



Master of Occupational Therapy Program

School of Rehabilitation Science



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Welcome



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Land Acknowledgement



As we gather here today, we
acknowledge we are on
Treaty 6 Territory and the
Homeland of the Métis.

We pay our respect to the First
Nations and Métis ancestors of
this place and reaffirm our
relationship with one another.

Overview



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Why the MOT Program, Why Now?

Urgent Provincial Need

Government Support

Strategic Timing

Community and Stakeholder Engagement



Vision of the MOT Program

To develop a leading Master of Occupational Therapy program rooted in Saskatchewan that prepares graduates to deliver equitable, culturally relevant, and evidence-informed occupational therapy services across the province and beyond.



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Future Impact of the MOT Program

Transforming Health and Social Outcomes

Building a Sustainable Workforce

Establishing a National Model

Driving Innovation and Research

Developing Future Leaders



Growing with Purpose: MOT & the USask Strategic Vision

University Plan 2025

- ***Courageous Curiosity***: Foster critically inquiry and reflection
- ***Boundless Collaboration***: Strengthen partnerships with healthcare, industry, and community partners.
- ***Inspire Communities***: Improve health outcomes through occupational participation.

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- ***Quality Education***: Prepare graduates to meet the needs in evolving health and social care contexts
- ***Social Accountability***: Prioritize cultural humility and culturally responsive care.
- ***Research Capacity***: Enable interdisciplinary research and scholarship.

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- ***Community-Centered Health***: Deliver transformative, hands-on education.
- ***Inclusive Learning***: Promote interprofessional, socially responsible training.



What will this program do?



- Train homegrown OT's
- Advance health equity and access to care
- Embed Indigenous knowledge & perspectives
- Lead in interprofessional education
- Build a sustainable, community-rooted workforce

Program Structure & Curriculum

DURATION:

- 27 months (*Fall 2026 start*)

ANNUAL INTAKE:

- 40 students

ACCREDITATION:

- Aligned with CAOT standards
- Curriculum based on Canadian Competencies for Occupational Therapists in Canada

CLINICAL PLACEMENT HOURS:

- 6 placements, 1,000+ hours (1 week, 5 weeks, 6 weeks)

UNIQUE FOCUS:

- Rural, remote and Indigenous communities



MOT Curriculum Map

Year 1 Fall (Module 1) September - December 2026				Year 1 Winter (Module 2) January – April 2027		Year 1 - Spring (Module 3) May – May 2027	Year 1 Spring (Module 4) May – June 2027		Year 1 Summer (Module 5)		
2 days	12 weeks		Dec19 – Jan 4	12 weeks (February break off)		5 weeks	6 weeks		1 day	4 weeks asynchronous	
Orientation to Program and Term 1	OTH 811 Foundations of OT Practice 1		OTH 901 – Clinical Placement 1 1CU	Vacation	OTH 812 Foundations of OT Practice 2		OTH 902 Clinical Placement 2 5 CU	OTH 911 Introduction to OT Clinical Practice		Project Work Note: Capstone conference attendance compulsory	OTH 813 Bridging Clinical Foundations
	OTH 801 Context in Occupation 1				OTH 802 Context in Occupation 2			OTH 803 Context in Occupation 3			

Year 2 Fall (Module 6) Sept -December 2027			Year 2 Winter (Module 7) January – April 2028		Year 2 Spring/Summer (Module 8) May – July 2028		Year 3 FALL (Module 9) September- November 2028			
12 weeks		Dec19 – Jan 4	6 weeks	6 weeks	12 weeks		6 weeks	6 weeks		
OTH 912 Advanced OT Clinical Practice: Children, Adolescents and Youth		Vacation	OTH 903 Clinical Placement 3 6 CU	OTH 904 Clinical Placement 4 6CU	OTH 915 Capstone Project: Consolidation of Evidence Informed Clinical Practice and Innovation		OTH 905 Clinical Placement 5 6CU	OTH 906 Clinical Placement 6 6CU		
OTH 913 Advanced OT Clinical Practice: Adults & Older Adults										
OTH 914 Advanced OT Clinical Practice: Mental Health					OTH 805 Context in Occupation 5					
OTH 804 Context in Occupation 4										

