



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJOR

COUNSELING DIVISION

The following requirements are subject to change without notice. To assure accuracy of this information, you should consult with a Health Science counselor, or review articulation agreements at WWW.ASSIST.ORG. You may also consult the Articulation Officer for specific articulation agreements.

Occupational Therapists work with patients with physical injuries, developmental and learning impairment, aging, psychological or social disabilities and help the patients achieve independent productive lives. Activities focus on three different areas: Daily Living (grooming, hygiene, eating and dressing); Work (home management, care of others, education and job performance); and Play or Leisure Activities (exploration and performance).

Admission is highly competitive and is not assured by the completion of the recommended requirements.

The American Registry of Occupational Therapists registers Occupational Therapists in California. They must have completed an accredited program, have six to nine months of supervised clinical work in a hospital or health agency and pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination.

CALIFORNIA STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS (2008-2009)

***Note:** The Occupational Therapy major is a Master's Degree program. Please contact the department for additional admission requirements at www.csudh.edu/hhs/dhs/OT/index.htm or (800) 334-5484 X2120. Students will need to have completed a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university at the time of application.

Criteria for Admission:

1. Completion of a BA or BS from an accredited university at the time of application.
2. Completion of pre-major requirements with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a 3.0 in prerequisite courses.
3. Completion of 80 hours of volunteer work in an occupational therapy setting.
4. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a combined score of 800, scores should be sent from the testing agency to the OT Program Office and must be within the past five years
5. Three letters of recommendation and a personal interview

Required courses: Anatomy 30 or Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Math 150; Psychology 15 and 16

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY (2008-2009)

***Note:** The Occupational Therapy major is a Bachelor's/Master's Degree program. Please contact the department for additional admission requirements at www.sjsu.edu/ot/ or (408) 924-3070

Criteria for admission to the Bachelor's Degree program:

1. Completion of all major requirements; minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and in good standing.
2. Completion of 80 hours of volunteer work (40 under OT supervision/40 under community agency supervision). The hours must be completed within the past three years of planned enrollment.

Required courses to be completed with grades of C or better within the past 7 years: Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Math 150; Sociology 101 or Anthropology 2; Psychology 5 and 15; Physics 2A-2B; **highly recommended:** Art 61ab or Art 22 or Art 81 or a course which requires the use of tools and materials to create a product.

Criteria for admission to the Master's Degree program:

1. Minimum 2.8 GPA in the last 60 semester units of course work including the first two semesters of the occupational therapy undergraduate courses and successful completion of OCHT 134 will advance the student to "conditionally classified" graduate status.
2. Successful completion of the undergraduate program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 and completion of OCHT 201A advances the student to full acceptance into the graduate program and "classified status".

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (2008-2009)

***Note:** The Occupational Therapy Program offers a Bachelor's of Science in Occupational Therapy and a fast track to a Master's Degree Program. Please contact the department for additional admissions requirements at (323) 442-2850 or www.usc.edu/schools/ihp/ot/admission/ . Students who complete the Bachelor's Degree in O.T will be able to earn a Master's Degree in one additional year. If students have earned a degree in another field, the Entry Level Master's Degree is a two year program.

Required courses to be completed with a GPA of 3.0 within the past 5 years: Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Psychology 5, 15, 16; Sociology 101 or Anthropology 2

Criteria for Admission to the Bachelor's Degree Program:

1. A recommended GPA of 3.0
2. Complete a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the six OT prerequisites courses within the past five years.
3. Verify that USC's GE requirements will be completed by the start of the senior year.
4. Submit an essay describing your interests and skills, goals and professional accomplishments, including why you are choosing to become an occupational therapist.
5. Submit three letters of recommendation from professors, therapists, and/or other professionals familiar with your capabilities and achievements.

Criteria for Admission to the Master of Arts Entry Level Professional Program:

1. Complete a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from an accredited college or university.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and 3.0 in prerequisite courses, no grade below a C is accepted.
3. Completion of the GRE with a combined score of 1000 within the past 5 years.
4. Experience in helping roles, such as camp, school, hospital, community centers is highly recommended.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Evidence of Academic potential, research skills.
7. Submit an essay addressing interest, goals, and understanding of the occupational therapy profession.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY (2008-2009)

Upon successful completion of didactic and fieldwork requirements, students will graduate from LLU with a Bachelors' degree in Health Science and a Master's in Occupational Therapy. Students are then eligible to take the NBCOT's National OT Board Exam.

***Please contact the department for additional information at (909) 558-0239 or www.llu.edu/llu/sahp/ot/otem.html**

Criteria for Admission:

1. Completion of 64 semester units.
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and 3.0 in the science prerequisites.
3. 40 hours of paid or voluntary employment in an occupational therapy department or community service.
4. Infant, Child, and Adult CPR certification.

Required courses: Anatomy 32 and Physiology 31; Chemistry 4 or 20 or Physics 11 and 12 or any additional course in Physical Science; Math 70; Anthropology 2; Sociology 101; Psychology 5 and 16; English 1A and 1B; Speech 1; CIS 13; Contemporary Health 1 or Nutrition 11; 2 PE classes; select three courses from 3 different areas: Area 1: Art 1 or 4 or Music 11; Area 2: English 15A or 15B or 23; Philosophy 2 or 3 or 5 or 8; Area 3: History 3, or 4 or 1A or 1B or any foreign language.

*For students who already have completed a B.A or B.S in another field students need to complete the following prerequisite requirements for admission: Proof of a completed Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or University; Anatomy with lab; Physiology with lab; one additional course from Physics, Chemistry, or Physical Sciences; computer proficiency; 40 hours of community service; CPR-infant, child, and adult.