

Admissions Information

Combined BS in Health Sciences/Masters of Occupational Therapy

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Students applying need to:

- Meet all of the general requirements of the university for admission (Applications are available through the undergraduate admissions office (<http://www.csu.edu/AdmissionsInformation/>)).
- Successfully complete the required university placement examinations and courses in English, mathematics, and reading and the federal and state constitutions.

Prior to admission to the professional phase of the occupational therapy program, students will be identified as Health Science: pre-occupational therapy majors.

Prerequisite Requirements for BS/MOT Students:

All prerequisite coursework must be completed before beginning professional coursework with a grade of C or higher. Prerequisite courses required for admission may be repeated only once when the original grade is D or F. The anatomy and physiology courses must be taken within 5 years of admission to the professional program.

For students without an undergraduate degree the following prerequisites are required:

Composition

ENG 127, 128

6 credit hours

Mathematics/Critical Thinking

MATH 162; any college level math or critical thinking course (PHIL 221 recommended).

6 credit hours

Natural Sciences/Physical Sciences

BIOL 108; ZOOL 250,261; PSYL 204; PH S 100 or PH S 101 or CHEM 155

16-17 credit hours

Social Sciences

ANTH 101 or SOC 101; PSYCH 141, PSYC 217 or 204, PSYC 336, PSYC 357; three additional hours of social sciences

18 credit hours

Humanities**18 credit hours**

Six hours in a single foreign language; 12 additional hours of humanities electives

Computer Science**3 credit hours**

CPTR 106

Health Sciences**18 credit hours**

H SC 104, 150, 250 (or PHIL 233), 375, 6 hours of health sciences electives

Occupational Therapy**3 credit hours**

OT 201

Electives

Five hours electives with approval of department academic advisor. Courses that promote communication, critical thinking and cross cultural psychology are highly recommended.

Community College Students:

A student who has completed the A.A. or A.S. degree from a community college in Illinois or a student who has completed all the general education requirements of a community college will be exempt from physical science and critical thinking requirements for health sciences.

Admission to the Professional Program

Admission to the professional program is based on completion of the following requirements and acceptance by the admissions committee:

- Submission of a completed Occupational Therapy Department application and a current evaluation of credits. All applicants are strongly encouraged to review admission eligibility with an advisor before applying.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. A limited number of students with a GPA of 2.9 to 2.99 may qualify for conditional admission. Conditional admission status is removed when a student achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in the first semester of the professional occupational therapy program.
- Proof of over 40 hours of work experience or community service that demonstrates human service skills. Experience is to be described on the prescribed form and signed by an appropriate supervising individual. This experience is not limited to the field of occupational therapy.
- Two recommendations on the prescribed form. One of the recommendations must be from an upper division teacher. The other recommendation may be from another upper division teacher or an employer or community service supervisor. Relatives cannot submit recommendations.

- A typed essay of approximately 1000 words on the applicant's reasons for pursuing a career in occupational therapy and how the applicant's human service experience has enhanced or developed their interpersonal skills.
- Interview with the members of the Occupational Therapy admission committee. Applicants who are not accepted into the program may be invited for an interview with the chairperson to discuss options to strengthen their re-application.
- Students are admitted to the professional program only once a year in the fall semester.
- Applications are accepted and reviewed throughout the year.
- The deadline for submission of application materials is March 15th each year.
- The department application and all supporting documents are submitted directly to the Department of Occupational Therapy in Library Room 132.

When applying to the School of Graduate and Professional Studies prior to the Masters of Occupational Therapy phase of the program, students will need to have a grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) in the final 60 semester credit hours of undergraduate courses.