OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Highlights
Occupational therapy helps people of all ages whose daily lives are disrupted by illness, injury, or other conditions to “live life to the fullest” through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Occupational Therapists' holistic focus on physical, psychological and social needs helps people function at the highest possible level, concentrating on what’s important to them for their health, independence and self-esteem.

Services Typically Include
• Customized intervention programs to improve one’s ability to perform daily activities/occupations
• Comprehensive home, school, and job site evaluations with adaptation recommendations
• Evaluation of skills and abilities related to daily occupations
• Adaptive equipment recommendations and training
• Guidance and education for family members and caregivers

The SJSU program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).

Programs Offered
• Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (for those with an earned bachelor’s degree in another major)

*must be taken within 7 years of application to the program

Career Settings
• Pediatric Clinics and Schools
• Rehabilitation Facilities
• Hospitals and Nursing Homes
• Neonatal Intensive Care Units
• VA Hospitals
• Community Mental Health Centers
• Adult Daycare Programs
• Prisons
• Job Training Centers
• Business and Industry

Prerequisites
• A Bachelor’s degree in any field with a minimum GPA of 3.0
• 80 hours of volunteer experience - 60 hours in two different practice settings under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist and 20 hours in a community setting
• Human Anatomy*
• Physiology
• Neuroanatomy
• General Psychology
• Abnormal Psychology
• Social Problems or Cultural Anthropology
• Statistics*
• Skills Course
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
• 3 Letters of Recommendation of application to the program
**Student Resources**

Student Organization:
- Student Occupational Therapy Association
- Pi Theta Epsilon - OT Honor Society
- Pre-occupational therapy club for undergraduate students considering a career in Occupational Therapy

**Scholarships and Loans**

$ Mary Booth Scholarship
$ Bonita Kraft Scholarship
$ Fieldwork Loan

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**SJSU Web Links**

SJSU Home page: http://www.sjsu.edu/
Application (Cal State Apply): https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
Financial Aid and Scholarship Information: http://www.sjsu.edu/faso
Housing: http://www.housing.sjsu.edu
Request Information about SJSU: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/info.html
Schedule of Classes: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/schedules.html
SJSU Catalog: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html
Testing and Evaluation: http://testing.sjsu.edu/

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