“Occupational therapy helps people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes.”

Occupational therapists ask, “What matters to you?” not, “What’s the matter with you?” American Occupational Therapy Association

**SERVICES TYPICALLY INCLUDE**

◊ Customized intervention programs to improve a person's ability to perform daily activities
◊ Comprehensive home, school, and job site evaluations with recommendations for adaptations
◊ Assessments and intervention in various performance skills such as physical, cognitive, social, emotional skills
◊ Adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training
◊ Guidance, suggestions, and support to family members and caregivers

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**OVERVIEW OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM**

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program is designed for students who have earned a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than occupational therapy. It enables the student to obtain the education and degrees necessary to be eligible to practice as an occupational therapist. Once the Master of Science degree in occupational therapy is completed including successful completion of the required 6 months of fieldwork, the student is eligible to sit for the national certification examination. Successful completion of the examination qualifies the candidate to apply for national certification and state licensure.

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The graduate occupational therapy curriculum can be completed in 2 and ½ years which includes the mandatory 6 months of fieldwork internship.

The curriculum is composed of six clusters:
◊ Occupation—the core of the profession
◊ Foundations for occupational therapy practice
◊ Professional development
◊ Practice in the Community
◊ Research and knowledge development
◊ Practice of occupational therapy

STUDENT ORGANIZATION
◊ Pre-Occupational Therapy Club (on SJSU Campus)
◊ Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)
◊ Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) Occupational Therapy National Honor Society

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS
◊ Mary Booth Scholarship
◊ Bonita Kraft Scholarship
◊ Wynn Schultz-Krohn Scholarship
◊ Fieldwork Loan

Examples of student baccalaureate degrees obtained prior to entering the MS in OT program:
- Art
- Business
- Dance
- Kinesiology
- Psychology
- Biology
- Child Development
- Health Science
- Music
- Sociology

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK
A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the National Board Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination and may preclude attainment of state licensure.

SJSU WEB LINKS
SJU Home page: http://www.sjsu.edu/
Applying to SJSU: http://www.csumentor.edu/
Aid and Scholarship: http://www.sjsu.edu/faso
Housing: http://housing.sjsu.edu/
Request Information about SJSU: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/info.html
Schedule of Classes: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/schedules.html
SJU Catalog: http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html
Writing Skills Test: https://testing.sjsu.edu/
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