

Occupational Therapy Masters Degree

Southern Vermont College has a collaborative agreement with Sage Graduate School in Troy, New York through which SVC students may complete an Occupational Therapy Masters degree in as little as one year after the completion of a baccalaureate degree at SVC.

Occupational therapists work with people experiencing health problems to assist them in regaining, developing, and building skills essential for independent living, maintaining health, and creating a personal sense of well-being. Therapy can take place in schools, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, psychiatric facilities, and community health programs. Occupational therapy plays an important role in preventing injury or the deterioration of existing conditions. Occupational therapy can also allow clients to maintain their independence who may otherwise require institutionalization or require other long-term care. Occupational therapy can keep health care costs down while maximizing the quality of life for individuals and families.

Students interested in a career in Occupational Therapy can obtain guaranteed admission to the SGS OT Masters degree program by:

- a. completing a baccalaureate degree at SVC
- b. maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- c. receiving a science GPS of 2.75 or higher (NS235 and NS 236 and Physics)
- d. completion of all prerequisite courses listed below with a grade of C or higher

Students who complete the prerequisite courses listed below with a grade of C or higher will be considered to have met the corresponding course requirements in the SGS OT program:

Southern Vermont College Courses	SGSOT Program Course Equivalents
NS235 and NS236 A&P I and II with lab	BIO201 and 202 A&P I and II with lab
MA202 Statistical Methods	PSY207/MAT220 Statistics
PY150 Psychology	PY101 Intro to Psychology
PY203 Lifespan Development	PSY202 Human Development
PY402 Abnormal Psychology	PSY308 Abnormal Psychology
	PHY101 General Physics May be taken at any accredited college with approval from the SGS OT Program Director.

Students wishing to seek admission to the SGS OT Masters degree program should contact the Chair of the John Merck Division of Science and Technology.