



The Dorset House School
of Occupational Therapy
Oxford

Prospectus

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Introduction

DORSET House, the oldest occupational therapy training school in the country, prepares students for the Diploma examinations of the College of Occupational Therapists. Founded in Bristol in 1930, by Dr. Elizabeth Casson, the pioneer of the training of Occupational Therapists in this country, it was, in the last war, invited to the Midlands to run the Ministry of Health's special training courses for the Emergency Medical Service, the experimental forerunner of the National Health Service.

In 1946 the School settled in Oxford, and is grateful to the "Town and Gown" of that city for the welcome given, and the consistent interest shown in its work.

The School became a non-profit making company in 1948. It provides a complete training for Occupational Therapists for work in all types of Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centres, and makes a special point of having highly qualified tutors and instructors. It is fortunate in being helped by specialist lecturers, who are members of the University and Hospital staffs, and in having access to Oxford hospitals, libraries and museums, and to the Oxford Polytechnic and College of Further Education for special courses.

Occupational therapy is a form of medical treatment which is concerned with people who are physically and/or mentally sick and are disabled either temporarily or

permanently. The professionally qualified occupational therapist involves the patients in activities designed to promote the restoration and maximum use of function with the aim of helping such people to meet the demands of their working, social and domestic environment, and to participate in life in its fullest sense.

Much of the practice is carried out in hospitals in the National Health Service, but there is also work in independent homes and hospitals, under local authorities, and in schools for the handicapped. State Registration, upon qualification, is advisable for all, and compulsory for those wishing to practise in the National Health Service.

Posts abroad are available for those with experience, and many of the pioneering ventures in training and practice in Europe, the Commonwealth, and elsewhere, have been inaugurated by graduates from this school.

Scope, Therapeutic and Rehabilitative, in cases of:

Mental disorders and sub-normality.

Physical illness and residual disability.

Occupational Therapy is practised in hospitals and rehabilitation centres, and in patients' homes. It includes work with people of all ages, particularly the elderly.

Qualifications for an Occupational Therapist:

Tact, good judgment, integrity, and a mature outlook.
Initiative and enterprise.
A real interest in people.
Organising and executive ability.
Serious interest in medical treatment.

Teaching facilities and Accommodation

The School is fortunate in having well planned premises, especially adapted and designed for theoretical and practical work. There are well stocked libraries, good lecturing facilities, and well-equipped workshops.

The Training Course

The course covers the study of:

- I. *The Body and Mind in Normal Health*
Anatomy and Physiology.
Psychology.
- II. *Deviations from Health by Deficiency, Disease and Trauma*
Medicine and Surgery.
Psychiatry.
- III. *Occupational Therapy for Medical, Surgical and Psychiatric Disabilities*
- IV. *Communication and Management*
Structure and function of statutory and other organisations

Departmental organisation
Patients' records
Stock control and book-keeping
Organisation of industrial work

V. *Skills*

The management of patients
The use of equipment for treatment
Basic techniques for self-care and independence
Work and craft activities
Group activities
Domestic activities
Basic splintage

VI. *Clinical Experience*

Clinical work in hospitals, rehabilitation centres and with domiciliary cases. For this students are seconded to hospital and other occupational therapy departments in Oxford and other places round the country with which the School has particular links. Instruction and case studies are given by doctors, trained occupational therapists and tutors.

Conditions of Admission to the Course

An adequate standard of theoretical examination capacity is necessary in applicants for training. Personal

qualities as well as academic attainment are taken into consideration.

Each application for admission is treated on its own merits and in relation to other applications received. Compliance with the Conditions of Admission to the Course does not in itself entitle any student to admission.

The minimum entry requirements are six different subjects in the G.C.E. or equivalent (e.g. C.S.E. Grade I), two of which should be passed at 'A' level. Only grades 'A' to 'C' are acceptable for 'O' level subjects, taken Summer 1975 onwards.

Please also note that:—

- 1) A pass in English Language and a science preferably Biology or Human Biology are compulsory.
- 2) At least 4 'O' level subjects must have been passed at one sitting.
- 3) One of the 'A' level subjects must be an academic subject.

In exceptional circumstances consideration may be given to applicants with other qualifications or experience.

Students must hold a valid senior First Aid Certificate (St. John Ambulance Association or British Red Cross Society) at the start of training, or are required to obtain one prior to undertaking a long-term period of clinical experience.

In addition candidates accepted for training should come to the course with a knowledge of simple home cooking, learnt and/or practised in the home, in order to be able to help, later, with the rehabilitation of the disabled housewife.

Students under 18 are not normally accepted for training.

Older Candidates are welcomed and special consideration is given to the requirements of each. Pre-requisites may be varied in such cases, but it is essential that they should offer evidence of work or study of value as a preliminary to training.

There is no particular age limit for the course but candidates who have not undertaken academic study for some years may find it strenuous.

Married women, particularly those with school-age children, are rarely able to undertake the course because of its full-time programme and the fact that much of the clinical practice in the second and third years requires the student to live outside the Oxford area.

Welfare

The School employs a full-time Welfare Officer who cares for the general comfort, health and well-being of the students.

Residence

Accommodation is available in the school hostel and two houses for two-thirds of the first year students.

Other students reside in lodgings. Because requirements and conditions vary considerably, the School Authorities cannot be responsible for allocating these, but the Welfare Officer will help students in finding accommodation and advise on its suitability.

Length of Course—Three years.

Students enter for training in September of each year. For candidates offering special qualifications, modified courses may be arranged at the discretion of the School Authorities.

Professional Prospects

For many years the demand for occupational therapists has far exceeded the number of graduates who qualify each year, and this is likely to continue in the foreseeable future. The occupational therapist is a member of the treatment team. Posts are not guaranteed, but up to the present time all students who have qualified at the School have obtained appointments.

Fees for Tuition

Fees are payable each term in advance (in the first fourteen days of term) and are not returnable. They are

subject to revision if costs change materially during the course.

An estimate of the total cost of the course is given in the enclosed leaflet which quotes the present level of tuition fees, hostel/lodgings charges, and other expenses.

Although there is a difference in the concentration of actual teaching sessions in the first, second, and third years, this School does not vary its termly charges throughout the course. The total cost of the whole course is, for convenience of payment, divided equally over nine terms.

A registration fee is payable on acceptance for the course, and is not returnable.

If for any reason a student has to terminate his/her course, a term's notice is required, or fees must be paid in lieu, including, if applicable, hostel or lodgings fees.

Extras

Books, materials, uniform and examination fees: see enclosed estimate of expenses.

Registered students will be sent a detailed list of actual requirements well in advance of the commencement of the course.



Dorset House -
The Casson Teaching Wing & Mary Macdonald House - etc.

Training Grants

Financial assistance for this training is available to students normally resident in England and Wales from the Department of Health and Social Security. Details will be sent from the Clearing House to all applicants.

Intending students who are normally resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland should apply for information concerning grant aid to:

- (a) Scottish Education Department,
Awards Branch,
Haymarket House,
Clifton Terrace,
Edinburgh EH12 5DT.
- (b) Department of Health & Social Services
Personnel 7,
Room 1015, Dundonald House,
Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast BT4 3SF.

Conditions of Acceptance

The exercise of the profession of occupational therapy calls for certain special qualities of character and temperament and makes persistent demands upon the physical and mental resources of the practitioner. Therefore, no student is accepted without a personal

interview which is offered by appointment only to selected candidates who can fulfil the conditions outlined on page 5, after the receipt of the appropriate application form from the Clearing House. (If the standards required have not been fulfilled at the time of applying, plans should be given which show prospects of these being achieved.)

Candidates should, preferably before interview, visit two Occupational Therapy departments, one in a physical hospital and one in a psychiatric hospital, to see what the work entails. The School will be glad to give introductions for these visits, if necessary.

