ADMISSION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

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Quality of Previous Undergraduate and Graduate Work
(Entry Level Only)
The minimum requirements necessary for admission to Alvernia University’s MSOT Entry Level program will include an official transcript indicating that the applicant has earned an appropriate baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all previous undergraduate and graduate work is required for full acceptance.

Quality of Previous Undergraduate and Graduate Work
(Master’s Completion Only)
The minimum requirements necessary for admission to Alvernia University’s MSOT Master’s Completion program will include an official transcript indicating that the applicant has earned an appropriate baccalaureate degree from an ACOTE-accredited college or university in Occupational Therapy. Alternately, official transcript(s) indicating that the applicant has earned an appropriate baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in another field and completion of certification program in occupational therapy from an accredited program will also be accepted. A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all previous undergraduate and graduate work is required for full acceptance.

Letters of Recommendation
The strength of letters of recommendation from persons competent to judge the applicant’s probable success in graduate school will be evaluated. Each applicant will submit three letters of recommendation. Letters from former professors, employers, or supervisors familiar with the applicant’s professional experiences, or from religious or community leaders must be forwarded directly to the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies at Alvernia University. Letters should be recent, and express how applicants might fair in a graduate school setting. At least one of the three letters should be from a person able to determine the applicant’s academic capabilities (e.g. a faculty member or academic advisor).

Applicant’s Statement of Academic and Career Objectives
The applicant must submit a one-page statement that summarizes the value of the program of graduate study for his/her personal and professional growth and development. It is recommended that the applicant include discussion of understanding of the profession and include reference to any observations, visits, or experiences with occupational therapy/or therapists the applicant may have had.

Proof of current licensure and/or NBCOT board certification
(Master’s Completion Only)

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS AS A GRADUATE STUDENT

Academic or professional awards, special certifications, samples of scholarly or creative work, completion of specialized examinations, and personal interviews will also be reviewed as evidence of potential.

Special Consideration of Applicant’s Potential
Alvernia will weigh the evidence submitted by each applicant to assess the candidate’s strengths and academic potential. Applicants to the MSOT degree program will be admitted as described:

Full Graduate Status: Students admitted to full graduate status must have submitted official documents demonstrating that they have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. These students must be fully qualified by the judgment of the Dean of the Graduate Programs. Students may opt for full-time or part-time enrollment.

Retention, Completion, and Degree Requirements
Students with full graduate status must respond to a written offer of admission that specifies the date of entrance into the MSOT program. This admission letter will serve as a permit-to-register for courses.

Progress toward completing the graduate degree will be evaluated by each student’s advisor on a regular basis. Students with full graduate status must achieve and thereafter maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be retained in the program. Students will be required to submit proof of criminal background check, FBI clearance, child abuse clearance, recent physical, and private health insurance. Students who can’t obtain clear records and/or proof of certifications/clearances will not be able to complete clinical portions of program and will be unable to graduate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students who have additional questions or would like more information should contact Graduate Admissions at 1.888.ALVERNIA (1.888.258.3764/1.610.796.8228) or graduate@alvernia.edu. More information on Alvernia’s MSOT program can be found on the University’s web site at www.alvernia.edu/academics/graduate/msot/index.html.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES (can be submitted on a rolling basis or all at once)

- Completed application form accompanied by a non-refundable $50 application fee mailed to Alvernia University, School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, 540 Upland Avenue, Reading, PA 19611. Please make check payable to Alvernia University.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement.
- Academic or professional awards (not required, but encouraged)
- Proof of current licensure and/or NBCOT board certification (Master’s Completion Only)
- Official college/institution transcripts
Thank you for your interest in Alvernia University. We are pleased that you have decided to apply.

Alvernia University uses a rolling admission process, which means that we are constantly accepting and reviewing applications contingent on openings in specific academic programs. We prefer that you submit your application as early as possible. Applications should be completed in ink or typed, and a non-refundable $50 application fee should accompany the application.

Should you have questions about the application or Alvernia’s admission process, please feel free to contact the School of Graduate Studies.
GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

☒ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
  ☐ Entry Level
  ☐ Master’s Completion

Indicate Board certification and/or license ________________________________

MILITARY INFORMATION

Are you currently serving or have you ever served with any branch of the United States Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be receiving Armed Forces educational benefits? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please indicate the semester and year you plan to enroll. ☐ Fall ________ ☐ Spring ________ ☐ Summer ________

YEAR

Expected student status: ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

Have you previously applied for admission to Alvernia University? ☐ Yes ☐ No

OTHER COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Please tell us about other colleges and/or universities to which you have applied, or plan to apply, for graduate admission.

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Have you visited Alvernia University? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please identify siblings, parents, or close relatives who are current students or graduates of Alvernia.

Name _________________________________ Years attended _______ to _______ Relationship__________________________

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ALVERNIA? (check and fill out information about all that apply)

☐ Television ☐ Friend ☐ Billboards ☐ Internet________

☐ Alumni ☐ Co-worker ☐ College Fair ☐ Newspaper________

☐ Magazine ☐ Information Session ☐ College Fair ☐ Radio________

☐ Alvernia Website ☐ Mailings ☐ Information Session ☐ Other__________________________

SIGNATURE

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is true.
I agree that, if accepted, I will comply with the rules and regulations of Alvernia University.

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SIGNATURE DATE

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Alvernia University complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws in the administration of its educational programs and services and in its employment relationships.

Official Office Use Only
Application Fee ☐ pd ☐ not pd ☐ waived Application Rec’d __________ Accept Date __________ Confirm Date __________