



2026-2027 Qualifying Year for the M.Sc.(A) O.T.

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1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Qualifying Year (OT QY) for the M.Sc. (A) O.T. is one academic year given over two semesters: fall and winter. This is immediately followed by the Master of Science (Applied) Occupational Therapy [M.Sc.(A) O.T.] program which is 1.5 academic years (5 semesters) in duration.

Program Direction and Staff Support

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for advising.

EMAIL NOTICES

[Policy on email communication with students](#) .

Email is one of the official means of communication between McGill University and its students. *Notices from McGill and the School, including your instructors, will be communicated via e-mail to your **McGill e-mail** address only (firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca), and will not be sent to any other e-mail address. As well, you are required to send your questions or inquiries using your **McGill e-mail** (firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca).*

Program Timeline Overview		
Term	Content	Approximate Time Period
QY Fall	Academic Classes	End of August to December
QY Winter	Academic Classes	January to mid- April
M1 Summer	Clinical Practica 1 and 2	Mid-April to the end of August
M1 Fall	Academic Classes	End of August to December
M1 Winter (Part 1)	Clinical Practicum 3	January to March break (Reading Week)
M1 Winter (Part 2)	Academic Classes	After March break (Reading Week) to mid-May
M2 Summer	Master's Project	Mid-May to August
M2 Fall	Clinical Practicum 4	September to December

ADMISSION TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE, APPLIED, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY –SUMMER 2027

Master of Science (Applied) Occupational Therapy begins with 2 summer clinical courses from mid-April. Details to follow in the fall and winter terms.

There are spaces reserved for all students who enter the OT QY stream to the MSc (A) in the same discipline. You will need to complete and submit payment for a simplified SLATE application for admission to the MSc (A) OT for summer 2027. Application instructions will be provided during the fall term.

Note: A minimum cGPA of 3.0/4.0 is required. Students may not be admitted to the MSc (A) OT degree if they have demonstrated a lack of academic integrity or professional behaviour during the QY.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2026 Monday August 31st, 2026 – Tuesday December 22nd, 2027

- **Classes begin:** Monday, August 31
- **Deadline to register for at least one course** to avoid registration penalties: Thursday August 14 (see note regarding IPEA courses)
- **Deadline to cancel registration:** Sunday, August 31
- **Add/Drop deadline:** Tuesday, September 15
- **Course or University Withdrawal with refund deadline:** Tuesday, September 22
- **Course or University Withdrawal WITHOUT REFUND deadline:** Tuesday, October 27
 - **Fall Reading Break:** Friday, October 9 to Wednesday, October 14 inclusive
 - **Makeup Day:** Wednesday, December 3 (On Wednesday, December 3, the normal Wednesday schedule of course lectures, labs, and conferences will be replaced by a Monday schedule)
 - **Classes end:** Monday, December 3
 - **Study Day:** Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6
 - **Exams begin:** Monday, December 7
 - **Exams end:** Tuesday, December 22 (12 days, including evening exams)

Legal holidays

All course activities are cancelled, and administrative offices are closed on the following dates:

- **Labour Day:** Monday, September 7
- **Thanksgiving:** Monday, October 12
- **Holiday break:** Thursday, December 24, 2026, to Thursday, January 1, 2027, inclusive Library hours are available on the [Library website](#).

Winter 2027 January 5, 2027– April 30, 2027

- **Classes begin:** Monday, January 5, 2027
- **Deadline to cancel registration:** Tuesday, December 31, 2027
- **Add/Drop deadline:** Tuesday, January 19 2027
- **Course or University Withdrawal with refund deadline:** Tuesday, January 26, 2027
- **Course or University Withdrawal WITHOUT REFUND deadline:** Tuesday, February 23, 2027
- **Winter Reading Break:** from March 1 to March 5, 2027 inclusive
- **Classes end:** Wednesday April 14, 2027
- **Exams begin:** Friday, April 16, 2027
- **Exams end:** Friday, April 30, 2027

There are many other types of deadlines and events that you may need to be aware of (e.g., registration start and end dates, thesis deadlines, convocation dates, fee payment deadlines). These can be found on the [Important Dates Search Tool](#).

2. CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND MINERVA REGISTRATION FALL AND WINTER COURSES

You must log on to Minerva and [register](#) between: **July 7th to August 14th, 2026** (inclusive) to avoid late registration fees.

*Students **who fail to register** in at least one course by August 14th, 2026, may continue to register after this date, up to the end of the registration period on September 9th, 2026, but **with** McGill late registration penalties.*

*Students **who register** in at least one course by August 14th, 2026, may continue to register after this date, up to the end of the registration period on September 15th, 2026, **without** late registration penalties.*

Note 1: You will need to attend to any holds before you are able to register on Minerva. You will NOT be able to register if you have any outstanding fee balance with the University or if you have any other holds that prevent you from registering.

PREMASTERS QY COURSES AND THEIR COMPONENTS

- All admitted Premasters students have spaces reserved in each course and section components.
- There are no course choices or sections to make.
- You must be registered in all courses, and all the different sections of the courses as indicated in the table below.

Note 2: Registration includes the required non-credit courses:

Fall 2026:

*IPEA 500: Roles in Interprofessional Teams.

OCC1 500D1: Pre-Clinical Practicum Seminar.

Winter 2027:

*IPEA 501: Communication in Interprofessional Teams

OCC1 500D2: Pre-Clinical Practicum Seminar.

*IPEA courses: For both fall and winter the add/drop deadline is September 15th. After this date you may be subject to a late registration fee.

- If you have previously completed IPEA 500 or IPEA 501 at McGill follow the instructions on the [Exemption Request Form](#).
- If you have completed a course similar to IPEA 500 or IPEA 501 at a university other than McGill, you will need to be in contact with the Office of Interprofessional Education. For details follow the instructions on the [Exemption Request Form](#). The deadline to request a review for an exemption from IPEA 500 or IPEA 501 is July 31st.

● **Note 3:**

At the start of classes, you will be subdivided into groups as appropriate and will be directed to your activity group.

● **Note 4:**

Break out room sections are additional rooms for the courses/sections. Therefore, these sections are not required to be registered.

OT FALL 2026 COURSES & SECTIONS

	Subject	Course	Section	Type	Credits	Title
	OCC1	500D1	001	Seminar	0	Pre-Clinical Practicum Seminar.
OCC1 545 Therapeutic Strategies in OT 1 <i>This is an unusually large course since it is an 8-credit course. There are multiple activity types. At the beginning of classes, you will be divided into groups and directed to attend an activity type. Therefore, there are no course section times and dates that will overlap/conflict.</i>						
	OCC1	545	001	Lecture	8	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 1.
	OCC1	545	002	Workshop	0	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 1.
	OCC1	545	003	Seminar	0	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 1.
	OCC1	545	004	Drop-in Lab	0	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 1.
	OCC1	550	001	Lecture	3	Enabling Human Occupation.
	OCC1	550	002	Seminar	0	Enabling Human Occupation.
	POTH	563	001	Lecture	3	Foundations of Professional Practice.
	POTH	563	002	Tutorial	0	Foundations of Professional Practice.
	IPEA	500	001	Workshop	0	Roles in Interprofessional Teams.

OT WINTER 2027 COURSES & SECTIONS

Subject	Course	Section	Type	Credits	Title
OCC1	500D2	001	Seminar	0	Pre-Clinical Practicum Seminar.
OCC1	547	001	Lecture	6	Occupational Solutions 1.
OCC1	547	002	Workshop	0	Occupational Solutions 1.
OCC1	547	003	Seminar	0	Occupational Solutions 1.
OCC1	548	001	Lecture	3	Holistic Approaches in OT.
OCC1	549	001	Lecture	4	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 2.
OCC1	549	002	Workshop	0	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 2.
OCC1	549	003	Seminar	0	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 2.
OCC1	549	004	Clinical Reasoning Workshop	0	Therapeutic Strategies in OT 2.
OCC1	551	001	Lecture	3	Psychosocial Practice in OT.
OCC1	551	002	Laboratory	0	Psychosocial Practice in OT.
IPEA	501	001	Workshop	0	Communication in Interprofessional Teams.

o Program requirements are also listed on the [School's curriculum page](#) as well as in the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Course Catalogue](#).

ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT

A minimum grade of B- (**65%**) must be obtained in courses specific to the profession, including each course section, with the course designations of OCC1 & POTH.

Similarly, the passing grade on any remedial or supplemental assessment or examination is B- (65%) for these courses.

Students should be aware that there are specific criteria for promotion for courses with theoretical and practical components or individual and group work.

This is in addition to fulfilling all specific course requirements outlined in the Important Information, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and other [QY documents](#).

NB: A **minimum cGPA** of 3.0 or higher is necessary to be promoted to M1 [MSc (A) OT] in addition to achievement of the required skills and attributes for entry to practice ([see Essential Skills and Attributes](#)).

3. RESOURCES RELATED TO REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

➤ [Check your Personal Registration Start](#)

➤ [Courses and Programs – Registering for Courses and How to Use Minerva](#)

➤ [Handling registration issues](#)

➤ [How to verify your course registration](#)

To ensure that you have correctly registered to all your courses, look up your [\(student record\) in Minerva](#).

➤ [How to verify your personal weekly class schedule](#)

Look up your weekly class schedule [\(student record\) in Minerva](#).

STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality of personal information and access to documents are governed by the provisions of the Quebec Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (the Access Act). The privacy regulations prohibit McGill from releasing any academic or other information regarding students without their specific written and signed consent.

STUDENT ID:

Details about obtaining a McGill Student ID card are available at [How to get a student ID card](#)

YOUR STUDENT RECORD

While all courses offered at McGill have academic merit, not all are appropriate for credit towards the qualifying year for the M.Sc.(A)O.T. Students should consult the information on the [School's website](#) for the regulations governing which courses are required for Qualifying Year and program completion.

Keep in mind that students are responsible for the correctness and completeness of their records. It is your responsibility to make sure that your student record is accurate and that all required courses are correctly recorded in order to be promoted to the next series of courses.

While faculty advisers and staff are always available to give advice and guidance, it is the student's ultimate responsibility for:

- (1) Completeness and correctness of course selection,
- (2) Compliance with and completion of program and degree requirements, and
- (3) Observance of regulations and deadlines.

It is the student's responsibility to seek guidance if in any doubt; misunderstanding or misapprehension will not be accepted as cause for dispensation from any regulation, deadline, program, or degree requirement.

[myProgress](#)

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) has developed a tool called **myProgress** that is available for all graduate students. This tool allows graduate students to view their degree progress; it shows what degree requirements have been completed and what ones must be completed.

[STUDENT RECORDS – FORMS:](#)

Select “Graduate Students” in the navigation bar.

Select “Physical and Occupational Therapy – Professional Programs” as your department.

You can access useful forms including the **Request for Registration/Course Changes** form that is necessary to make a late-registration or late-withdraw request.

[STUDENT ACCOUNTS](#)

Please refer to the [Student Accounts website](#) for payment information including deadlines and mode of payment. You can access your e-billing assessment through your Minerva student account

Consult the [Tuition Fees Table](#) and the [Tuition Calculator](#).

Make sure any required [Legal Documents](#) are submitted.

NB:

The University shall have no obligation to issue any transcript of record, award any diploma, or re-register a student in case of non-payment of tuition fees, library fees, residence fees or loans on their due date. Access to Minerva for the Registration functions will be denied until these debts are paid in full, or arrangements made to settle the debt.

[McGill International Student Requirements](#)

International Students have mandatory requirements imposed by the Federal and Provincial governments.

- Federal Government Requirements
- Study Permit
- Provincial Government Requirements
- Québec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ)
- [Student Work Placement](#) (requirement for students in programs with mandatory clinical practica which begin in summer of M1)

Students are advised to inform themselves of all requirements early and to ensure that applications for all necessary documentation are made well ahead of time because application processing times can be lengthy. Failure to have the necessary documentation can result in the delay of student’s clinical placements or in university withdrawal.

