ADDITIONAL COSTS: In addition to tuition, student fees, and living expenses you should budget for some additional costs as part of your graduate school education. These costs include the following:

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL TUITION: This is not actually an additional cost, as it is included in the amount of tuition listed for the MSOT program in the Tuition/Fees document provided each year by the UNC Cashier’s Office. Professional School Tuition is a supplemental tuition fee for the graduate professional degree programs in the Department of Allied Health Sciences, including the MS program in occupational therapy. As of 2018, the supplemental tuition is $3550 per semester ($7100/year) for NC residents and $4025 per semester($8050/year) for non-residents. The professional school tuition is assessed during fall and spring semesters only and does not apply to summer sessions.

FIELDWORK: You should plan for extra expenses associated with traveling to a fieldwork site and securing housing there. When students are enrolled in fieldwork, they are considered full time students and are charged regular tuition. Fieldwork sites may require a criminal record check, drug testing, and/or immunizations. Students receive detailed information about these requirements from the fieldwork coordinator early in the summer prior to starting the program.

BOOKS: The required books form the basis of your professional library. As a result you should anticipate approximately $1000 for books and printed material over the course of two years.

RESEARCH: All students complete a required research project in their second year of the program. Projects generally do not incur significant costs (less than $100), but this may vary depending on the research question and method selected to answer it. Costs may include additional travel to collect data, paying for transcription of audio-recorded data, or rental or purchase of statistical software for quantitative analysis. The research faculty works with each collaborative research team to ensure a meaningful project while trying to keep the cost down.