

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 required that applicants have observed in occupational therapy practice settings for at least 20 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

Writing4 hours

Engw 201, Expository Writing

OR

Engw 301, Advanced Expository Writing

OR

Engw202, Writing about Disability (strongly recommended)

Statistics2 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 & Language (6 semester credit minimum)

Courses from two (2) of the following:

- Literature
- Religion
- History
- Philosophy (Phil 307, Ethics, Medicine, and Health Care is strongly recommended)
- Ethics
- Performance Arts (Music, Theatre, Dance)
- Studio Arts (Painting, Ceramics, Design, Sculpture)
- Foreign Language
- Art History or Appreciation

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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