For full details on what is required, international students are advised to contact [International Student Services](#). Make sure all [Legal Documents](#) are submitted by the deadlines.

CLINICAL COURSES

The first clinical courses in the M.Sc. (A) O.T. program begin in the spring and summer immediately following the Premasters (OT QY) academic year. Details on clinical courses will be provided in the Premasters year (OCC1-500 Pre-Clinical Practicum Course Seminars) and can be found on [the School's website](#).

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4. IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL COURSES

Prior to starting their first clinical course (Spring M1), students must ensure that their immunization records are complete in Fall QY. Failure to do so will prevent students from starting their first clinical course in the professional masters' program.

Some vaccines may require you to follow immunization schedules that last several months. Verify details of the immunization requirements and obtain the [form](#) to be completed from the [McGill Student Wellness Hub](#), which allows students to submit their immunization records directly to the Hub. All supporting documentation regarding immunization must be submitted to the Student Wellness Hub.

Students are asked to submit their duly completed and signed immunization forms (with supporting documentation if specified) by Dec 1 at the latest or their supporting immunization documentation via the Student Wellness Hub's secure [document submission platform](#).

For complete details, consult the above-mentioned Student Wellness Hub.

CPR

Valid CPR/AED Level (Health Care Provider) certification or equivalent is required prior to going into any of the clinical affiliation placements and must be maintained throughout the professional Master's program.

FRENCH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

English and French are essential for students who will be working in clinical affiliations throughout the province of Quebec. French is the official language in Quebec and thus health and social services administered by the Ministry of Health are bound by the Charter of the French Language. This means that all health and social service institutions operate in French.

Certain institutions have a bilingual mandate for patient care but team meetings and dealings with third party agencies operate in French only. Some of the clinical communication competencies you will exercise during your studies include listening to a client or their family describe the reason for consulting, asking questions to learn more, explaining a condition in formal and informal terms, and communicating with other healthcare professionals. This could be in-person, on the phone, or with written documentation. As such, all applicants should be aware that any clinical placements in the province of Quebec require the ability to communicate (written and oral) in French.

Language Requirements for Professions

Quebec law requires that candidates seeking admission to provincially recognized professional Orders must be able to communicate verbally and in writing in French. To demonstrate a working knowledge of French, the professional corporation requires one of the following:

- Evidence that you have completed three years of full-time instruction in a French post-primary school.
- A certificate that shows you completed your secondary education in Quebec in 1986 or later.
- Successful completion of a written examination set by Quebec's *Office québécois de la langue française* (OQLF). See below for more information.

If you are a registered student and are within two years of graduating with a degree that will give you access to a professional Order you can write the OQLF examination. Students must register online with the www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca. Examinations take place every three months. Priority is given to students closest to graduation.

More information may be obtained from the *Office québécois de la langue française*, 125 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 1X4. Telephone: 514-873-6565. Website: www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca. Visit www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca and <https://examens.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/Compte/inscription> for information on the online application for the exam.

FRENCH FOR HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS

Students might find French as a Second Language courses beneficial to ameliorate their language skills.

[McGill French Language Centre](#) offers great courses geared to Health Science students.

Note: These require a placement test.

PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR OQLF EXAM

The poster features a green header with the text "Planning to take the OQLF exam?" and "Set yourself up for success!". Below this, it says "FLC-DIALOGUE MCGILL". The central illustration shows three stylized figures (two women and one man) in business attire, with one woman pointing upwards. A dark blue banner across the middle reads "STUDENTS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK". The bottom section is light blue and contains the following text: "Take part in a **FREE** OQLF exam simulation workshop and receive personalized feedback on your performance without stress or penalties!", "Get expert tips and strategies for reading, writing, and the interview to help you succeed.", and "Online | 2h30 workshop | B2, EQ 8 required". On the right side of the bottom section, it says "Sign up now!" above a QR code.

There have been excellent feedback/positive outcomes for the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF) exam preparatory workshops.

To be eligible to practice in Quebec as health and social service professionals you may have to pass the exam administered by the Office québécois de la langue française.

