

## **Advanced Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (M.S.)**

### **A.T. Still University**

Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University is a multidisciplinary healthcare education and training university founded on whole person care. ATSU comprises the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), the online School of Health Management (SHM), and the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA).

### **Arizona School of Health Sciences**

The Arizona School of Health Sciences located in Mesa, Arizona, offers doctoral and Master of Science degrees in a wide range of healthcare disciplines and strives to advance healthcare by educating compassionate, competent healthcare professionals. The school's interdisciplinary and technology emphasis, with incorporation of a philosophy of wholeness and treatment of body, mind, and spirit, creates an excellent professional educational environment.

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The Advanced Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (AMOT) Program is a post-professional degree program designed for the practicing occupational therapists who wish to advance their clinical skills and professional status. This distance education program allows the occupational therapist to build upon existing experience, strengthen academic foundations, improve critical reasoning skills, and increase the ability to practice in varied clinical settings and professional roles. The program uses the Internet to provide all didactic materials with frequent, high-quality peer/faculty interaction.

### **The Curriculum**

The program requires a minimum of 42 quarter credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree. Designed for the working therapist, the program can be completed in two to three years based upon the plan of study. The program of study is divided into four areas:

1. Professional Practice (9 credits required)
2. Critical Inquiry (12 credits required)
3. Electives in Area of Interest. (12 credits required)
4. Capstone Experience (9 credits)

**Requirements for Admission:**

1. No GRE is required.
2. A bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants who have graduated from a non-US college or university must submit acceptable evidence of U.S. degree/course equivalency and must have foreign transcripts evaluated by an evaluation service specializing in foreign transcript evaluation. The evaluation must state that the transcript(s) reflect an equivalency of a U.S. degree.
3. Initial certification as an Occupational Therapist from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. International applicants are eligible to apply, but must show proof of certification or eligibility to practice as an occupational therapist that is equivalent to OT certification and licensure in the United States and have earned an OT degree from an OT Program recognized by the World Federation of Occupational Therapy.
4. Minimum overall undergraduate 2.50 GPA and minimum Occupational Therapy Program 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
5. Official sealed transcripts from all institutions attended.
6. International students must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by submitting an official TOEFL minimum score or higher of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 80 (internet based).

**Application Information**

Please contact our graduate enrollment counselors for application information. For additional information, contact:

Graduate Enrollment Counselor  
Toll Free: 877.469.2878  
onlineinquiry@atsu.edu  
[www.atstu.edu](http://www.atstu.edu)

**Tuition and Expenses**

Tuition for the 2011-2012 year is \$458 per credit hour. Tuition is assessed annually. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

**Financial Assistance**

Financial support, including private and federal loans, is available for students accepted into the Advanced Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at the Arizona School of Health Sciences through the Student Financial Assistance Office. This office assists students in developing a comprehensive financial assistance package based on individual needs.

**Accreditation**

A.T.Still University of Health Sciences is accredited through the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, phone 800.621.7440, accredits A.T. Still University. Approved by: The Arizona State Board for Postsecondary Education, 1400 W. Washington Road, Room 260, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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