MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS

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UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
The University of Hartford’s College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions collaborates with Hanger Clinic to offer a Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics (MSPO). The professions of prosthetics and orthotics are specialized allied health professions which combine a unique blend of clinical and technical skills. Professionals in this field design, fabricate, and fit orthopedic braces and artificial limbs for a broad range of clients from pediatric to geriatric. Practitioners interact directly with clients and their families, advising and supporting the rehabilitation process. They work closely with other members of the rehabilitation team, including orthopedic surgeons, rehabilitation physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and nurses.

The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The MSPO program is one of 13 accredited programs in the United States.

The MSPO curriculum provides students with strong foundational coursework in biomechanics, neuroscience, and kinesiology. A sequence of scientific inquiry courses provides students with the opportunity to engage in evidence-based practice as key members of the health care community. The curriculum is presented in context of a collaborative university environment that includes the health professions, especially physical therapy, engineering, and technology. Elective courses in pediatrics and education are available as a support for future professional concentrations.

Upon graduation from the academic program, each student will be eligible to complete a residency program in prosthetics and orthotics. These residency programs are located in hospitals, research centers, private patient care facilities, clinics, and rehabilitation facilities.

POST-BACCALAUREATE ADMISSION INTO THE MSPO PROGRAM

Post-baccalaureate students may apply to enter the MSPO program. The Graduate Admissions Office works with the graduate admissions committee to attract and retain qualified applicants for the MSPO program. Decisions related to admissions to the MSPO program are consistent with the program and institutional missions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admissions review committee considers only complete applications. Applications are online at: www.hartford.edu/grad-apply

The following items are required:

» Completion of online application
» A non-refundable application fee of $50
» Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework forwarded to the University of Hartford. International transcripts must be evaluated through the World Education Services at www.wes.org
» Three letters of recommendation
» An overall GPA of 3.0 is preferred. Students must have earned at least a “C” or 2.0 in each of the prerequisite courses. While GRE test scores are not required, they may be submitted to strengthen the application.

International Students

» TOEFL – Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at www.ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 80 internet-based. 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 www.hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx
DEADLINES AND DATES
The priority deadline is December 1; rolling until filled. The program starts in June.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE
Visit hartford.edu/tuition for current tuition and fees.

FINANCIAL AID
Domestic Financial Aid
Student financial assistance for graduate and professional students through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance at the University of Hartford is available through the Federal Family Education Loan and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education.

To be eligible for financial aid, students must:
» Matriculate into a graduate degree-granting program maintaining good satisfactory academic progress (not conditionally accepted).
» Register for at least 6 credits per semester
» File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education

For more information, call 800.947.4303 or e-mail finaid@hartford.edu

International Financial Aid
Financial Aid for international graduate students is through graduate assistantships. These assistantships are administered by the individual departments throughout the University and vary in size and availability. For more information, contact the Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services.

ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
Students are encouraged to contact the Office of the Dean of their respective school or college at the University of Hartford regarding the availability of assistantships or fellowships in their specific program of study. The Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics Program may offer tuition scholarships and graduate assistantships to entering and returning students on a funds-available basis. Please note that assistantships, fellowships, or other support a student receives as a result of their enrollment may impact eligibility for Federal Stafford Loans.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the master’s program in prosthetics and orthotics at the University of Hartford is to graduate professionals who are committed to improving the health and welfare of the public by promoting excellence in clinical practice, research, and education.
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.

The Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services can provide more specific information about a degree program or any other questions you may have. Please contact the office at: gradstudy@hartford.edu or by phone 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

Feel free to contact the program directly:
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Program Website: www.hartford.edu/mspo

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

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