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History of the Profession

The use of some form of occupation as an aid to recovery is not new, but it is only since the World War that it has been used by trained workers in a scientific manner.

The early Egyptians used diversion as a means of curing "melancholy" patients. About the beginning of the nineteenth century, people interested in the care of the insane began making a systematic study of the types of occupations which seemed to produce beneficial results. It was found that the patients who received such treatment were more apt to be cured than those who were idle.

During the World War, Occupational Therapy was used extensively in the military hospitals in this country and abroad. Occupations were found to be of value in treating not only mental illness, but also many kinds of physical disabilities. The profession then developed as a science and a valuable adjunct to medicine. The curative value of this form of treatment has been so well demonstrated that civilian hospitals throughout the United States are using it as a necessary part of the medical procedure.

In offering a program for training in Occupational Therapy as early as 1913, Milwaukee-Downer College has the distinction of being a pioneer. It has constantly strengthened the courses to meet the increasing demands of the profession. In 1931, in addition to the diploma course, the present course leading to the degree was formulated with the advice of the American Medical Association.

Advantages of a College Course

The late Mr. Thomas B. Kidner, former President of the American Occupational Therapy Association, said: "There are many factors which make for the success of workers in Occupational Therapy, as in other lines of activity, that, vital as they are, cannot be written down in a school curriculum.

Not only must the worker with sick persons have thorough theoretical and practical training, but she must possess the qualities of culture, common sense, tact, a good disposition, satisfactory personal appearance, spirit and interest, ability for team work, loyalty to her associates, a proper attitude towards the patients, with organizing and executive ability."

These qualities cannot be acquired in a short time, nor even in a long academic or practical training course. Rather, they are the outgrowth of learning to live, work, and play with many different personalities. Only by assuming responsibility and learning to direct, can the student achieve executive ability and at the same time attain that tact and ability to coöperate that makes possible successful leadership. These requisites can be developed under skilled guidance during the maturing years of college life in such campus activities as student government, athletics, dramatics, class offices, music, and art societies.

A modern laboratory well equipped with physiological apparatus used in studying the activity of muscle and nerve.



The atmosphere of the College, with its solid standards of work and its wholesome daily life, develops the student mentally and trains her in right relationship with other people. The variety of work and of interest at the College broadens her understanding. Through student activities she learns to cooperate with others; to take her share in community life competently and gladly; to forget herself in working for the good of the community; to accept responsibility in executive positions steadily; and to meet new situations with initiative and common sense.

Students in Occupational Therapy enter the regular academic classes. Special courses are also offered to meet their particular needs in Applied Bacteriology, Abnormal Psychology, Kinesiology, Medical Lectures, Crafts, and Theory of Occupational Therapy. These subjects not only give the fundamental principles, but emphasize their particular application in the field of Occupational Therapy. Special instruction is provided in craft analysis, so that the student not only has a thorough training in the underlying principles of the subject, but also an intelligent understanding of the occupation in relation to the physical, mental, social, and economic aspects of the patient's disease.

Weaving, an absorbingly interesting occupation for sick people.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT MILWAUKEE-DOWNER COLLEGE

Recognition

The course in Occupational Therapy at Milwaukee-Downer College has been approved by the following organizations: The Council on Physical Therapy of the American Medical Association; The American Occupational Therapy Association; and the Board of the Milwaukee County Institutions.

Objectives of the Department

The courses are arranged to meet the needs of two groups of students: those desiring to obtain the degree of Bachelor of Science with a major in Occupational Therapy, and those who have had previous college or professional training and desire the shorter course leading to a diploma in Occupational Therapy.

The *Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Occupational Therapy* requires five years for its completion. The first four years are so formulated that they furnish: a cultural background; a knowledge of the fundamental sciences and other subjects or occupations used as a means of treatment; and clinical training in the practical application of the theory and technical subjects. The Bachelor of Science degree is granted after completion of the four-year requirements, and a diploma certifying the completion of the entire requirements is granted after the satisfactory fulfillment of the requirement of nine months of hospital clinical training which comes in the fifth year.

