**Executive Summary of Program Assessment**

*The summary should be no more than three pages.*

**Campus:** MU

**College/School:** School of Health Professions

**Academic Unit:** Occupational Therapy

**Date Submitted:** 09/11/12

**Person Responsible for Success of Program:** Diane L. Smith

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**Degree Programs Reviewed**

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| **Degree (e.g., BS, MA, PhD)** | **Program** | **Enrollment** | **Number of Degrees Awarded** |
| **Most Recent Fall Semester****(Fall 2011)** | **5-Year Fall Semester Average** | **Most Recent Academic Year****(Fall 2011)** | **5-Year Average** |
| BHS | Occupational Therapy | 54 | 51.8 | 28 | 24 |
| MOT | Occupational Therapy | 31 | 24.2 | 22 | 21 |
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**Changes Since Last Review**

* Due to new requirements for accreditation, as of June 1, 2012, at least half the OT faculty must have a doctorate, either a PhD or clinical. This new policy increases the importance—and challenge—of recruiting and retaining qualified faculty.
* OT has begun admitting an additional six students per year, for a total of 18 students per year.

**Strategies or Plans for Improving Program**

* Increase research/scholarship agenda for the department
* Recruit and support tenured and non-tenured faculty
* Achieve 75% doctoral trained faculty by 2015
* Increase participation in local, state and national continuing education experiences
* Maintain and increase existing clinical contacts for Level I and Level II fieldwork
* Preserve the integrity of the clinical experiences
* Revise curriculum to reflect increased rigor and compliance with ACOTE standards
* Explore alternative revenue streams
* Increase diversity of faculty and students
* Support involvement in university and community organizations