Pre-Occupational Therapy

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Admission to the School of Occupational Therapy for qualified students occurs once the student has earned a bachelors degree.

Students with an interest in occupational therapy should obtain a current brochure from the Office of Admissions for Professional Programs. The brochure is the most current document 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).

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 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 bachelors 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............. 12 hours
Bio 202, General Biology I (prerequisite for Bio 224)
Bio 224, Human Anatomy with Lab
Bio 240, Human Physiology with Lab
Kinesiology is recommended.
Social Sciences............... 12 hours
General Psychology
Abnormal Psychology
Developmental Psychology – preferably Across the Lifespan
Social Science Elective – Outside of Psychology

Writing ......................... 4 hours
Engw 201, Expository Writing
OR
Engw 301, Advanced Expository Writing
OR
Engw202, 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 202

Typical second year for Pre-OT students
Fall
ENGW 202 (or 201)
BIO 224Psych 150
Phil 307
Winter
Elective
Spring
Biol 240
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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