

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Founded in 1975, the College of Health Sciences (CHS) is responsible for education and research in the allied health professions at Rush, including health care management. We offer highly ranked and respected programs in communication disorders and sciences (audiology and speech-language pathology), clinical laboratory sciences, clinical nutrition, clinical pastoral education, health care ethics, health systems management, medical physics, occupational therapy, perfusion technology and vascular ultrasound. We are also planning new programs in respiratory care, physician assistant studies and the imaging sciences. Within the college we offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs, as well as several certificate programs.

Part of Rush University, the college seeks to prepare superb allied health practitioners, leaders and managers. Our students and graduates rate our programs highly, and employers seek our graduates for great jobs at competitive salaries. We have a strong track record in terms of graduate job placement and career success. In addition to providing outstanding educational programs for our students, the college makes meaningful and significant contributions to advancing health care through research, scholarship, service and practice.

If you are seeking a career in the health sciences where you can help others, earn a good salary and have job security, consider the programs offered in the College of Health Sciences at Rush University.

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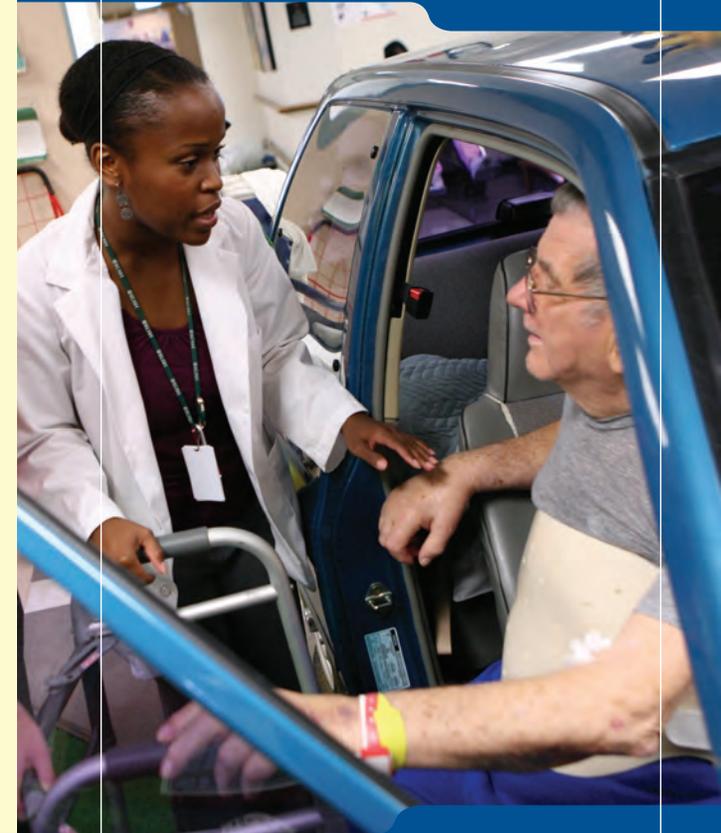
Located in the vibrant city of Chicago, Rush University offers outstanding educational programs in the health sciences at a top tier academic medical center. Rush University includes Rush Medical College, the Graduate College, the College of Nursing and the College of Health Sciences. At Rush, we educate physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, scientists and researchers to provide the very best patient care. Using a unique and multidisciplinary teacher-practitioner model, Rush encourages the growth of its students through the pursuit of excellence, free inquiry and the highest intellectual and ethical standards. At Rush, we promote the values of diversity, access and inclusion in all of our endeavors.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Discrimination or harassment against any member of the Rush University Medical Center community (i.e., employee, faculty, house staff, student or patient) because of age, ancestry, color, disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act, gender, gender identity and/or expression, marital or parental status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran's status or any other categories protected by federal or state law is prohibited and will not be tolerated, nor will any person for those reasons be excluded from the participation in or denied the benefits of any program or activity within Rush University Medical Center or Rush University. For the academic sector, Beverly B. Huckman, associate vice president for equal opportunity in the Office of the President, has been designated to oversee the implementation of this policy. Ms. Huckman can be reached at (312) 942-7093, suite 128, Professional Office Building.



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## Master of Science in OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



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## ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Occupational therapy (OT) is a dynamic and integral health care profession that helps people of all ages live life to its fullest by promoting and supporting independence. A career in OT uses many talents and interests to make the impossible seem possible in the lives of people facing a variety of health challenges.

## THE PROGRAM

The master of science OT program at Rush University is built on a unique educational philosophy of the teacher-practitioner-investigator model. All Rush OT faculty members are active clinically. Students gain hands-on clinical experience in Rush clinics; this experience is integrated into classroom teaching throughout the program. The innovative curriculum and integrated learning foster collegiality among Rush faculty, students and practitioners. Graduates of the program are highly competent to engage in evidence-based practice in today's advanced health care settings.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*(Please visit the departmental Web site at [www.rushu.rush.edu/occuth](http://www.rushu.rush.edu/occuth) for a complete list of requirements.)*

- Baccalaureate degree from accredited college or university
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher out of 4.0
- Completion of the following courses:
  - Human anatomy\* (cadaver lab preferable)
  - Human physiology\* (with lab)
  - Statistics
  - Sociology or anthropology
  - Human growth and development across the life span
  - Two psychology courses in addition to human growth and development
- GRE test scores (test must have been taken within the past five years)

- Experience with OT (observation, volunteering or working)
- Three letters of recommendation, one from an OT practitioner

*\*Courses must be taken within five years prior to program admission.*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Rush University offers OT students a learning experience using the teacher-practitioner-investigator model, whereby faculty members take on multiple roles as educators, researchers and practitioners.
- Rush OT students experience an innovative curriculum that involves hands-on clinical experience and fosters critical thinking.
- Students receive outstanding training and have the opportunity to participate in field work, including community service opportunities, as well as in evidence-based outcome studies.
- A part-time OT program is also available.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase 23 percent through 2016, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.
- The median annual salary of occupational therapists was \$60,470 in May 2006; 10 percent of OTs earned more than \$89,450.
- Rush graduates are employed across the Chicago area and the nation in the areas of mental health; productive aging; children and youths; health and wellness; work and industry; and rehabilitation, disability and participation.



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Application review begins October 15, for summer admission.
  - Applications will be accepted until the class is full.
  - Admission to the program requires an on-site interview of selected applicants.
- Applicants must apply online:
- Go to [www.rushu.rush.edu](http://www.rushu.rush.edu) and select "apply now," located in the left-hand menu bar.
  - Create an account or login.
  - Follow the instructions to complete the application and submit.

The occupational therapy program is fully accredited through 2015 by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Address: AOTA, Accreditation Department, 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. Phone: (301) 652-2682.

For more information, please visit the departmental Web site at [www.rushu.rush.edu/occuth](http://www.rushu.rush.edu/occuth) or call College Admission Services at (312) 942-7100.

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