

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- EARNED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE OR ENROLLED IN THE DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM
- PREREQUISITES:
 - (8 credits) Anatomy & Physiology with lab
 - (4 credits) Physics
 - (3 credits) Life Span Development
 - (3-4 credits) Statistics or Principles of Research
 - (3 credits) Sociology or Intro to Anthropology
 - (3 credits) Abnormal Psychology
- A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
- JOB SHADOWING IS REQUIRED (SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS)
- COMPLETED APPLICATION

Admission to the occupational therapy program is competitive. Please see our website – www.uwlax.edu/ot – for current admissions and application information.

ACCREDITATION:

The occupational therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at:

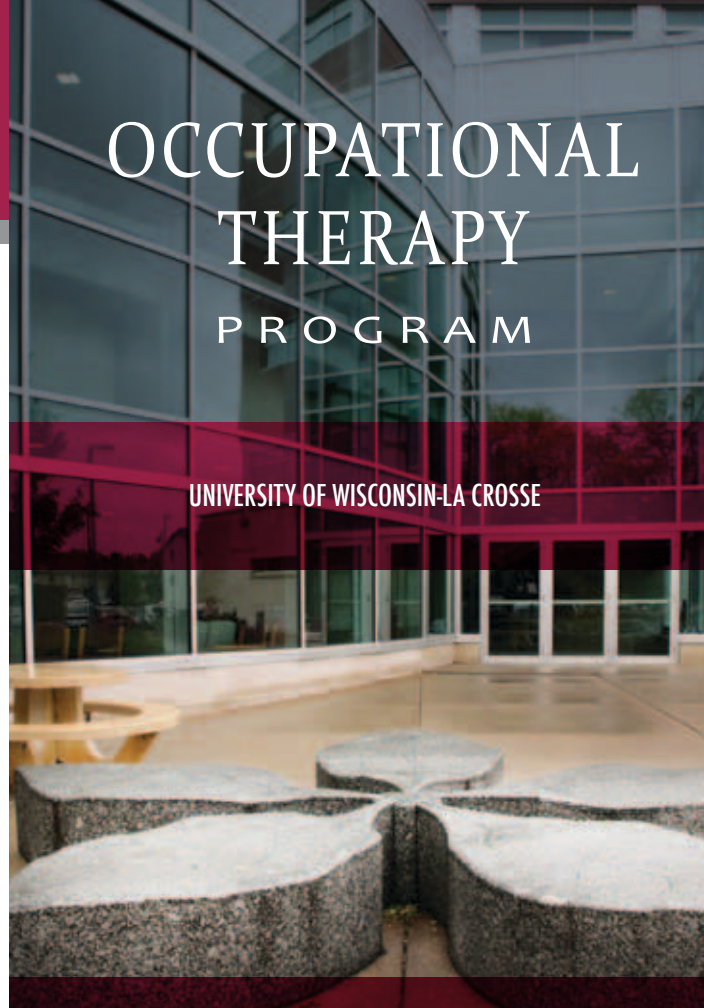
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CERTIFICATION:

Students graduating from the program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination administered by NBCOT. After successful completion of the exam, the individual will be credentialed as an occupational therapist, registered (OTR). Most states require a license to practice occupational therapy. State licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination and additional open book testing on the state law. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to take the NBCOT certification exam or obtain state licensure.

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“Welcome to the UW-La Crosse Occupational Therapy Program. We offer a Master’s of Science degree that lasts 30 months, and includes both classroom and clinical coursework. If you have any questions or are interested in visiting us, please let us know.”

Peggy Denton, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Occupational Therapy Program Director

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“The UW-L OT students are passionate about the OT profession, and this positive energy is an inspiration to their fieldwork educators. The UW-L OT students are knowledgeable, resourceful, eager to learn, compassionate, and ethical; which enables them to deliver quality patient care in a variety of settings.”

Tamra Trenary, OTD, OTR/L, BCPR
Clinical Education Coordinator at Mayo Clinic

“I chose a career in occupational therapy because of the rewarding experience you get from helping individuals regain or develop the ability to complete meaningful daily activities. Also, there is such a variety of areas that you can choose to work in; whether it be schools, hospitals, clinics, or homes, anyone can find the perfect match for themselves!”

Danielle Noe, OTS, Woodville, OH

WHY STUDY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT UW-LA CROSSE?

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Students will participate in small group activities, case-studies, seminars, and hands-on practice to enhance their learning. Our small class size allows for personal attention and feedback from the faculty. Students have many opportunities to work with clients with occupational performance needs in the community, and in our adult and pediatric labs under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

DUAL DEGREE OPTION

Qualified psychology majors may apply for early entry into the Occupational Therapy Masters Program while in their fourth year of undergraduate studies.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Students may elect to participate in our international exchange program with the United Kingdom to gain a deeper understanding of occupational therapy in another country. The International Perspectives course prepares students to travel to the UK and/or host UK occupational therapy students.

FIELDWORK

Students complete a level one fieldwork experience in mental illness, adult physical disabilities and pediatrics. After completing coursework, students complete two 12-week, level two experiences.

“I chose the UW-L occupational therapy program because it is a clinical-based, hands-on program that provides the students with one-on-one and group interactions with the professors, fellow students and clients from the community.”

Crystal Steiner, COTA, OTS, Prairie du Chien, WI



“La Crosse is a mid-sized school and city that allows you to develop a sense of community while still having a variety of things to enjoy. La Crosse has two hospitals, which is great because I work as a part-time patient care technician. If you like outdoor activities you’ll never be bored because La Crosse sits between beautiful bluffs and the Mississippi River.”

Scott Dremosa, OTS, Waunakee, WI

“As an out-of-state student, I initially struggled with the decision of where to attend graduate school. I chose UW-L, because of the emphasis on science, the dual degree program as well as the 100% pass rate on the NBCOT exam. The extra expense doesn’t seem as important in the long run when I know I am getting the education I need to prepare me for a career I will love.”

Allison Steffens, OTS, Prospect Heights, IL

“One of the best parts of the program is the relationship that the faculty builds with each student. Professors are genuinely interested in helping students learn and understand the course content. The program is difficult as far as courses go, but professors are more than willing to help. They want us to succeed.”

Courtney Wakefield, OTS, Hudson, WI