



**AUERBACH SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
COMBINED BACHELOR/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
FACT SHEET**

**Occupational Therapy - The Career for a New Century**

The U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics (2000-2001) states that employment of Occupational Therapists is projected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through 2008.

Occupational Therapists are essential leaders in service delivery and management roles in a wide range of work settings such as community agencies, healthcare centers, home healthcare, hospitals, industry, independent living centers, private practices, psychiatric programs, public and private schools, rehabilitation centers, and skilled nursing facilities.

The occupational performance challenges (i.e. activities of daily living, work, play/leisure) of individuals, groups, and populations across the lifespan are addressed by the occupational therapist. Practice examples include assistive technology, community health, developmental disabilities, geriatrics, independent living, mental health, pediatrics, physical rehabilitation, and work hardening.

Emerging practice opportunities include case management, ergonomics consultation, driver rehabilitation, environmental accessibility, low-vision services, health and wellness programs, and violence prevention. The master's degree provides the occupational therapist with the entry-level knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for practice, supervision, research, or teaching.

**Auerbach School of Occupational Therapy - A Glimpse**

The Auerbach School of Occupational Therapy (ASOT) offers a combined BS/MSOT degree. Upon successful completion of the BS portion of the program (125 credits), the student will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. Upon successful completion of the remaining courses (36 credits), the students will earn a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree (total of 161 credits). Students may transfer into the program at any level based upon their course credits.

Students with a completed bachelor's degree in a field of study other than occupational therapy may directly enter the thirty-month entry-level master's program (MSOT-92 credits).

ASOT prepares students to become outstanding practitioners in varied health, educational, and community settings. Through close faculty/student interaction, a thoughtful mentoring approach fosters the development of the student's critical analysis, communication and leadership skills necessary for the delivery of occupational therapy services. Our academic curriculum includes a significant focus on practice and emphasizes reflective learning by actively doing. The sample program of study (reverse side of this sheet) portrays a student's progression through the academic program. Our faculty works collaboratively with each student to develop strategies which enhance the student's learning and success in the profession.

**Program Accreditation and Examination Eligibility**

ASOT is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) ([www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA. MSOT graduates are 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 Therapy, Registered (OTR). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

**University Admission**

Admission to the university is required prior to consideration for admission to the BS portion of the BS/MSOT program within ASOT. To receive admission information on the university please contact:

Office of Admissions  
Spalding University  
851 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Louisville, KY 40203-2188  
(502) 585-7111 or (800) 896-8941, ext.2111  
[www.spalding.edu](http://www.spalding.edu)

*ASOT admission requirements include:*

- Admission to Spalding University
- Completion of ASOT application including three letters of recommendation
- Successful completion ("C" or better) of all prerequisite courses with cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Completion of twenty (20) observation hours in a human services delivery setting
- Completion of ASOT interview

The ASOT Application is due on September 1 prior to enrollment in the upcoming spring term each February. Applicant admission notification will be provided by November 1.

The following prerequisite courses (3 credits each unless noted) must be completed prior to beginning the program: General Chemistry, Finite Math or College Algebra, Introduction to Psychology, Lifespan Psychology, Public Speaking, College Writing, Cultural Anthropology or Sociology, Ethics, Statistics, Physics, and Anatomy/Physiology (8 credits including laboratory). Any course substitutions are at the discretion of ASOT.

Individual appointments with occupational therapy faculty and additional information about ASOT and the profession may be obtained by contacting:

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