Please note that if you obtained a secondary school certificate in Québec as of the school year 1985-1986, you are recognized as already having the required knowledge in French.

Information about the OQLF Workshops

- **Cost:** Free for eligible participants
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced intermediate level (B2), QUM8
- **Group size:** Limited to 8 participants.

In Quebec, members of professional orders must demonstrate adequate proficiency in French to practice their profession. This typically involves passing the French proficiency exam administered by the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF).

In partnership with Dialogue McGill, the Centre for French Language Teaching (CEF) offers a free, two-part workshop to help you prepare for the OQLF exam.

Format:

Day 1 - Group Session | 2 hours

- Reading activity | Case study
- Speaking activity | Group discussion about the case
- Writing activity | Writing about the case

Day 2 - Individual sessions | 30 minutes

- Speaking activity | Mock interview

[MCGILL SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT AID](#)

McGill Student Aid and Scholarship office has all the resources and advice you need to help pay for university, from step-by-step guides on how to apply for funding to information on how to budget effectively.

McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill



Eligible SPOT programs

- MSc, Rehabilitation Science (Non-Thesis)
- MSc, Rehabilitation Science (Thesis)
- MSc(A) OT, Occupational Therapy (Non-Thesis)
- MSc (A) PT, Physical Therapy (Non-Thesis)

Who should apply?

McCall MacBain Scholars have a track record of community engagement, informed by a sense of duty, empathy, intellectual curiosity, grit, and a willingness to take risks. They aim to create meaningful and lasting change, while improving the lives of others.

How to apply

Starting on June 1st, you can apply at mccallmacbainscholars.org/apply. This application involves the submission of two reference forms and other materials before **September 24, 2026**, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time. Don't delay!

Scholar experience

The scholarship provides much more than financial support. Hear from inaugural McCall MacBain Scholars about their experience in the program:

[What is it like to be a McCall MacBain Scholar? \(video\)](#)

[Meet the scholars](#)

[Application tips from scholars \(video\)](#)



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5. ANATOMY REVIEW WORKSHOP

2026-2027 Qualifying Year for MSc(A) OT/MSc(A) PT And Professional Qualification Students

Dear incoming Qualifying Year and Equivalency OT/PT students,

We hope you are looking forward to starting your new and exciting Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Programs this Fall! We look forward to welcoming you to class in September!

The McGill School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (SPOT) requires incoming students to have excellent knowledge of anatomy before beginning their programs. As such, SPOT organizes a yearly Anatomy Review workshop to support students to consolidate this important anatomy knowledge before starting the programs.

This year, the Anatomy Review Workshop will be held in [the Strathcona Anatomy Labs at McGill University](#). During the workshop, instructors will use cadaveric dissections to support student learning, as well as the workshop is intended to provide a review of important anatomical structures that will be helpful to your learning throughout the Fall and Winter semesters (and future professions), as well as support the development of professional reasoning skills.

Students attending the anatomy workshop are **expected to study and prepare in advance** (a study list can be found at the registration link below) and we recommend that students dedicate approximately 50-60 hours to studying content prior to attending the workshop. Even if you have worked as a clinician and/or have an anatomy background, these sessions are **strongly recommended**.

The schedule for this year's workshop is as follows:

- **Workshop Day 1: Thursday, August 27th, 2026, 8:00-12:00pm**
- **Workshop Day 2: Friday, August 28th, 2026, 8:00-12:00pm**

NB: Minerva registration is NOT required.

The sessions will be led by PT and OT students who have extensive anatomy knowledge and who have previously worked as anatomy lab instructors. OT/PT faculty will also be present to support student learning.

The cost of the anatomy workshop is 60\$ (Canadian). Participants will be provided with goggles, a lab coat, and dissection gloves for the duration of the workshop. **Link to register for the workshop:** <https://mycourses-store.mcgill.ca/product?catalog=SPOT-008>

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding the workshop.

