

A.S. to M.S. in Occupational Therapy

2+3 1/2 Transfer Guide

The University of Mary and Bismarck State College have partnered to offer the Seamless Transfer program. Now, it's even easier to step from a two-year program into your dream major! The Seamless Transfer program in O.T. allows students to work towards their bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Mary while simultaneously earning their associate's degree from Bismarck State College. Students who successfully complete an Associate of Science degree with the required U-Mary pre-requisites at Bismarck State College can seamlessly transfer to the University of Mary and complete their Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree in only 3 1/2 years.

Occupational therapy—a vibrant, growing, profession—makes it possible for people to achieve independence and to enjoy life to its fullest. By choosing a career in occupational therapy, you will be able to improve the lives of people, from newborns to the very old. Occupational therapy students develop skills which allow them to practice in a variety of roles and settings, addressing occupational needs of people with unique physical, psychosocial, and cultural backgrounds. Occupational therapists provide screening, evaluation, and intervention to people who have problems with occupational performance.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND MISSION

The Occupational Therapy Program at the University of Mary is a part of the School of Health Sciences and leads to a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree at the entry level of practice. The program provides learning experiences and opportunities in theory, occupational performance, human health and wellness, occupational therapy processes, and management issues. The program is offered at the Bismarck, ND main campus and at the Billings, MT site.

The Occupational Therapy Program prepares its graduates to be competent occupational therapy practitioners, able to meet the occupational needs of individuals, groups, and communities. Students will develop adept knowledge of humans as occupational beings, critical thinking abilities,





commitment to lifelong learning and scholarship, and leadership abilities to effect change. Students are rooted in Christian, Catholic, Benedictine and professional occupational therapy values. These values provide a foundation for the formation and practice of professional skills, therapeutic use of self, respect for others, ethical decision making, and attitudes of service

CAREER OUTLOOK⁺

Employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase 33 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. Occupational therapy will continue to be an important part of treatment for people with various illnesses and disabilities, such as Alzheimer's disease, cerebral palsy, autism, or the loss of a limb.

The need for occupational therapists will increase as the large baby-boom population ages and people remain active later in life. Specifically, occupational therapists help senior citizens maintain their independence by recommending home modifications and strategies that make daily activities easier.

Occupational therapists also play a large role in the treatment of many conditions commonly associated with aging, such as osteoarthritis and Parkinson's disease. Patients will continue to seek noninvasive outpatient treatment for long-term disabilities and illnesses, either in their homes or in residential care environments. In addition, medical advances now enable more patients with critical problems to survive—patients who ultimately may need extensive therapy.

Job opportunities should be good for licensed occupational therapists in all setting, particularly in acute hospital, rehabilitation, and orthopedic settings because the elderly receive most of their treatment in these settings. Occupational therapists with specialized knowledge in a treatment area also will have increased job prospects.

+ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-'13 Edition.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

- Apply for admission to the graduate program during fall term of your sophomore year. Applications for the M.S.O.T. program can be found online at www.umary.edu/apply and are accepted online in the fall of each academic year until early January.
- Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in 6 of 9 required pre-requisite courses by January.
- Community Service and Volunteer Hours: All hours must

be documented and signed for using the University of Mary Volunteer Hours Verification Form available on the University of Mary website at www.umary.edu. Applicants need 20 hours volunteer service with an occupational therapist AND 20 hours community service (work hours are not accepted for community service hours)

- Three (3) letters of reference addressing moral and ethical behavior, academic abilities, and work ethic. One of these references must be completed by a previous or current work supervisor or from the OT supervising the volunteer hours. The reference letter form must be used for all references and is found on the University of Mary website at [http://www.umary.edu/templates/template_degrees.php?degree=M.S. in Occupational Therapy](http://www.umary.edu/templates/template_degrees.php?degree=M.S.in%20Occupational%20Therapy)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum grade of "C" in all pre-requisite course work. Students may retake any pre-requisite course one time.
- International students need to provide a copy of the score sheet from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
- Rolling Admissions: If the class number does not reach the limit, rolling admissions will go into effect. Students must meet all criteria previously outlined and participate in the formal interview process. Rolling admissions are considered until the first day of class in the fall. Applicants will be reviewed based on the time of submission of a completed application.

