



## HOW TO APPLY

The program has a three-step application process.

**OTCAS Application** – Applicants must first apply using the Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service (<http://www.otcas.org>).

**Verification of the OTCAS Application** – OTCAS will then verify your application. This process can take up to six (6) weeks. OTCAS must verify applications before being reviewed and scored for consideration in Ohio State's DPT program.

**Ohio State's Supplemental Application** – Once the application has been submitted and verified by OTCAS, applicants will receive an email from Ohio State with instructions on how to complete the Ohio State supplemental application and pay the supplemental application fee. Contact [HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu](mailto:HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu) with any questions.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE:** A bachelor's degree (B.S. or B.A.) from an accredited North American college or university or a comparable degree from a recognized foreign college or university must be earned before the start of the program.

**PREREQUISITES:** Completion of prerequisite courses or acceptable approved equivalents with a grade of C or higher. Due to COVID-19, grades of "S" and "PA" taken between Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 will be accepted. Additionally, Ohio State switched from PA/NP to emergency grading in Spring 2021. Grades of "NP," "U," and "PE" are considered below a C- and will not be accepted.

**GPA:** Academic achievement is demonstrated by the cumulative grade-point average and the grades earned in the program prerequisites. The GPA will be computed using all grades earned from all institutions attended, and only applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission.

**HOURS OF OBSERVATION:** All applicants are required to have completed twenty (20) documented hours of practical experience (observation, volunteer, and/or work experience) in an occupational therapy setting in at least one of the following areas: acute-care, mental health, rehabilitation, pediatric, and or gerontology.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** All applicants must submit a personal statement as part of the general application on OTCAS. Your statement should reflect why you chose OT as a career, how an OT degree is related to your goals, and demonstrate the attributes and experiences described in the [OTD "Admissions Vision" found here](#).

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Three (3) letters of recommendation are required from all applicants. Recommenders should be professors, current or former employers, coaches from a collegiate sports team, or supervisors from a clinical or non-clinical volunteer experience. Applicants are not permitted to use family members or friends for evaluations.

**INTERVIEW:** An interview will be offered to qualifying applicants and are by invitation only.

**TOEFL (International Students Only):** A minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the paper-based test (or 79 on the internet version) will be required of applicants whose native language is not English. An alternative English proficiency test, International English Language Testing System (IELTS), will also be accepted with seven (7) or higher scores.

## PREREQUISITE COURSES

Prerequisite courses must be completed before admission to the program. Ohio State course numbers are shown below.

**Abnormal Psychology\***

PSYCH 3331

**Human Anatomy\***

ANATOMY 2300 or 3300

**Human Physiology\***

EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200

**Introductory Sociology**

SOCIOL 1101

**Introductory/General Biology**

BIOLOGY 1101, 1102, or 1113

**Elementary or General Statistics**

STAT 1350 or higher

**Intermediate/Technical Writing**

ENGLISH 3305 or any 2367 course

**Medical Terminology**

HTHRHS 2500 or CLAS 2010

Courses with an asterisk (\*) must be completed by the end of the fall semester before the start of the OTD program.

Lab sections of Physiology and Anatomy courses are recommended but not required. If Anatomy and Physiology courses are offered as a combined course, two courses of the combined anatomy-physiology content are required (ex: A&P I and A&P II).

Course credit awarded through Advanced Placement (AP) exams may be applied toward direct equivalent prerequisites.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**Friday, July 21, 2023**

2023-2024 OTCAS application opens

**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Ohio State's OTCAS submission deadline

**Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Classes begin for the OTD Class of 2027

## YEAR 1

Summer <i>Foundations of Practice</i>	Credits	Autumn <i>Foundations of Practice</i>	Credits	Spring <i>Evaluation, Intervention, Outcomes for General Practice</i>	Credits
AN 6000 Advanced Anatomy	5	OT 6120 Human Occupation, Performance, & Analysis	3	OT 6189 Mental Health Fieldwork	1
OT 6110 OT Foundations & Theory	2	OT 6130 Use of Self & Groups	2	OT 6210 Physical Rehabilitation	3
OT 6140 Core Skills	1	OT 6131 Use of Self & Groups	1	OT 6211 Physical Rehabilitation Lab	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	OT 6150 Neuroscience	3	OT 6220 Mental & Cognitive Function	3
		OT 6160 Fundamentals of Biomechanics	2	OT 6221 M & C F Lab	1
		OT 6730 Research Methods	2	OT 6251 Physical Agent Modalities	1
		OT 7440 Fieldwork Preparation I	1	OT 7310 OT with Young Children	3
		HTHRHSC 7900 Evidence-Based Practice I	1	OT 7311 OT with Young Children Lab	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	HTHRHSC 7910 Evidence-Based Practice II	1
				<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

## YEAR 2

Summer <i>Evaluation, Intervention, Outcomes for General Practice</i>	Credits	Autumn <i>Evaluation, Intervention, Outcomes for General Practice</i>	Credits	Spring <i>Level II Fieldwork</i>	Credits
OT 6230 Orthopedics in OT	3	OT 6289 Level I Fieldwork (Physical Function)	1	OT 7189 Fieldwork II	9
OT 6510S Service Learning	1	OT 6389 Level I Fieldwork (Pediatrics)	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>
OT 6740 Health Planning	2	OT 7270 Performance, Environment & Context	3		
OT 7260 OT for Older Adults Lecture	2	OT 7271 P, E & C Lab	1		
OT 7261 OT for Older Adults Lab	1	OT 7280 Acute Care & Conditions for Older Adults	2		
OT 7320 School Age & Adolescents	2	OT 7281 Acute Care & Conditions for Older Adults Lab	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	OT 7411 Assistive Technology	2		
		OT 7447 Fieldwork Preparation 2	1		
		OT 7710 Capstone Exploration	0.5		
		OT 7920 Systematic Review & Guidelines	2		
		<i>Candidacy (comprehensive) Exam</i>			
		<b>Total</b>	<b>14.5</b>		

## YEAR 3

Summer <i>Level II Fieldwork</i>	Credits	Autumn <i>Evaluation, Intervention, Outcomes for General Practice</i>	Credits	Spring <i>Capstone Project &amp; Experience</i>	Credits
OT 7189 Fieldwork II	9	OT 7250 Teaching and Curriculum in OT	3	OT 7389 Doctoral Capstone Experience	9
HTHRHSC 8998 Practicum	1	OT 7420 Management, Leadership & Advocacy	3	OT 7730 Capstone Project Completion	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	OT 7430 Supervision & Consultation	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>
		OT 7720 Capstone Project Proposal	2		
		OT 7721 Capstone Preparation	.5		
		<i>Select One:</i>			
		OT 7350 Advanced Topics in Pediatrics	2		
		OT 7770 Advanced Practice in Assistive Tech	2		
		OT 7780 Advanced Topics in Orthopedics	2		
		OT 7790 Advanced Topics in Neurorehabilitation	2		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>12.5</b>		

To be eligible for graduation, students must meet a minimum of 105 credit hours.

Ohio State academic programs are designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure and certification and state licensing board contact information [here](#) for online programs and [here](#) for on-campus programs.

The Occupational Therapy program is accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education \(ACOTE\)](#) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE can be reached at 301-652-AOTA.

### Questions?

Contact the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences  
614-292-1706 or [HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu](mailto:HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu)

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