The program leading to the *diploma in Occupational Therapy* requires three years for its completion. Applicants must meet the regular entrance requirements and in addition must present either credits satisfactory in grade and sufficient in number to give them sophomore classification, or equivalent professional training. They are strongly advised also to offer a course in physiology in preparation for the required advanced work in zoology. Applicants must be between the ages of nineteen and thirty-five years and must be suited to this kind of service in personality, ability, and understanding of people. The first two years are spent in fundamental work: in academic studies; in the technique of the occupations used in treatment of disease and disability; and in clinical training. In the third year, the student has nine additional months of clinical training.

It is desirable that applicants should, if possible, have a personal interview with the Director of the Department of Occupational Therapy.

The College reserves the right to demand the withdrawal of any student or to withhold the diploma, if, in the opinion of the authorities, the student is not suited to the work.



A class in metal work and jewelry, a craft that appeals to many patients.

Some of the projects made by the students while studying the principles of metal work.



Requirements for the Degree

Note: Courses marked * must be taken at Milwaukee-Downer College.

Academic Requirements

English.....	12	credits
Language	8	"
Fourteen credits are required if less than three years of language is offered for entrance.		
History	6	"
Psychology.....	11	"
General Psychology	3	credits
Educational Psychology	3	"
Child Psychology	3	"
Abnormal Psychology	2	"
Sociology.....	4	"
Science.....	31	"
Inorganic Chemistry	8	credits
Organic Chemistry	6	"
Zoology	8	"
Anatomy and Physiology.....	6	"
Bacteriology	3	"
Hygiene.....	1	"

Art and Technical Requirements29 "

Design	8	credits
Mechanical Drawing	2	"
*Textile Design	1	"
*Wood Work	4	"
*Weaving	3	"
Metal Work	3	"
*Minor Crafts	3	"
Basketry	2	"
Leather Work	1	"
Bookbinding	1	"
Modeling	1	"

Special Occupational Therapy Requirements...12 credits

Kinesiology	2	credits
*Medical Lectures	2	"
*Theory of Occupational Therapy	4	"
*Community Resources in Social Work	1	"
*Recreational Therapy	1	"
*Clinical Training	2	"

Total credits specified.....	114	"
Academic Electives	6	"
Credits	120	"

Non-Credit Requirements

Physical Education	2	years
First Aid		

Clinical Training

Nine months, covering the following services:
Mental, Orthopedic, Cardiac, Tuberculosis, General Medical and Surgical.

This intensive training is planned to give the student clinical experience in treating all types of physical and mental diseases and disabilities, thus enabling her to correlate theory and practice, and to become familiar with hospital procedure. The diploma is not granted until satisfactory completion of the required clinical training.

A psychological experiment on the acquisition of a complex motor skill in which the elements involved are time and force.



Requirements for the Diploma

Academic Requirements

Psychology	5 credits
General Psychology	3 credits
Abnormal Psychology	2 "
Sociology	4 "
Science	7 "
Anatomy and Physiology	6 credits
*Applied Bacteriology	1 "
Hygiene	1 "
Art and Technical Requirements	29 "
See requirements for the degree.	
Special Occupational Therapy Requirements	12 "
See requirements for the degree.	
Total Credits	58 "

Non-Credit Requirements

Physical Education	1 year
First Aid	

Clinical Training

See requirements for the degree.

Grade Points

The requirement in grade points for undergraduate students taking the diploma course shall be the same as for students who enter degree courses with advanced standing. Graduate students entering the diploma course shall be required to earn one and one-sixth times as many grade points as required credits. At least half the credits for the diploma, including certain specific courses (marked *), must be taken at Milwaukee-Downer College.

Exhibitions

Craft work must be available for the purpose of exhibition at any time until the student graduates. Honor work selected by the faculty for its excellence may be retained by the College for exhibition until the student completes practice training.