CURRICULUM

■ Freshman

ENG 110	College Composition I	3
MAT 103	College Algebra	4
SOC 110	Intro to Sociology	3
CSCI 101	Intro to Computers	3
Art	Core	3

CHEM 110/L	Survey of Chemistry & Lab	4
POLS 115	American Government	3
ENG 120	College Composition II	3
BIOL 126/L	Human Biology	4

■ Sophomore

BBIOL 220/L	Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4
BOTE 171	Medical Terminology	3
PSYC 111	Intro to Psychology	3
COMM 110	Fund. of Public Speaking	3
Arts/Humanities Core Elective		3

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BIOL 221/L	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3
Arts/Humanities Core Elective		3
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Enrichment Elective		2-3

■ Junior

OTH 300	Intro to OT Process	3
OTH 321	Occupational Engagement Theory	3
OTH 450	Anatomy & Kinesiology I	4
PSY 406	Abnormal Psychology	4
Elective		3-4
ALU 332	Transfer Seminar	1

OTH 310	Health Promotion & Wellness	3
OTH 315	OT Issues I	3
OTH 322	Fundamentals of OT	3
OTH 324	Group Leadership in OT	1
OTH 451	Anatomy & Kinesiology II	4
PHI/THE	Core	4

■ Senior

OTH 407	Evidence Based Practice	2
OTH 415	OT Issues II	3
OTH 431	OT Process with Developmental Conditions I: Early Lifespan	4
OTH 435	OT Process through Case Application I: Early Lifespan	1
OTH 441	OT Process with Neurological Conditions I: Early Lifespan	4
Core	Elective	3-4

OTH 409	Neurobehavioral Science I	4
OTH 423	Group Leadership – Level I FW	1
OTH 424	Level I Fieldwork	1
OTH 430	Application of Assistive Technology	3
OTH 432	OT Process with Developmental Conditions II: Early Lifespan	2
OTH 436	Case Application & Comprehensive Examination	1
OTH 452	OT Process with Psychological Conditions: Early Lifespan	2
ALU 499	Senior Competence Assessment	0

■ Graduate Level

Summer Term

OTH 507	Concepts of Research	1
OTH 511	Seminar: Occupational Justice	1
OTH 565	Statistics	4

Fall Term

OTH 515	OT Issues III	2
OTH 516	Administration & Leadership	1
OTH 517	Implementation of Research Methods	1
OTH 523	Group Leadership: Adult Lifespan	1
OTH 535	OT Process through Case Application: Adult Lifespan	1
OTH 541	OT Process with Neurological Condition I: Adult Lifespan	3
OTH 552	OT Process with Psychological Conditions: Adult Lifespan	3
OTH 561	OT Process with Orthopedic and Musculoskeletal Conditions: Adult Lifespan	2

Spring Term

OTH 508	PAMS/ Splinting	2
OTH 524	Level I Fieldwork	1
OTH 536	Case Application & Comp Evaluation	1

Occupational Therapy



OTH 542	OT Process with Neurological Condition II: Adult Lifespan	3
OTH 562	OT Process with Medical Conditions: Adult Lifespan	3
OTH 560	Therapeutic Use of Self	1
OTH 617	Dissemination of Research	1
OTH 680	Fieldwork Seminar	1

Summer Term

OTH 682	Level II Fieldwork: Early Lifespan	8
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Fall Term

OTH 683	Level II Fieldwork: Adult Lifespan	8
OTH 615	Advanced Issues	1
OTH 685	Graduate Seminar	1

+ **Please note:** the additional courses required for the completion of an Associate's Degree at Bismarck State College are not listed here – please see your advisor for more information.

* The maximum number of credits that will transfer from BSC to U-Mary is 64.

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