Sincerely,

Prof. Marie-Lyne Grenier (marie-lyne.grenier@mcgill.ca OT)
Prof. Sarah Marshall (sarah.marshall@mcgill.ca PT)

6. MANDATORY TRAINING FOR *LES PRINCIPES POUR LE DÉPLACEMENT SÉCURITAIRE DES PERSONNES (PDSP)*

All students in the Occupational Therapy program are required to complete a mandatory certification training in *Les Principes pour le déplacement sécuritaire des personnes (PDSP)*. These techniques are used by caregivers and health care providers such as nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists and orderlies, to move, transfer, or reposition patients safely, in order to prevent injuries to both the provider/caregiver and the patient.

The certification typically consists of two components: 1) theoretical: online, 3.5 hours; and 2) practical: in-person, at the site of the company offering the training, 7 hours. Completion of this training will provide you with a certificate indicating that you are trained in PDSP techniques. Costs associated with this training are paid by the student.

Below you will see a variety of optional companies where the practical training can take place in order to receive your certification. Training done out of province or at another company that provides you with an equal certification will be accepted.

Application of these techniques will be necessary for upcoming coursework in the Winter Premasters term and for your clinical courses (i.e. placements) in the Masters' program.

Deadline to upload your certificate: **Dec 31, 2026 (11:59PM)**, on POTH-563 Assignment Dropbox on myCourses. Your final course marks for POTH-563 will not be released if you fail to upload your certificate of completion.

*** If possible, attempt to complete this workshop during the summer before the academic year begins. Oftentimes, students find that there is little free time because of the intensity of the coursework in Fall Premasters.

- 1) Free online theory: ASSTSAS free online theory 3.5 hrs: <https://asstsas.qc.ca/formations/repertoire-des-formations/pdsp-volet-theorique/>
- 2) Practical training options:

Company	Address	Cost	Language	Link
Formation solutions Santé	5835 Boulevard Léger, suite 300 Montreal-North, QC, H1G 6E1	150\$	FR	https://formationsolutionsant.e.humakare.ca/en/calendar
LBPSB (Career Development Services)	PACC, 8300 George St, Lasalle, Quebec H8P 1E5	145\$	EN or FR	https://careerds.ca/program/pdsp/

Cardio Santé Plus Link	5995 Boul. Gouin O., Suite 216, Montréal, H4J 2R7	150\$	FR	https://cardiosanteplus.com/formation/pdsp/
Formation Laissi	4865 Beaubien est, Montréal, QC H1T 1T8	157\$	FR	https://rcr-formation.ca/fr/formation/pdsb/dates
NFSB – ForMont Business Trainings Montréal e /Riverside School Board	163 Avenue Cleghorn, Saint-Lambert, QC J4R 2J4 Canada (Parking available)	200\$	EN	https://www.rsb.qc.ca/health-safety-at-work/

7. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS STARTER KIT

To OT Premasters students,

Welcome to all Premasters students in the Occupational Therapy Program! Here is some important information regarding book orders for a few of the required course materials in the OT curriculum, beginning Fall 2026.

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT, <http://www.caot.ca>) offers a special package price for a set of three required texts and materials, called the **CAOT Starter Kit** (EOI, EOII, COPM/forms). These are required materials for several courses within the Premasters curriculum, including:

- OCC1 545 Therapeutic Strategies I (Fall term)
- OCC1 550 Enabling Human Occupation (Fall term)
- OCC1 547 Occupational Solutions 1 (Winter Term)
- OCC1 549 Therapeutic Strategies II (Winter term)
- OCC1 551 Psychosocial Practice in OT (Winter term)

The CAOT Starter Kit comprises the following 3 texts/materials: (EOI, EOII, COPM/forms) <https://caot.ca/client/product2/479/item.html>

The OT Starter Kit includes:

1. [Enabling Occupation: An Occupational Therapy Perspective. \(EBook Only\)](#)

Enabling Occupation - Our best-selling landmark document that presents guidelines for occupational therapy practice. It is important for any occupational therapist who wants to keep up with the latest in theory, practice, and societal trends. Electronic copy.

