

**PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2022**  
**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 Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program at OUHSC:

**Required Courses (Check Prerequisites):**

BIO 1114	General Biology	<b>OR</b>	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 and Lab			
*PHY 1114L	General Physics I Lab			
*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 or 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. 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 science courses attempted. See this link for which courses are included in the calculation of Science GPA:
4. <https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1058/Assets/Science%20%26%20Non-Science%20GPA%20Courses.pdf>
5. Have completed all department prerequisite courses with grades of C or better before the program begins June 1. **All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPA.**
6. It is recommended but NOT required to document 40 hours of observation experience in an occupational therapy setting prior to application. Applicants are asked to explore the [AOTA website](#) to learn more about careers in occupational therapy.
7. 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>
8. Submit GRE scores.
9. Students for whom 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:**

The OUHSC OTD Program encourages students to apply early. The program will begin considering applications as early as **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

1. Submit a completed online application through [OTCAS](#) and [OUHSC](#). Those with completed applications (OTCAS + OUHSC) by October 1<sup>st</sup> will be given PRIORITY consideration. Applications that are not complete by October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will not be consider for admission until the firm deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>. It is possible that the majority of the class could be filled prior to the firm deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities (including OU or OUHSC) attended and non-refundable application fees through [OTCAS](#).
3. Documentation of observation experience (40 hours) recommended but not required;
4. Submit GRE scores prior to the application deadline date. The OTCAS GRE Designated Institution Code for the OTD program at OUHSC is **7448**.
5. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the OT program will be posted after decisions are made.
6. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification.
7. Students accepted for admission must confirm their intention to enroll and attend by paying a non-refundable deposit on enrollment. The deposit is applied toward the tuition and fees during the first term.

*A recently admitted class had the following academic averages: 102 Applied / 45 Admitted / 3.63 Avg. Cumulative GPA / 3.3 Avg. Science GPA / GRE ~Avg. Verbal + Quantitative = 295; Avg. Analytical Writing = 3.8*

## **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 median salary for Occupational Therapists is **\$85,570**.

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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) or Senior Student Program Coordinator Ashley Korpela (405) 271-2131 [ashley-korpela@ouhsc.edu](mailto:ashley-korpela@ouhsc.edu) University of Oklahoma Health SciencesCenter, College of Allied Health P.O. Box 26901, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73190.

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