The first three months are viewed as a period in which both the School and the student can decide upon his/her ability and suitability for the profession. At this time, and at any time thereafter, the School Authorities reserve the right to terminate the training of a student if it is considered that he/she does not meet the personal, or academic, standards required.

It is also helpful to have read books about occupational therapy. We particularly recommend *Realistic Remedies* by Eileen James, published by Educational Explorers Ltd., which is an autobiographical account of her work as an occupational therapist.

Applications

Candidates wishing to obtain admission to the School should apply through the Occupational Therapy Training Clearing House, a form for which is enclosed at the back of this prospectus. The address is as follows:

C.O.T. Occupational Therapy Training Clearing
House,
20 Rede Place,
London,
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CLINICAL PRACTICE CO-ORDINATOR

Miss J. M. Freston, T.Dip.C.O.T.

THEORETICAL TUTORS

Full-Time:

Mrs. M. Gottwald, Dip.C.O.T.
Mr. A. Harrison, Dip.C.O.T., D.M.S.,
F.I.S.B., M.I.M., M.I.M.H.
Miss S. Hobson, T.Dip.C.O.T.
Mrs. Z. Maslin, B.S.O.T., T.Dip.C.O.T.
Miss J. Trevan-Hawke, Dip.C.O.T.
Mrs. D. Wharton, T.Dip.C.O.T.
Miss M. Wood, Dip.C.O.T., M.A.H.E.

Part-Time:

Mrs. P. Norman, M.C.S.P.
Mrs. S. Peach, Dip.C.O.T.
Mrs. Y. Wall, M.C.S.P.

HONORARY TUTOR

Mr. J. R. Chick, Dip.C.O.T.

ACTIVITY TUTORS

Miss N. Beer, B.A., L.R.A.M., A.D.B.
Mr. R. F. Cole, University of London
Teaching Certificate
Miss S. F. Maclure, N.D. in Design, Pottery
and Modelling
Mrs. M. Smith, N.D. in Art and Design

VISITING LECTURERS

Dr. P. Amies, M.B., B.S., M.Sc.,
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Mrs. A. Arnold, B.A.(Hons.), M.A.,
M.Litt.(Oxon.), M.Phil.(Psych)
Mr. N. Henderson, F.R.C.S.
Medical staff of the Nuffield Department
of Clinical Medicine, Co-ordinator:
Dr. G. Pasvol, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.Phil.
Other medical and professional lecturers
appointed by arrangement as required.

LIBRARIAN

Mrs. S. Croft, Dip.C.O.T.

WELFARE OFFICER

Mrs. J. P. Hanford

HOSTEL WARDEN

Miss N. Barron

PRINCIPAL'S SECRETARY

Mrs. V. Broadhurst

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR COURSE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1981

		£
1st Year (1981-82)	Tuition fees	1,115.00
	Examination fees	33.00
	Library fee	16.00
	J.C.R.	6.00
	Craft materials	55.00
	*Uniform	125.00
	*Books and stationery	190.00
	*Living expenses, including hostel or lodgings charges, travelling, etc. (approx. 38 weeks at, say, £50 per week)	1,900.00
		£
		1,225.00
2nd Year (1982-83)	Tuition fees	18.00
	Examination fees	18.00
	Library fee	6.00
	J.C.R.	25.00
	Craft materials	90.00
	*Books and stationery	2,420.00
	*Living expenses (approx. 44 weeks at, say, £55 per week)	£
		1,350.00
3rd Year (1983-84)	Tuition fees	75.00
	Examination fees	20.00
	Library fee	9.00
	J.C.R.	20.00
	Craft materials	30.00
	*Books and stationery	2,160.00
	*Living expenses (approx. 36 weeks at, say, £60 per week)	£
		1,350.00

*Approximate figures only; do not include any vacation expenses.

THESE FIGURES ARE GIVEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE
AND ARE SUBJECT TO VARIATION.

