

**PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2019-2020**  
**OU Health Science Center, College of Allied Health**  
**Oklahoma City and Tulsa**

University of Central Oklahoma  
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While pursuing a degree at UCO, the following courses must be completed with a “C” or better to qualify for admissions to the Occupational Therapy Program at OUHSC:

**Required Courses (Check Prerequisites):**

BIO 1204	Biology for Majors: Principles
BIO 1211	University Life Sciences Lab
*BIO 2102	Bio & Med Terminology
*BIO 2504	Human Anatomy and Laboratory
*BIO 2604	Human Physiology and Laboratory, Concurrent enrollment in BIO 2604L is required.
BIO 2604L	Human Physiology Laboratory
*PHY 1114	General Physics I
*PSY 2833	Developmental Psychology
*PSY 4753	Abnormal Psychology
*STAT 2103	Intro Statistics for Sciences

*\*At UCO, prerequisites for some of the courses above will include MATH 1513, 1593, CHEM 1103, 1112, BIO 2314/2203, STAT 2103, and PSY 1103. Also, you will need permission from the Dept. of Psychology in order to enroll in an upper division PSY class. If you have any questions regarding prerequisites or are transferring credits from outside UCO, please discuss this with your advisor.*

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Admission to the program requires completion of prerequisite course work and submission of all application materials. The Department Admissions Committee will review application materials. To be considered for admission to the Occupational Therapy Program, an application must:

1. Have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing, a minimum of 90 semester hours of prerequisite course work from an accredited college or university prior to matriculation to the program. A bachelor’s degree must be earned prior to enrollment in the program;
2. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
3. Have a minimum cumulative and science grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all college work and nature science courses attempted.
4. Have completed all department prerequisite courses with grades of C or better. **All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPA.**
5. Document 40 hours of observation experience in an occupational therapy setting prior to application;
6. To get started, call a facility that employs Occupational Therapists and ask if they will allow you to job shadow or contact one of the professionals identified on the OUHSC College of Allied Health Shadowing Map: <https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Job-Shadow-a-Health-Professional>.
7. Submit GRE scores.
8. Students for who English is a second language must submit a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Submit the following by **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, of the year in which admission is sought:

1. A completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application;
2. <http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ApplyingtoaProgram.aspx>
3. A completed OTCAS application;
4. <https://otcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
5. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended;
6. Documentation of observation experience (40 hours);
7. GRE scores; and
8. Non-refundable application fees.
9. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the OT program will be mailed the latter part of April. If notification is not received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, contact the department.
10. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification and confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term or the position will be considered declined. Alternates will be selected according to numerical ranking. Alternates may be admitted up to the first class day for the summer term if all positions have not been filled.

*A recently admitted class had the following academic averages: 155 Applied | 35 Admitted | 3.66 Avg. Cumulative GPA | 3.32 Avg. Science GPA | GRE ~ Avg. Verbal + Quantitative = 299; Avg. Analytical Writing = 3.9*

## **PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Occupational therapy is therapy based on performing the meaningful activities of daily life (self-care skills, education, work, or social interaction), especially to enable or enhance participation in such activities despite impairments or limitations in physical or mental functioning. Occupational therapy is for individuals of all ages to improve skills that help them perform daily tasks at home and at school, at work and at play. Occupational therapy practitioners are skilled professionals. Their education includes the study of human growth and development, with specific emphasis on their “occupations” of living. Occupational therapy practitioners are unique in that they look at the whole picture when it comes to a person’s treatment—the individual’s abilities, the task to be performed, and the environment in which the task takes place.

**Salary:** According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average salaries for Occupational Therapists is around **\$80,000**.

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**For more information about OT’s and OT programs:** <http://www.aota.org>

**For the latest information about the OU OT program and how to apply:** <https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Academic-Programs/Master-of-Occupational-Therapy-MOT-#13895142-program-description>

**For OU Occupational Therapy program information and assistance with application materials, contact:**

Office of Academic & Student Services (405) 271-6588, [alliedhealth-info@ouhsc.edu](mailto:alliedhealth-info@ouhsc.edu). University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Allied Health P.O. Box 26901, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73190.

**To apply to other OT programs:** <https://portal.otcas.org/>