerequisites in-class in Brooklyn, Sundays and one evening a week (subject to change)

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Fast Facts, Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy

- 2 ½ - 3-year full-time MA degree program, NYIT
- 78 credits required-\$1,400 per graduate credit (2020-21 rates); student loans available
- Master clinician professors with post-professional graduate preparation
- Classes are generally held two days a week on NYIT's Long Island campus with the exception of the first semester (subject to change)
- Rigorous classroom and fieldwork instruction, designed for a high-quality student body
- TTI assists in securing fieldwork placement

Job Outlook

Occupational therapy will continue to be an important part of treatment for people with various illnesses and disabilities. Increasingly, OTs are developing new practice areas including school violence reduction, driver rehabilitation, wellness, and welfare to work programs. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects employment of occupational therapists to grow 16 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. The median annual salary for occupational therapists was \$84,950 in 2019.

Licensure and Certification

NYIT's Occupational Therapy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Graduates of the program will be eligible 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).

Fieldwork

There will be level 1 and level 2 internships interspersed throughout the program. Fieldwork is done during daytime hours. Level 2 fieldwork is fulltime.

Important Dates

- Program and prerequisite registration deadline: June 2021, however class size is limited to 22 students and may be closed earlier due to reaching maximum class size capacity.
- Undergraduate prerequisite start date: August/September 2021
- Master's program start date: May 2022

How to Begin

- Call TTI, Sima Blum 877-RING-TTI ext 105

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