MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS

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UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
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 alone. In each case, the graduate curriculum is tailored to meet your academic and professional needs as you pursue the highest level of clinical education available in the field.

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 of Hartford. 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 CPOs may complete their tMSPO degree without a clinical mentor). Additional admissions 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 13 accredited programs in the United States. Currently, the University of Hartford offers the only transitional masters 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 of Hartford upon approval of the program leadership.

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 requirement of the University of Hartford, but is an independent phase of the graduate’s professional certification process.
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 deadlines are July 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. Admissions are rolling until class is filled. The admissions committee will review complete applications and acceptances will be awarded on a competitive basis.

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

FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Financial Aid
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 satisfactory academic progress (not conditionally accepted).
» Register for at least six 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 limited to 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.

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.

OUR MISSION

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

CERTIFIED PROSTHETISTS
» MSPO 510T Lower Limb Orthotics
» 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

Electives
» MSPO 621T Pediatric Intervention
» MSPO 623T P & O Teaching Assistant

CERTIFIED ORTHOTISTS
» MSPO 510T Lower Limb Orthotics
» MSPO 513T Biomechanics
» MSPO 514T Biomechanics Lab
» MSPO 511T Transtibial Prosthetics
» MSPO 600T Scientific Inquiry II
» MSPO 511T Transtibial Prosthetics
» MSPO 601T Lower Limb Orthotics II
» MSPO 522T Transfemoral Prosthetics
» MSPO 511T Transtibial Prosthetics
» MSPO 603T Upper Limb Orthotics
» MSPO 611T Upper Limb Prosthetics
» MSPO 604T Neuroscience
» MSPO 605T Neuroscience Lab
» MSPO 620T Scientific Inquiry III

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» Additional Graduate Electives

The transitional Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics degree program 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 the program and answer 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: Jennifer Lodovico-Gorack
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Graduate program events are held throughout the year.
Open Houses are held in August and January.

Learn more at www.hartford.edu/gradevents

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