



School of Occupational Therapy

Brenau University offers both the Master of Science Occupational Therapy (MSOT) and the Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree programs for entry-level professional preparation for occupational therapists.

3 Different Occupational Therapy Program Tracks

All programs are full time with significant course loads. Students can expect to devote 30-50 hours each week in class meetings, fieldwork experiences, and assignments regardless of the degree program selected.

- **Gainesville Day MSOT Program** is a seven semester 94-credit weekday program. Students attend classes and fieldwork 5 days each weekday (and occasional evenings) on-ground, supplemented by online work. There are two full time fieldwork semesters towards the end of the program. Students enter in the fall Semester (August). Students are advised that there is very limited time for outside employment, primarily on weekends. All prerequisites/degrees must be completed by June 1 prior to class start in August.
- **North Atlanta/Norcross Hybrid Weekend MSOT Program** is a nine semester 94-credit hybrid weekend program. Students attend on-ground classes at the North Atlanta/Norcross campus Fridays 1pm-9 pm and Saturdays 8 am-5:30 pm on 8-9 weekends per semester. Students have a significant amount of online coursework every week. Six to eight hours of fieldwork during the weekday is required in some semesters, in addition to two full time fieldwork semesters at the end. Students enter in the spring semester (January.) Students are advised that the program typically requires 30-40 hours of time every week, but allows for weekday flexibility for employment or family obligations. All prerequisites/degrees must be completed by September 1 prior to class start. Historic Norcross is located about 20 miles northeast of Atlanta attractions and approximately 45 minutes from the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport
- **North Atlanta/Norcross Day OTD Program** – The Brenau University entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. **The first cohort will begin classes in August 2020.** The program must then have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates 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).

In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Delivered face-to-face, this 9 semester, 110 credit hour full-time doctoral program starts a cohort each August. Classes are held Monday through Friday 8 am-5 pm on the North Atlanta Campus in Norcross, GA. The curriculum emphasizes global health including a hands-on opportunity to provide services to the underserved. There are opportunities for fieldwork in Mexico. Historic Norcross is located about 20 miles northeast of Atlanta attractions and approximately 45 minutes from the HartsfieldJackson International Airport.

Considerations for admission include the student's academic ability, experience working with diverse people, familiarity with occupational therapy, group interview, and essay. Overall GPA of 3.0 is required; prerequisite course GPA of 3.0 is preferred. In addition, GRE score of 285 or greater with an analytical writing score of 3.5 or higher is recommended (Brenau OTCAS Designated Institution Code: 4824). All prerequisites must be completed by June 1 prior to class start in August.

<i>MSOT Admission Requirements</i>	<i>OTD Admission Requirements</i>
✓ Baccalaureate Degree	✓ Baccalaureate Degree
✓ 3.0 Overall GPA & 3.0 Prerequisite GPA - 8 prerequisites	✓ 3.0 Overall GPA & 3.0 Prerequisite GPA –9 prerequisites
✓ GRE is not required for MSOT applicants	✓ GRE is required for OTD applicants – Prefer 285 or greater; analytical writing score of 3.5 or higher
✓ OT Shadowing – 40 hours total in at least 2 different settings ✓ Sustained volunteer or life experience with individuals who have disabilities	✓ OT Shadowing – 40 hours total in at least 2 different settings ✓ Sustained volunteer or life experience with individuals who have disabilities
✓ 3 Professional References (at least one from an OT) submitted through OTCAS using OTCAS form only	✓ 3 Professional References (at least one from an OT) submitted through OTCAS using OTCAS form only
✓ Submit the OTCAS application ✓ Submit all official transcripts to OTCAS ✓ On-campus interview by invitation only	✓ Submit the OTCAS application ✓ Submit all official transcripts + GRE to OTCAS ✓ On-campus interview by invitation only

MSOT and OTD Prerequisites

1. PY 202 Human Growth & Development (lifespan) (3 hrs.)
2. PY 309 Abnormal Psychology (3 hrs.)
3. SY 101 Intro to Sociology **OR** Social Issues **OR** AY 101 Intro to Anthropology **OR** Cultural Anthropology (3 hrs.)
4. MS 205 Intro to Statistics (3 hrs.)
5. BY 209 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 hrs. with lab)
6. BY 210 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 hrs. with lab)
7. PS 121 General Physics **OR** EX 301 Biomechanics **OR** EX 300/300L Kinesiology+lab **OR** other movement science (3-4hr)
8. HS 201 Clinical Medical Communications (medical terminology) (2-3 hrs.)
9. **OTD applicants only>> PH 222 Intro to Ethics **OR** PH 205 Intro to Philosophy **OR** Intro to Logic and Reason**

The courses above must be completed by the stated prerequisite deadline for either MSOT or OTD. An additional 9th course is required of OTD candidates. These courses may be taken at Brenau University or other regionally accredited institutions. Equivalent courses are accepted if they have comparable content. *Applicants should have at least 2 of the 3 science prerequisites completed at time of application. All prerequisites to be completed within 8 years of start date; grade of C or better in each; 3.0 prerequisite GPA preferred* **All courses must be completed by the stated prerequisite deadline:**

- August start for either MSOT or OTD – prerequisites and degrees must be completed by June 1 prior to start of class
- January start for MSOT – prerequisites and degrees must be completed by September 1 prior to start of class

OTCAS APPLICATION DEADLINES

COHORT	Application Deadline	Start Date
OTD N. Atlanta/Norcross Weekday 2021	December 2, 2020	August 2021
MSOT Gainesville Day 2021	December 2, 2020	August 2021
MSOT - N. Atlanta/Norcross Hybrid Weekend 2021	June 2, 2020	January 2021

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) c/o Accreditation Department, The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

Financial Aid Procedures

To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov and list Brenau University's federal school code (001556). If you need more information, please contact the Brenau Financial Aid Office at financialaid@brenau.edu or call 770-534-6152.

English Requirements

If the applicant's first language is not English, one of the following is required:

- IELTS score of 6.5
- Test of English as a Modern Language (TOEFL) score of 550 (Paper-based test)
- Test of English as a Modern Language (TOEFL) score of 213 (Computer-based test)
- Test of English as a Modern Language (TOEFL) score of 79 (Internet-based test)

Contact Information

If you have questions about the MSOT or OTD programs, admissions requirements or other program questions, contact the School of Occupational Therapy Admissions Counselor, Nancy Fowler, OTD, OTR/L, at 678.707.5001. <nfowler1@brenau.edu>