

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapy involves the assessment and treatment of individuals whose ability to perform tasks of living is threatened or impaired by developmental disability, physical disability, psychosocial dysfunction, sensory impairment, or the aging process. The occupational therapy process involves the prevention or correction of physical, developmental, or emotional problems that affect functional performance of the individual. The goal of occupational therapy is to assist the patient in the performance of activities that provide meaning to her or his life.

Occupational therapists serve patients of all ages in a variety of settings including rehabilitation facilities, long-term care facilities, public schools, psychiatric hospitals, day care facilities, sheltered workshops, homes, community agencies, and industrial sites.

Graduates of the MOT program are eligible to take the national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (<http://www.nbcot.org>) (NBCOT) and to apply for licensure that is required for practice in most states.

A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT examination or attain state licensure. Please be aware that disciplinary actions in your past, either felonies or misdemeanors, should be addressed with the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners beforehand. Waiting to report it on your application for licensure will cause a delay in issuing a license. It is recommended that applicants use this review before applying to or attending an OT program.

The MOT program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (<http://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School/AccreditEntryLevel/OTMasters.aspx>) (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). For further information about the accreditation process contact:

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