PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MANUAL

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GENERAL PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY REQUIREMENTS*

All seven Occupational Therapy programs are Master’s level programs (MOT) which means a baccalaureate degree in any discipline is required for admission.

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*This information is based requirements of the MOT program at the University of Florida. There is some variability in prerequisite course work among the various programs. Students should check individual websites at the schools they plan to apply to for the most accurate and up to date admissions information.

SPECIFIC FLORIDA STATE COURSES

**BIOLOGY**
- BSC 1005 Biology                  3 Semester Hours
- BSC 1005L Biology Lab             1 Semester Hour
- or BSC 2010 General Biology (for majors) 3 Semester Hours
- BSC 2010L General Biology Lab     1 Semester Hour

**ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY**
- BSC 2085 & 2085L Applied Anatomy/Physiology I 4 Semester Hours
- BSC 2086 & 2086L Applied Anatomy/Physiology II 4 Semester Hours
- or PET 3322C Functional Anatomy/Physiology 4 Semester Hours
- PET 3323C Functional Anatomy/Physiology 4 Semester Hours

**STATISTICS**
- STA 2122 Introduction to Applied Statistics 3 Semester Hours

**MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY**
- CLT 2049 Medical Terminology (FSU) Fall 3 Semester Hours
- HUN 4905 Medical Terminology (FSU) Spring 3 Semester Hours
- HSC 2531 Medical Terminology (TCC) 3 Semester Hours
OT Schools in Florida:
- Barry University
- Florida A&M*
- Florida International University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Nova Southeastern University
- University of Florida
- University of St. Augustine for Health Science

*Currently on probationary accreditation

Minimal Requirements for Entrance:
- General Biology (with labs) 4 Semester Hours
- Statistics 3 Semester Hours
- Psychology 8 Semester Hours
- Sociology 8 Semester Hours
- Anatomy & Physiology 8 Semester Hours
- Medical Terminology 3 Semester Hours

Degree/Major: Any major is acceptable as long as the student meets the minimal entrance requirements listed above.

Selection Factors: Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their academic performance record, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), clinical exposure/experience, extracurricular activities and a personal interview. A sustained record of high-level academic performance while carrying above average credit hour loads is expected for competitive applicants.

Volunteer Hours: Most programs recommend 40-50 hours of observation in several diverse OT settings.

Admission Test: GRE
www.gre.org

Application Services: Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) will begin accepting applications for most OT schools in August 2010 for the 2011 entering class.
Application Link https://portal.otcas.org/
Letters of evaluation, GRE scores and transcripts will be sent to OTCAS. Check with the school that you are applying to, to make sure they are using OPTICAS.