

Occupational Studies Program



THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is widely known for excellence in education, innovative cutting-edge research, and community-engaged learning and service. Our College offers the greatest number of health-related degree programs in the state of Wisconsin, and our academic and clinical partners represent some of the best healthcare facilities and medical centers in metropolitan Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the nation. Our collaborative research and community engagement initiatives allow us to establish a distinguished presence in our region and beyond.

Our mission is to enrich the health and well-being of people in Wisconsin and the world through innovative research, outstanding education and exceptional service, and to inspire others to carry out this work.

GETTING INVOLVED

Students with paid or unpaid experience in the area of disability, diversity, leadership and undergraduate research are best prepared for employment and graduate studies. The Center for Community-Based Learning, Leadership, & Research has many opportunities for student involvement. The Office of Undergraduate Research also helps to match students with research opportunities. Students in the OS program are encouraged to become involved in undergraduate research.

WHAT YOU CAN BE

Activity Therapist/Directors
 Adult Day Program Coordinator
 Assistive Technology Professional
 Behavioral Health Technician
 Design & Accessibility Consultant
 Health Care Consultant
 Insurance Claims Adjuster, Examiner, Investigator
 Occupational Health and Safety Specialist

Recreation Coordinator or Therapist
 Risk Control Consultant
 Social & Community Service Manager
 Successful Graduate Student in Many of the Health, Rehabilitation and Social Sciences, as well as some STEM Disciplines

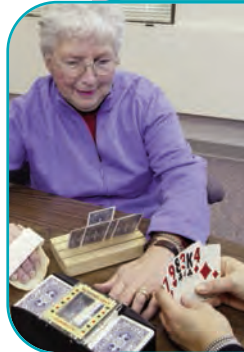
WHERE YOU CAN WORK

Adult Day Care Centers
 Assisted Living Agencies
 Community Settings
 Corporations/Industry
 Hospitals
 Mental Health Settings
 Nursing Homes
 Private Practice
 Public/Private Schools
 Rehabilitation Centers



JOB OUTLOOK

The Occupational Outlook Handbook provides job forecasting information for many jobs. The job outlook varies depending on the specific job. Recreational Therapists (\$42,000 median salary) are anticipated to grow as fast as the average for all occupations. Community Service Managers (\$59,970 median salary) are anticipated to grow faster than the average. Insurance positions (\$59,960 median salary) or risk control consultant in the area of health and medicine have the best outlook in the insurance industry.



YOU SHOULD ENJOY...

Human Anatomy and Physiology, Psychology, Physics, Rehabilitation, Assistive Technology, Disability Studies, Digital and Fabrication Design, Human Growth and Development, Medical Conditions and Health Care



YEARS OF COLLEGE REQUIRED

A full time student may complete the degree in a minimum of 4 years for entry-level positions. Years to completion of the degree are largely contingent upon the incoming student's proficiency in mathematics. Occupational Therapy requires an additional 2-year Master's Degree. Other advanced or professional degree requirements vary by specialty, but typically involve at least 2-3 years.

Where science enriches lives



OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES Program

The Department of Occupational Science and Technology offers a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational studies (OS). The OS degree offers a flexible educational path. Courses are offered in a combination of face-to-face, blended and online formats. Combined with dynamic elective courses in the areas of assistive technology, disability, human factors and therapeutic recreation, a degree in the area of occupational studies prepares students well for graduate study in the area of occupational therapy or other areas.

Upon graduation, this undergraduate degree also helps prepare students for diverse employment in the area of disability from direct care services to consultative services to the business aspects of health care.



Occupational Studies combines various components of health, disability and occupation that contribute to full participation in life.

Occupational Studies

Disability is explored from a holistic perspective to include both medical and social aspects. Occupation and full participation in life is explored through topics such as occupational sciences, therapeutic recreation, assistive technology, ergonomics, human factors and universal design. Many courses explore interactions between users, equipment and the environment. Several courses in the area of scientific inquiry, biostatistics, measurement and evidence informed practice establish a strong foundation for students interested in research and graduate education.

Individuals interested in this area of study may prefer to work in professions that serve individuals with disabilities or the community overall. Our program also prepares students for graduate level professional programs such as Occupational Therapy, many other health or rehabilitation sciences, social sciences and some areas in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines.