

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

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

Fieldwork:

- Level I fieldwork takes place in the context of semester coursework. You may need to travel to fieldwork sites up to an hour away.
- When students are enrolled in Level II (12-week full time) fieldwork, they are considered full time students and are charged regular tuition. Depending on your fieldwork placement, you may need to plan for extra expenses associated with traveling to a site and securing housing there.
- Some fieldwork sites may require students to wear scrubs while at work. The OS/OT Division tries to keep a small supply of scrubs that students may borrow, but these may not always be available for a variety of reasons.
- Students receive detailed information from the FW coordinator in the summer before starting the program in the fall; this information includes required background checks, drug testing, immunizations, and CPR and other training. These requirements **must** be met and documented before starting the program in the fall, and fulfilling these requirements may have associated costs. Occasionally, fieldwork sites may require additional criminal record checks, drug testing, and/or immunizations that have not been covered previously or need to be repeated.

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. You may be able to reduce your book expenses by buying used books (as long as they are the required edition) or shopping around for the best price. Students who are using the G.I. Bill, Vocational Rehab, or other similar types of government funding may be required to purchase their books from the UNC Student Stores, so be sure to check on this as needed.

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.