Pre-Occupational Therapy

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Admission to the School of Occupational Therapy Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree for qualified students occurs once the student has earned a bachelor’s degree.

Students with an interest in occupational therapy should visit the School’s website at http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/index.cfm or obtain a current brochure from the Office of Admissions for Professional Programs. The website (http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/admission/howto.cfm) provides the most current information outlining requirements and prerequisites. Students with questions regarding admission to the School are encouraged to talk with staff in the Office of Admissions for Professional Programs (1-(800)933-9308). Information on any of the over 160 additional occupational therapy programs offering masters and/or doctoral degrees can be found at http://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School.aspx.

Pre-Occupational Therapy (Pre-OT) is not an undergraduate major, so students interested in becoming occupational therapists are free to choose any major, as long as they also complete the prerequisite courses listed below. The School of Occupational Therapy offers a 34-month entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree program. The curriculum consists of academic and laboratory experiences integrated with both part-time and full-time professional experiential and field work. Entrance to the program is in the fall semester only. Applications are usually due by the beginning of December.

Prior to entrance, applicants must have:

• Acquired a bachelor’s degree and all specified School of Occupational Therapy prerequisite coursework.
• It is recommended that applicants have observed in occupational therapy practice settings for at least 40 hours and preferably in more than one setting (e.g. physical rehabilitation, pediatrics, mental health, or wellness promotion) to foster a more complete understanding of the profession.

Requirements

Natural Sciences.............10 hours
Bio 200 or 201, General Biology (prerequisite for Bio 230)
HBio 230, Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab
HBio 231, Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab
Kinesiology is recommended.
Social Sciences.................9 hours
General Psychology
Abnormal Psychology
Developmental Psychology – preferably Across the Lifespan
Social Science Elective

Writing ......................... 4 hours
Engw 201, Expository Writing
OR
Engw 301, Advanced Expository Writing
OR
Engw 202, Writing about Disability (strongly recommended)

Statistics ......................... 2 hours
Psy 350 or Soc 301
It is recommended that this be taken in a department of psychology or sociology, and include a qualitative research component.

Humanities ......................... 6 hours
Must include courses from two (2) of the following areas: literature, religion, history, philosophy, ethics, and history or appreciation of art, music or theater. Upper division coursework recommended.
Phil 307, Ethics, Medicine, and Health Care is strongly recommended

Medical Terminology Credit/No Credit
(Obtainable through School of O.T./Independent Study)

Typical first year for Pre-OT students
Fall
HUM 100 First-Year Sem
Language core
Soc 101 or 102
Winter
Humanities Core
Spring
Soc course
Psy 180
Hper 150
BIO 200

Typical second year for Pre-OT students
Fall
ENGW 202 (or 201)
HBIO 230
Psych 150
Phil 307
Winter
Elective
Spring
HBIO 231
Math 207
Hper 150
Medical Terminology

Typical third year for Pre-OT students
Fall
Psy 311
Art
Winter
Elective
Spring
Psy 348/349
HPER 105 (first aid)

Comments: The 4 semester Biology sequence can be started the spring of either the freshman or sophomore year.

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