

Q & A with UIC Master of Science Students

Why did you choose to pursue Occupational Therapy?

“I like the fact that OT considers a person from both physical and psychosocial perspectives. I hope to eventually work in developing countries where the perspective and skills of OT are often lacking and could have a major impact on people's lives.”

-Sarah



“I want to be an OT because you can wear many hats. You can do assessments, you can be an advocate, you can consult, you can switch specialties and populations, but most of all ... OTs can help people live to their fullest potential despite barriers and limitations.”

-Carissa

“I want to be an OT because I see what a huge difference occupational therapy can make in the lives of children and their families; I would love to be a part of something like that.”

-Jessie



"I chose to pursue occupational therapy because I felt it would be a great match for my interest in rehabilitation services and mental health. In addition to my interest in mental health, I have started exploring the possibilities of working in physical disability settings to work with traumatic brain injury populations."

-Dan

Why did you choose UIC?

“One of the reasons I chose UIC was the faculty. The professors have very diverse backgrounds, training, and experiences. In addition, professors are involved in both research and clinical practice. This is very important to me, because our professors are able to use clinical examples to validate what they are teaching.”



-Catrina



“I chose UIC because of its great reputation and its top-down approach. Therapy needs to be holistic and the UIC curriculum emphasizes consideration of contextual factors that affect participation in life activities. I was warned coming into the field that much of OT practice does not have evidence to support its use, but I think that UIC is a pioneer in research and plays an important role in disseminating knowledge to both current and future therapists.”

-Taylor

“I first heard about occupational therapy and UIC from a friend. After doing some research, I realized that OT aligned well with my skills and interests. UIC has a highly ranked program and a great reputation. In addition, I can see what a great OT my friend is and she attributes this to her education at UIC. For all of these reasons, UIC was my top choice. ”



-Kerry