



# 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](http://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 (2012-2013)

**\*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](http://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. 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) 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, must be completed within the past 10 years:** Anatomy 30 or Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Math 150; Psychology 15 and 16; recommended: CIS 13

## SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY (2012-2013)

**Required courses to be completed with grades of C or better within the past 7 years:** Anatomy 32 and Physiology 31 or Anatomy and Physiology 34A and 34B; Math 150; Sociology 101 or Anthropology 2; Psychology 5 and 15; **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. Students will also be required to take Biology 65L and Neuroanatomy upon transfer to SJSU.

### Criteria for admission to the Master's Degree program:

1. Minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester units of course work including the first three semesters of the occupational therapy undergraduate courses and successful completion of OCHT 134 will advance the student to "conditionally classified" graduate status.
2. Minimum of 100 hours of volunteer experience or equivalent paid work experience in OT
3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a combined score of 1000
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Grades of B or better in the prerequisites courses

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** (2012-2013)

**\*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/](http://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; Math 150; Psychology 5, 15, 16; Sociology 101 or Anthropology 2; Recommended: Medical Terminology

**Criteria for Admission to the Traditional Bachelor's to Master's Degree Program:**

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

**Criteria for Admission to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D)**

1. Complete a bachelor/master's degree from an accredited college or university and must be certified or licensed as an occupational therapist, or be eligible to sit for the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).
2. A minimum GPA of 3.0
3. Completion of the GRE
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Autobiographical statement of purpose
6. Evidence of leadership, clinical experiences, and professional accomplishments

**LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY** (2012-2013)

**Criteria for Admission to the Master's Degree Program (who have completed a degree in another field)**

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; Human Growth and Development; Statistics; computer proficiency; recommended: Medical Terminology; 40 hours of community service; CPR-infant, child, and adult.

\*As of June 2013, all incoming students must have a bachelor's degree, students that do not have a previous bachelor's degree, should meet with a counselor or the department at LLU for further information. (909) 558-4628 or [www.llu.edu/llu/sahp/ot/otem.html](http://www.llu.edu/llu/sahp/ot/otem.html)