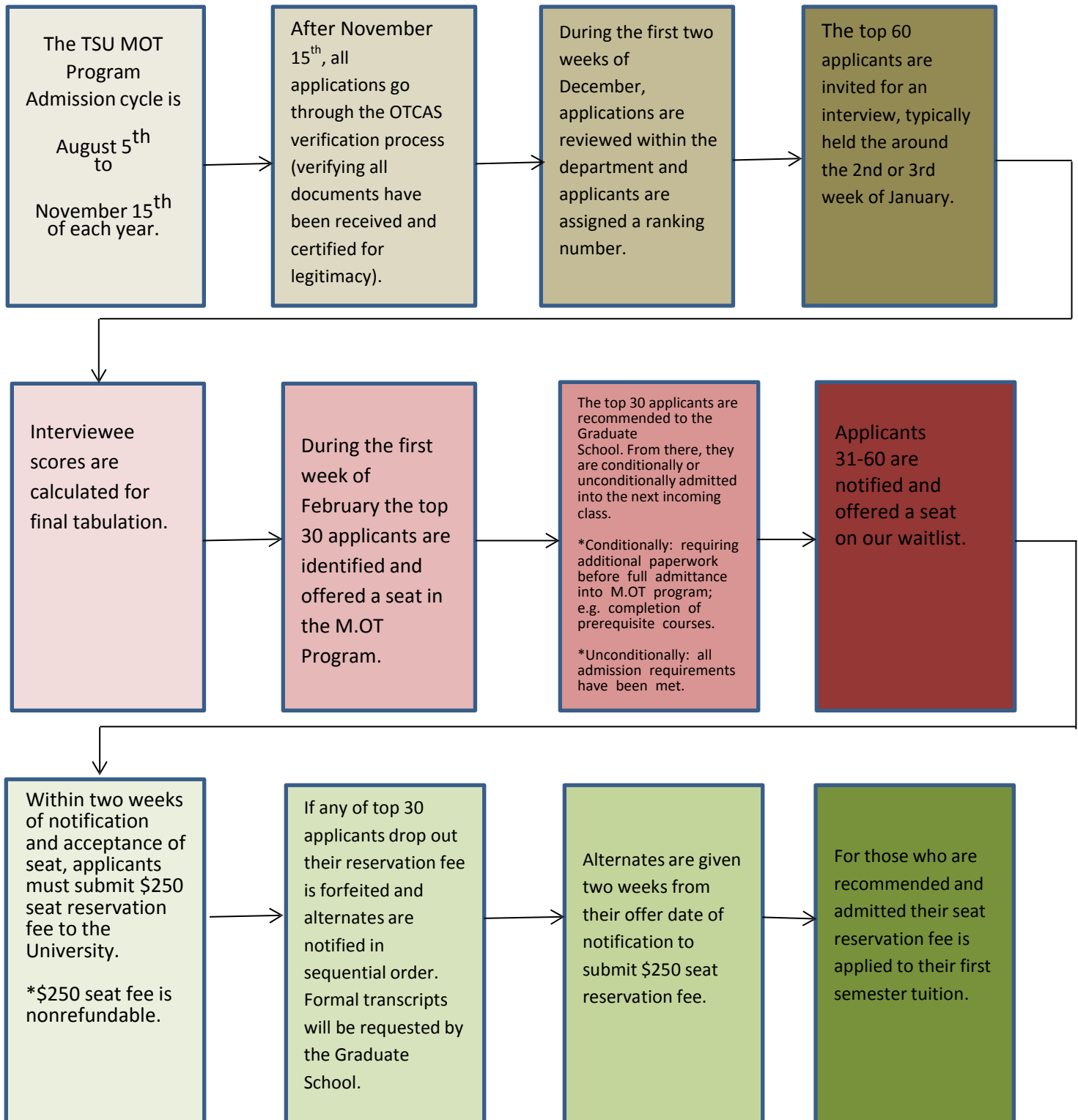


Tennessee State University

MOT Admissions Process & Timeline, Retention, and Graduation Requirements



Retention Requirements

MOT Retention Policy

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of “B” or 3.0 on a 4.0 system in order to graduate. Any course attempts resulting in a grade of less than “C” will be allowed to be repeated once and the second grade will replace the first. A student may repeat a maximum of two (2) courses in a given program for the purposes of improving grades. The MOT program is designed as a lock step program. Therefore, any student who receives a grade of less than “C” in any course will be required to retake that course when it is offered during the next academic year. Other courses in the curriculum cannot be taken out of sequence.

Any student who does not achieve a 3.0 overall GPA for one semester will be placed on academic probation and the student is given the opportunity to raise his or her GPA to a 3.0 the following semester. If the student does not achieve the 3.0 GPA in the identified semester, he or she will be dismissed from the MOT program. Students may file an appeal for readmission, but students are only allowed one appeal for readmission. The appeal needs to follow the established process noted in the Graduate Catalog.

A comprehensive examination, which consists of written and practical components, must be passed with a score of 75% or better before the student can be enrolled in OCCT 6904 or OCCT 6914. The exam may be attempted twice. If a student is not successful in achieving a minimum score of 75% on the second attempt, he or she will be dismissed from the MOT program. Any need to repeat the exam will require retaking both parts because the comprehensive exam is considered one exam with two parts.

Graduation & Credentialing Requirements

The Master of Occupational Therapy degree is open to students who obtain their undergraduate degree in Health Sciences from Tennessee State University as well as transfer students who have completed their undergraduate degree and the 9 prerequisite courses required. THE MOT degree requires completion of 72 graduate credit hours including twelve (12) credit hours of level II fieldwork experiences. The MOT program is offered within the College of Health Sciences.

1. Completion of all course credit requirements (72) hours
2. Successful completion of the comprehensive examination (taken during the second spring semester)
3. Successful completion of both Level II Fieldwork experiences.

Occupational Therapy Credentialing

Upon successful completion of the MOT program graduates are eligible to sit for the National Board Certification Exam. After successfully passing the board exam graduates are eligible to apply for state licensure (if required).

Transfer Credit & Credit for Previous Work Experience

TRANSFER CREDIT (TSU)

At the master's level, a student may be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) semester or eighteen (18) quarter hours of graduate credit from another accredited college or university. At the educational specialist and doctoral level, a maximum of six (6) semester hours may be transferred. The Transfer of Credit form may be obtained from the departmental office. The course work being considered for transfer must be evaluated by the graduate coordinator, dean of the academic unit and the dean of the Graduate School. Only courses in which the student earned grades of "B" or better, and which are taken within the degree program time limit, will be considered for transfer. Credits earned in partial fulfillment of a previous completed degree program at Tennessee State University or any other institution may not be transferred or used for credit in another degree program.

TRANSFER CREDIT (TSU MOT Program)

Consistent with the TSU Transfer Credit Policy, a maximum of (12) semester credited hours or (18) quarter hours may be accepted from another occupational therapy ACOTE accredited program. However, the transfer courses must be equal in content and credit hours as well as within a similar schedule as the TSU MOT lock step program. Courses that will place the student outside the TSU MOT established schedule, if accepted, may delay the student's graduation. Students requesting transfer credits must be submitted and approved through the TSU system prior to beginning the TSU MOT program.

The TSU MOT program is not able to allow MOT credits for prior work experience. This also includes work experience within the profession of occupational therapy.