

**INTERVIEW GUIDELINES FOR 2021 APPLICANTS**  
**MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY– REGULAR PROGRAM**

The personal interview constitutes the final phase of the student selection process. The interview provides an opportunity to further assess your suitability for the Occupational Therapy program and for you to convince the interviewer that you are one of the best candidates!

**The Interview Process**

You will complete one interview with an Occupational Therapy faculty member online through Zoom.

**You will need photo ID for this purpose (i.e., driver's license, passport, student card).**

---

**In order to maintain confidentiality and preserve fairness for all applicants, you are requested NOT to discuss the content or format of the interview with anyone. You will be required to verbally acknowledge this confidentiality agreement prior to the start of the interview.**

---

**The Interviews**

You will have a one-to-one 20 minute interview with an Occupational Therapy Faculty member. The interview will consist of standardized questions.

The interviewer cannot interpret the question for you; however, they can repeat questions if requested to do so. It is important that you listen carefully, interpret the questions to the best of your ability, and respond with complete yet concise answers. Be sure to include examples as requested or appropriate.

You should be aware that the interviewer might be taking notes throughout the interview as part of his/her assessment.

The interviewer does not have access to your academic record nor to any of the material that you sent in with your application form (i.e., resume, letter of introduction), therefore, it is correct for you to assume that s/he knows nothing about you as you begin the interview process.

Dr. Leanne Leclair, Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy, will provide a short formal orientation session online to provide you with information that you will require should you be offered a place in our program. Orientation sessions will take place

online at scheduled times via Zoom on the interview day. More information will follow for those invited to interview.

### **Admission Decisions**

The Selection Meeting for the Master of Occupational Therapy 2021-2022 academic session will be held Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 (subject to change). Following this meeting, the Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Faculty of Graduate Studies regarding successful program applicants. The Faculty of Graduate Studies reviews these recommendations and grants the final approval of applicants for admission to the MOT program. A formal letter of offer will be forwarded from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to successful applicants in the weeks following the selections meeting.

Up to fifty students are offered admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy program. Once the first fifty students are offered a place, an alternate list is created for remaining competitive students. Those applicants on the alternate list will be contacted in rank order of overall academic and interview score should positions become available.

The Department of Occupational Therapy will notify all applicants of their admissions status following the May selection meeting. Applicants can expect to receive one of the following letters via email:

- A letter indicating that he/she has been recommended to the Faculty of Graduate Studies as a successful applicant for a place in the MOT program, or
- A letter indicating that he/she has been recommended to the Faculty of Graduate Studies as a successful applicant for a place in the MOT program, conditional on successful completion of entrance requirements, or
- A letter indicating that he/she has been recommended to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to be placed on the alternate list for a place in the MOT program should a space become available, or
- A letter indicating that he/she has been recommended to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to be placed on the alternate list for a place in the MOT program should a space become available. Placement on the alternate list is conditional on applicant completing entrance requirements, or
- A letter indicating that the application has been unsuccessful.

Best of luck during the interview process,

Pamela Wener, Ph.D., O.T. Reg. (MB)  
Associate Professor and Chair of MOT Admissions Committee  
Department of Occupational Therapy  
College of Rehabilitation Sciences  
Rady Faculty of Health Sciences



Email: [Pamela.Wener@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Pamela.Wener@umanitoba.ca)

Telephone: 204-789-3456

<http://umanitoba.ca/medrehab/ot>

Updated: March 3, 2021