The University of Hartford offers the only transitional prosthetics and orthotics master’s program in the United States.
The transitional Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics (tMSPO) degree program was developed in response to current demands by practicing prosthetists and orthotists and dually-certified professionals. Through a distance education format, it allows the prosthetist or orthotist to prepare for dual certification while earning the master’s degree. Dually-certified individuals pursue a modified curriculum leading to the master’s degree.

The tMSPO program is open to American Board of Certification (ABC)-certified clinicians in good standing with an affiliation at an ABC-certified clinic. This facility must have a patient population in the discipline being completed at the University. The candidate must also identify an ABC-certified clinician in that field to act as one’s clinical mentor. (Applicants who are already ABC-certified CPO’s may complete their tMSPO degree without a clinical mentor.) Additional admission criteria may apply.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The program, in the University’s College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions, is one of the few accredited programs in the United States. Currently, the University offers the only transitional master’s program in the United States.

The tMSPO curriculum builds upon the foundation of coursework previously completed at a CAAHEP accredited program. A focus is placed on foundational science coursework including biomechanics and clinical neuroscience. In addition, the tMSPO program provides a series of scientific inquiry courses designed to engage the students in evidence-based practice. Elective courses in pediatrics, business, education, and scientific inquiry are available within the construct of the tMSPO program. Candidates may be eligible to transfer up to 6 graduate credits into the University upon approval of the Graduate Review Committee.

Upon completion of the tMSPO program, graduates will be eligible to complete an ABC-approved residency in their new discipline. The residency is not a University requirement, but is an independent phase of the graduate’s professional certification process.

OUR PROGRAM IS FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS (CAAHEP).
POST-BACHELOR'S ADMISSION INTO THE tMSPO PROGRAM

The Graduate Admission Office works with the graduate admission committee to attract and retain qualified applicants for the tMSPO program. Decisions related to admission to the program are consistent with program and institutional missions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admission review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admission Office
CC231
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117 USA

The following items are required:

» An online application. Visit hartford.edu/grad-apply.
» A non-refundable application fee of $50 for domestic students.
» Copy of current ABC certification (CPO's exempt.)
» Copy of mentor’s ABC certification (CPO's exempt.)
» Identify a potential sponsoring facility.
» Transcripts from CAAHEP accredited program.
» Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework forwarded to the University of Hartford. International transcripts must be evaluated through the World Education Services (WES) at wes.org.
» Two letters of recommendation.

International Students

TOEFL—Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 80 internet-based. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum score is a 58. Visit the PTE at: pearsonpte.com. The IELTS is also accepted with a minimum score of 6.5 or higher.

Guarantor’s Statement—As part of the application, international students must provide a bank statement to ensure adequacy of funds. This statement is also used to issue an I-20 form to students. The Guarantor’s Statement is necessary for obtaining a visa. The cost for international students to study and live at the University of Hartford can be found at hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx as estimated expenses.

DEADLINES AND DATES

The priority deadlines are July 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. Admissions are rolling until class is filled. The admission committee will review complete applications and acceptances will be awarded on a competitive basis.

To secure enrollment to the program, a non-refundable tuition deposit must be submitted. The deposit is applied directly to the tuition bill and is not an additional fee. Once accepted into the program, visit admission.hartford.edu/depositonline to submit the deposit.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

See attached insert or visit hartford.edu/gradtuition.

FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Financial Aid

Domestic graduate students may qualify for Federal Family Education Loans and must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:

» File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.gov, for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.
» Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program (not conditionally-accepted).
» Be registered for at least 6 credits per semester. For more information, call 800.947.4303, email finaid@hartford.edu, or visit admission.hartford.edu/finaid

International Financial Aid

Financial Aid for international graduate students is currently available to Graduate Assistantships. These assistantships are administered by the individual departments throughout the University and vary in size and availability.

Scholarships

The transitional Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics degree program offers tuition scholarships to entering students on a funds-available basis. Scholarships or other support a student receives as a result of his or her enrollment may affect eligibility for Federal Stafford Loans.
**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

The master’s program in prosthetics and orthotics is part of the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions’ focus on bridging traditional academics with community needs. Through experiential learning and impactful scholarship, students and faculty work collaboratively to reach a common goal, achieving excellence through relevance.

### CERTIFIED PROSTHETISTS

- MSPO 510T Lower Limb Orthotics I
- MSPO 513T Biomechanics
- MSPO 514T Biomechanics Lab
- MSPO 521T Spinal Orthotics
- MSPO 600T Scientific Inquiry II
- MSPO 601T Lower Limb Orthotics II
- MSPO 603T Upper Limb Orthotics
- MSPO 604T Neuroscience
- MSPO 605T Neuroscience Lab
- MSPO 620T Scientific Inquiry III

### CERTIFIED ORTHOTISTS

- MSPO 511T Transtibial Prosthetics
- MSPO 513T Biomechanics
- MSPO 514T Biomechanics Lab
- MSPO 522T Transfemoral Prosthetics
- MSPO 600T Scientific Inquiry II
- MSPO 611T Upper Limb Prosthetics
- MSPO 604T Neuroscience
- MSPO 605T Neuroscience Lab
- MSPO 620T Scientific Inquiry III

### ELECTIVES

- MSPO 621T Pediatric Intervention
- MSPO 623T P & O Teaching Assistant
- MSPO 611T Upper Limb Prosthetics
- MSPO 621T Pediatric Intervention
- MSPO 623T P & O Teaching Assistant
- Additional graduate electives

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The Graduate Admission Office would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office by email at GradStudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information regarding the program, please contact:

**Jennifer Lodovico-Gorack**  
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860.768.4599  
lodovicog@hartford.edu

Graduate program events are held throughout the year. Open Houses are held in August and January.

Learn more at hartford.edu/gradevents

hartford.edu/mspo