

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING OFFICE
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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.

Biology (with labs)	4-8 Semester Hours
Anatomy & Physiology	4-8 Semester Hours
Abnormal Psychology	3 Semester Hours
Sociology	3 Semester Hours
Statistics	3 Semester Hours
Medical Terminology	3 Semester Hours
Oral Communications	3 Semester Hours

*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
<u>or</u>		
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
<u>or</u>		
PET 3322C	Functional Anatomy/Physiology	4 Semester Hours
PET 3323C	Functional Anatomy/Physiology	4 Semester Hours

Psychology

CLP 4143	Abnormal Psychology	3 Semester Hours
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Sociology

SYG 1000	Introductory Sociology	3 Semester Hours
<u>or</u>		
SYG 2010	Social Problems	3 Semester Hours

STATISTICS

STA 2122	Introduction to Applied Statistics	3 Semester Hours
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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

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INFORMATION

- ❑ OT Schools in Florida:
 - Adventist University of Health Sciences
 - Barry University
 - Florida A&M University
 - Florida Gulf Coast University
 - Florida International University
 - Nova Southeastern University
 - University of Florida
 - University of St. Augustine for Health Science

- ❑ Minimal Requirements for Entrance:
(Most schools require a baccalaureate degree.)

General Biology (with labs)	4 Semester Hours
Statistics	3 Semester Hours
Psychology	3 Semester Hours
Sociology	3 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 June of the year before matriculation.

Application Link <https://portal.otcas.org/>

Cost: \$140 for initial application & 1 school, \$60 for each additional school

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 OTCAS.