

**PREPARING FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCHOOL**

Students must earn a bachelors degree prior to admission to occupational therapy (OT) school. Pre-occupational therapy is not a major. There is no preferred major. In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, students must complete the courses required by the OT schools to which they plan to apply. Some schools require completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

- Requirements at individual OT schools vary.
- Students are responsible for knowing and completing the requirements of their major and the OT school they plan to apply to.
- Early and regular consultation with a health professions advisor is recommended.

**PREREQUISITE COURSES**

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ENGL 100	Expository Writing I	3
ENGL 200	Expository Writing II	3
CLSCS 105	Medical Terminology: Latin & Greek for Scientists	2
BIOL 198	Principles of Biology	4
BIOL 341 & 342	Human Body	4/4
	<i>OR</i>	
KIN 360	Anatomy & Physiology	8
PHYS 101/103*	The Physical World/Lab	3/1
	<i>OR</i>	
PHYS 113*	Physics I	4
PSYCH 110	General Psychology	3
PSYCH 505	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 520	Lifespan Personality Devel.	3
	<i>OR</i>	
HDFS 110	Human Development	3
SOCIO 211**	Introduction to Sociology	3
PHILO 130	Moral Philosophy	3
	<i>OR</i>	
PHILO 365	Medical Ethics	3
STAT 325	Introduction to Statistics	3

\*A physics course is required by some programs

\*\*Some programs accept SOCIO 211 OR ANTH 200 or 204

**OTHER COURSES TO CONSIDER**

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AMETH 160	American Ethnic Studies	3
ART 103	Jewelry Design for non-majors	3
BIOL 330	Public Health Biology	3
COMM 322	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 480	Intercultural Communication	3
EDSP 415	Manual Communication	3
HDFS 302	Human Sexuality	3
HDFS 415	Intro to Child Life	3
GERON 315	Gerontology	3
FNDH 400	Human Nutrition	3
HIST 520	Death and Dying in History	3
HIST 534	Social History of Medicine	3
MUSIC 510	Survey of Music Therapy	3
PSYCH 470	Psychobiology	3
PSYCH 630	Human Neuropsychology	3
SOCIO 510	Social Welfare as a Soc. Inst.	3
SOCIO 541	Wealth, Power and Privelege	3
SOCWK 320	Dynamics Working w/ Older Adults	3
SPAN 101/102	Spanish I or II (or higher)	5
RRES 200	First Aid and CPR/AED	1
THTRE 665	Drama Therapy w/Special Populations	3

**NON-ACADEMIC COMPONENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION**

In addition to a competitive GPA and GRE score, competitive applicants have:

- Shadowed occupational therapists in multiple settings.
- Demonstrated a commitment to service through participation in volunteer activities. It is not necessary to limit volunteer service to health-related organizations.
- Experience interacting with special populations.

Research, leadership, and direct patient care experience also may enhance competitiveness.

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**To Make an Appointment:**

Please call 785-532-5500 or visit the Dean's Office, 119 Justin Hall, and schedule an appointment with the receptionist at the front desk.