2. [Enabling Occupation II: Advancing an Occupation Therapy Vision for Health, Well-being, & Justice through Occupation.](#)

Enabling Occupation II - This latest edition of Enabling Occupation (2013) will extend the readers' understanding of the concepts of occupation and enablement, profile generic practice models and frameworks and profile occupation-based enablement. This edition provides an extended Leadership in Enabling Occupation (LEO) model, to extend all occupational therapists' strategic use of scholarship, new accountability approaches, existing and new funding, and workforce planning to improve access to occupational therapy.

3. [Canadian Occupational Performance Measure \(COPM\) and 100 COPM forms.](#)

- COPM Manual - The 5th edition maintains the process and scoring of the original COPM but offers a number of innovations in format and content.
- plus 100 COPM forms. For more information visit <http://www.thecopm.ca/>

The special offer for the **CAOT Starter Kit** is priced at **\$99.00** for all CAOT members, which includes **Student Associates**.

NOTE: Student membership to CAOT (i.e., Student Associate) is free for all our McGill OT students!!!

As a **Student Associate** of CAOT, you will have access to this special offer and to all the publications and information offered through CAOT.

Register for your free membership as a **Student Associate** online at <https://caot.ca/site/membership/category/student?nav=sidebar&banner=2>

The OT Faculty strongly encourages you to purchase these required texts through CAOT and to take advantage of this special pricing.

Note: these textbooks will not be available at the McGill bookstore as we recognize the savings from CAOT far exceed the prices that would be offered at the McGill bookstore.

Once your registration as a **Student Associate** is confirmed, you can access the '**STORE**' and purchase the **CAOT Starter Kit**.

Access the CAOT website <http://www.caot.ca> and go to the '**STORE**' icon at the top right corner. Search for the CAOT Starter Kit ([OI, [OII, COPM/forms).

If you require further information or experience any challenges, please [email: Coursesecretary.spot@mcgill.ca](mailto:Coursesecretary.spot@mcgill.ca)
Looking forward to seeing you all this September 2026.

Sincerely,

Prof. Sara Saunders, PhD, OT(c), erg.
Director, Occupational Therapy program
Associate Professor (professional)

Prof. Susanne Mak, PhD, OT(c), erg.
Associate Director, Occupational Therapy program
Associate Professor (professional)

8. ORIENTATION and WELLNESS WORKSHOP

ORIENTATION:

Please join the OTU3 students for a MANDATORY In-person orientation:

(ATTEND CLASSES AS SCHEDULED starting AUGUST 31st, 2026)

Thursday September 3rd: 8:45 am -11:15 am

ROOM: TBD

WELLNESS WORKSHOP:

There will be a wellness workshop facilitated by the School's Local Wellness Advisor:

Thursday Sept 17th, 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Room McIntyre Medical Building, room 325.

4. CAMPUS LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT (CL&E)

Campus Life & Engagement provides multiple virtual programs to help orient incoming graduate students.

All new students are encouraged to view the information at [Your First Year at McGill](#) for details about orientation activities and workshop.

Orientation includes many activities for new students in the days leading up to the beginning of classes. It is an opportunity for you to get to know the University, the city of Montreal, other new students, and upper-year students.

Orientation is your chance to learn all about the services, resources, and opportunities dedicated to supporting the success of graduate students at McGill. It's also a great opportunity to connect directly with service representatives and have your questions answered in real time.

Graduate Orientation Workshop Series

Beginning week of August 25TH

Join us for in-person workshops, panels, and info sessions for new graduate students!

Graduate Orientation hosts sessions, some of which are dedicated to students entering Masters or Doctoral programs, but most of them are applicable to every new graduate student.

International Student Orientation

To be in the know before you even begin the semester, make sure to participate in the virtual [Pre-Arrival Webinars](#)

International Student Orientation events are open to NEW McGill international undergraduate, graduate, and exchange student. For campus-wide orientation, please visit the [Campus-Life and Engagement website!](#) If you are an international student, join **International Student Services** for opportunities to connect with new and returning international students, receive essential information and advice, and explore Montreal's iconic neighbourhoods and local food culture! Visit the [Orientation for New International Students webpage](#) for more information!

We encourage you to participate in all these activities.