MOT Program Academic and Clinical Placement Modules

YEAR 1 - FALL MODULE 1

OTH 811
Foundations of Occupational
Therapy Practice 1

OTH 801
Context in Occupation 1

OTH 901
Clinical Placement 1 (1 week)

YEAR 1 - WINTER MODULE 2

OTH 812
Foundations in Occupational
Therapy Practice 2

OTH 802
Context in Occupation 2

YEAR 1 - SPRING MODULE 3

OTH 902
Clinical Placement 2 (5 weeks)

YEAR 1 - SPRING MODULE 4

OTH 911
Introduction to Occupational
Therapy Clinical Practice

OTH 803
Context in Occupation 3

YEAR 1 - SUMMER MODULE 5

OTH 813
Bridging Clinical Foundations

YEAR 2 - FALL MODULE 6

OTH 912
Advanced OT Clinical Practice: Children, Adolescents
and Youth

OTH 913
Advanced OT Clinical Practice: Adults and Older Adults

OTH 914
Advanced OT Clinical Practice: Mental Health

OTH 804
Context in Occupation 4

YEAR 2 - WINTER MODULE 7

OTH 903
Clinical Placement 3
(6 weeks)

OTH 904
Clinical Placement 4
(6 weeks)

YEAR 2 - SPRING/SUMMER MODULE 8

OTH 915
Capstone Project: Consolidation of
Evidence Informed Clinical Practice and
Innovation

OTH 805
Context in Occupation 5

YEAR 3 - WINTER MODULE 9

OTH 905
Clinical Placement 5
(6 weeks)

OTH 906
Clinical Placement 6
(6 weeks)

Admissions Overview

Academic Requirements:

- 4-year undergraduate degree (any field)
- 70% average in last 60 credit units
- 75% average in prerequisite courses

Prerequisites: 3 credits of each of the following

- Human Anatomy or Neuroanatomy
- Behavioral Science – Psychology or Sociology
- Indigenous Studies
- Statistics

Non-Academic Requirements:

- CASPer® test
- 300-word written submission

Residency

- SK, YT, NT, NU residents or graduates of SK institutions
- Armed Forces/RCMP family members posted in eligible Regions
- 8 seats designated for Indigenous applicants



Where is the MOT program going to be located?

The MOT program will be located in the Health Sciences Building on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon.

Phase 1 includes:

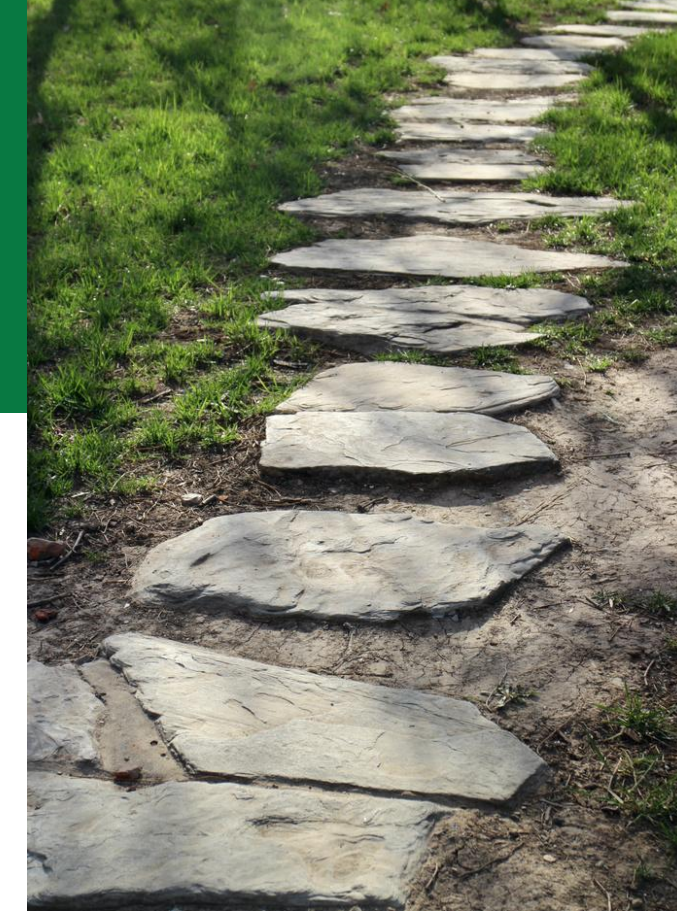
- OT teaching and learning spaces (B-wing and E-Wing)
- SRS student supports and administrative hub (E-wing)
- SRS Faculty and Staff Commons (E-wing)
- Student locker/change room (E-wing)

