STUDENTS

There are 47 students enrolled in the Cox College MSOT program. Collectively they represent perspectives from all around the country including: Michigan, Texas, West Virginia, Mississippi, Arizona, Utah, California, South Carolina, New Jersey, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

COX COTTAGE

Cox Cottage is a simulation lab furnished as a functioning apartment where students practice clinical skills in a home-based setting. Cox Cottage joins the larger, medical simulation lab at Cox College that prepares students for hospital and rehabilitation practice. Together, the simulation labs offer the opportunity for students to apply knowledge learned in class to real life situations and contexts.

STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Cox College MSOT students pursue professional development that extends above and beyond the scope of what they are learning in the classroom. For example:

- All students are members of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Most are also members of the Missouri Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA).
- All students are active members of the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) at Cox College.
- Several students attended the national AOTA conference last year in Chicago, Illinois and several are planning on attending the 100 Year Celebration National Conference this spring in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Over half of the students attended the Missouri OT Conference in November 2016.
- OT on the Hill: Every February, occupational therapy practitioners and students travel to Jefferson City, Missouri to advocate for prominent legislation impacting OT practice in the state of Missouri.
- Each April, students are tasked with promoting OT month. They provide hand massages and describe occupational therapy. Students give their perspective on what OT can do for those in the community. They especially enjoy discussing how OT can increase function and positively affect quality of life through desired occupations.
- The students have developed a number of videos that highlight the life of a student in OT school and educate others related to the field of occupational therapy and the motivation a student feels to pursue a career in OT.
STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cox College MSOT students believe in community involvement. They feel that community service is a vital part of the Cox College experience. The following community events represent 1,130 service hours given by the MSOT students this year:

- Hope Connection – 554 hours
- Day of Caring – 300 hours
- Pink Ribbon Rally – 130 hours
- Grey Matters Walk – 70 hours
- Adopt-a-Street – 15 hours
- Sensory Safe Trick-or-Treat – 37 hours
- Sweat Fest – 24 hours

FIELDWORK

Approximately 1,120 hours of fieldwork experience is incorporated in the MSOT curriculum. Students are sent to a variety of settings at numerous locations around the state and country. Students have the opportunity to experience different populations with an array of disabilities. Some of the sites include:

- Cox Health
- Arc of the Ozarks
- Burrell Behavioral Health
- Integrity Home Care and Hospice
- Jordan Valley Community Health Center
- Lakeland Behavioral Health Systems
- Mercy Health
- Greene County Justice Center
- Ozark Community Hospital
- Southwest Center for Independent Living
- TheraCare Out-Patient Services
- Citizens Memorial Health Systems

COURSE EXPERIENCES

Each class involves a dynamic approach to educating the students. Cohorts take several field trips around the community for hands-on experience including:

- Cox Health Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Southwest Center for Independent Living
- Mercy Therapy Dogs
- United – Accessibility Vans
- Missouri State’s Assistive Technology
- Meyer Orthopedic Out-patient

Guest lectures involve specialists in their field giving the students a unique perspective. Some of these individuals include:

- Shannon Trammer: Certified Hand Therapist
- Lori Pumphrey: Burns Specialist
- Clay McQuerry: Certified Living in Place Specialist
- Sue Phillips: Low Vision Rehabilitative Teacher
- Dr. Erin Tucker: Gait Patterns
- Cox Home Support: Assistive Technology Practitioners
- Cox South Education Department: Patient Safe Handling
- Leah Cagle & Sammi Williams: OTR/ COTA Teaming
- Brandon Rachel: Infection Control
- Alessandro Bautista: OTR & COTA Role Delineation
- Mindy Smithwick: Mercy Driver Rehabilitation
- Jennifer Cannon: Gathering Friends