

## Occupational Therapy O.T.D.

### Program Description

Occupational therapy empowers people across the lifespan to do the activities that they want and need to do. Your life is made up of occupations-meaningful activities. Everyone has occupations-from the child whose occupations are to play and go to school, to the older adult whose occupations are to care for their loved ones and home. Someone recovering from an accident or injury will find that these valued occupations are disrupted. Occupational therapy helps to restore these valued occupations, and incorporates them into the rehabilitation process. In short, an occupational therapists help people to live life to its fullest no matter the health condition, disability, or risk factors.

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). The program must have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR).

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy professional program consists of 99 semester hours of sequenced and integrated didactic, clinical, and capstone courses including 24 weeks of fieldwork as well as an individual 14-week capstone experience to be completed in no more than five years.



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### Admission Requirements

The OUHSC Doctor of Occupational Therapy program requires applicants to complete both the OTCAS application and the OUHSC application. To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

1. Submit a completed on-line application through the [OTCAS](#) and [OUHSC](#). The OUHSC OTD Program encourages you to **APPLY EARLY!** Completed applications (OTCAS + OUHSC) by October 1 will be given PRIORITY consideration. Applications that are not complete by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will not be considered for admission until the firm deadline of February 1. It is possible that the majority of the class could be filled prior to the firm deadline of February 1.
2. Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program;
3. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
4. Earn a 2.75 cumulative and a 2.75 science grade point average on a 4.0 scale as calculated by OTCAS. Courses taken during the spring 2020 semester may have a "P" or "S" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The required 2.75 grade point averages still apply. The College of Allied Health does not recognize academic forgiveness nor reprieve policies. All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPAs;
5. Complete all prerequisite courses with grades of C or better prior to beginning the program. Courses taken during the spring 2020 semester may have a "P" or "S" due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
6. Recommended 40 hours of occupational therapy observation; however, they are NOT required. Applicants should explore the [AOTA website](#) to learn more about careers in occupational therapy;

7. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities (including OU and OUHSC transcripts if you have taken courses there) attended and non-refundable application fees through [OTCAS](#) by the application deadline;
8. Submit [Graduate Record Examination](#) (GRE) scores prior to the application deadline. The OTCAS GRE Designated Institution Code for the OTD program at OUHSC is 7448;
9. If English is a second language, submit [Test of English as a Foreign Language](#) (TOEFL) scores. Applicants must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (Internet-based) within two years of application. The OTCAS TOEFL Designated Institution Code for the OTD program at OUHSC is 7448. The department may waive TOEFL scores if the applicant provides evidence of graduation from a U.S. High School or a 4-year Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution;
10. Coursework from colleges or universities outside of the US, must have transcripts/mark sheets processed through [World Education Services](#) (WES); and
11. All official, sealed transcripts, GRE scores, and TOEFL scores (if applicable) must be received by the application deadline. Late transcripts and test scores will result in an automatic denial.

**Please note:** If you plan on applying to the program this year, submit an official, sealed transcript from every institution attended **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** through the [OTCAS](#) system. ALL transcripts and scores must be entered through the on-line [OTCAS](#) system. After fall grades have been posted, please update your OTCAS application **ASAP**.

#### Admission Prerequisites

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges and universities. Check the Transfer Equivalencies Database on the College of Allied Health web page <https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/> or your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

#### Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours

- Developmental Psychology (3 hrs)
- Human Anatomy (4-5 hrs)
- Human Physiology (4 hrs)
- Intro to Personality **or** Abnormal Psychology (3 hrs)
- Concepts in Biology **or** Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys (4-5 hrs)
- Medical Vocabulary (2-3 hrs)
- Physics I (4 hrs)
- 1 Understanding Statistics (3 hrs)

1 Equivalent course substitutions for OU's course numbers include PSY 2003, PSY 2113, COMM 2513, or ECON 2843.

#### Application Procedure

1. By **October 1** (preferred) or no later than **February 1**, follow the step-by-step process for successful application: <http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/> and <http://otcas.liasoncas.org/>
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the program will be posted after decisions are made.
3. The applicant must accept the position within two weeks of notification.
4. 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 tuition and fees during the first term.

#### Estimated Program Costs

Tuition, fees, and additional cost information is available online at [ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp](http://ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp). Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. Contact the Financial Aid Office by email at [financial-aid@ouhsc.edu](mailto:financial-aid@ouhsc.edu) or by telephone at (405) 271-2118.

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