Phase 2 includes future design conversations for an expansion to the Clinical Resource Learning Centre (CLRC - E-Wing) to include a Living Skills Suite.

Teaching and Learning Spaces



Next Steps

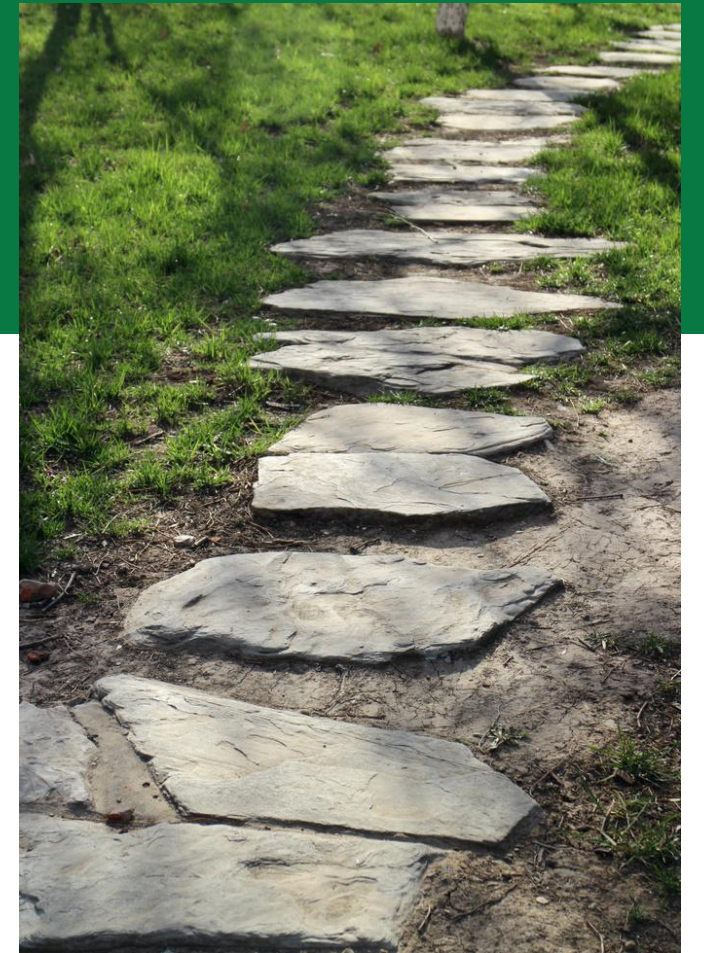


Faculty and Staff Recruitment

- Recruitment for tenure track faculty positions is underway
 - Intention is for some faculty, including MOT program chair to begin in Fall 2025
- Recruitment for additional MOT teaching stream faculty and faculty instructor positions planned for 2025-2026
 - 8 total tenure-track faculty (including new Professors of Teaching) and 4 instructors
- Recruitment of SRS staff positions planned for 2025-2026
 - OT Clinical Coordinator, Student Affairs support, Clinical Associates, Research Facilitator, Admissions support and additional support positions

Next Steps

- Capital project, space and design planning
- Planning for program equipment needs and procurement continue
- Student recruitment and communications
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Clinical Education Unit engaging in conversations with clinical communities around the possibility of taking OT and SLP students in the future
 - Future engagement planned for fall 2025 and beyond
- Accreditation has been initiated with CAOT and work in this area is ongoing



Partnering with the Clinical Community

- Evaluate and supervise students
- Provide feedback and guidance
- Help shape the next generation of OTs
- Opportunities to co-develop and deliver curricula





Questions?

Expressions of interest in clinical education collaboration?

Contact



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Thank you