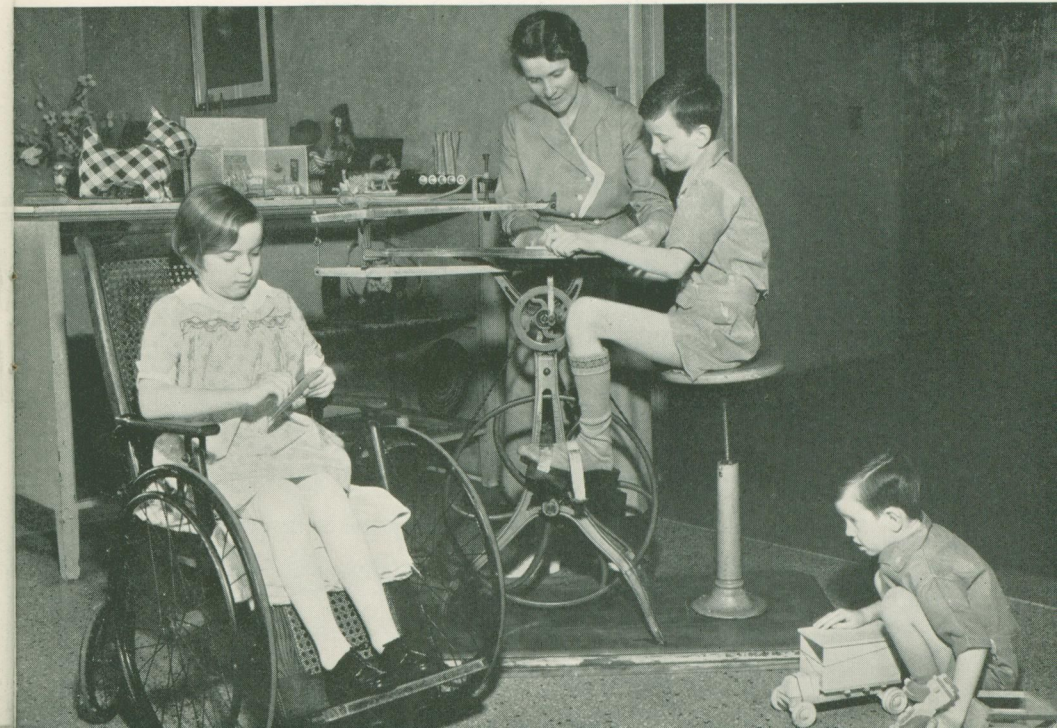
Positions

On receipt of the diploma in Occupational Therapy, the student is entitled to practice the profession. Positions are not guaranteed by the College, but there is an increasing demand for well-trained occupational therapists.

Expenses

For the shorter program, which leads to the diploma only, tuition is \$125 each semester for the two years of work which precede the nine months of hospital training. Students registered for the degree course pay the regular tuition of \$100 a semester. For laboratory fees, shop fees, and other incidentals, see the current College catalogue. For those who live in residence, charges for board and room are \$200 each semester.

The fun of exercise when you can make things while your muscles are becoming strong. Patients at the Children's Hospital being helped by a student as part of her clinical training.



Where Our Students Train

Through the fine coöperation of the superintendents and directors of Occupational Therapy, clinical training is available to students in the following institutions:

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- The County Hospital for Mental Diseases
 Miss Mary McDonough, Director
- The County Hospital for the Chronic Insane
 Miss Arvilla D. Merrill, O. T. R., Director
- Muirdale Sanatorium
 Miss Irene Grant, O. T. R., Director
- Milwaukee Children's Hospital
 Miss Elsa A. Dudenhoefer, O. T. R., Director
- The Junior League Curative Workshop
 Miss Marjorie Taylor, O. T. R., Director
- Work Shop Department
 Mrs. Caroline B. Brinn, O. T. R., Supervisor
- Home Service Department
 . . . Miss Libbie Solomon, O. T. R., Supervisor
- The Protestant Home for the Aged }
- The Home for the Aged Jews }
 Mrs. Blanche Lafferty, O. T. R., Director

Indianapolis, Indiana

- Indiana University Hospitals
 . . . Mrs. Winifred C. Kahman, O. T. R., Director

Other special opportunities for training are arranged for individual students.

Special Lecturers

- Dr. Glenford L. Bellis
- Dr. Walter P. Blount
- Dr. Michael Kasak
- Dr. F. W. Madison
- Dr. Herman C. Schumm
- Miss Irene Grant
- Miss Mary E. Hulbert
- Miss June J. Joslyn
- Mrs. Inez Marvin
- Miss Arvilla Merrill, O. T. R.
- Miss Ruth Mosier, R. N.
- Mrs. Edward Porter
- Mrs. Iris Roche
- Mrs. Lenore Rosing
- Miss Libbie Solomon, O. T. R.

Affiliations for Courses and Clinics

- The American Red Cross
- The Milwaukee Children's Hospital
- The Milwaukee County Hospital for Mental Diseases