HOW TO APPLY
The program has a three-step application process.

OTCAS Application – Applicants must first apply by using the Centralized Application Service (www.otcas.org).

Verification of the OTCAS Application – OTCAS will then go through the process of verifying your application. This process can take up to 6 weeks and if unverified by OTCAS by OSU’s deadline, it will be considered incomplete and not reviewable.

OSU’s Supplemental Application – Once the application has been submitted and verified by OTCAS, applicants will receive an email from OSU with instruction on how to complete the OSU supplemental application and pay the supplemental application fee. Contact HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu with any questions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. 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 prior to the start of the program.

2. PREREQUISITES: Completion of prerequisite courses or acceptable approved equivalents with a grade of C or higher. *Due to COVID-19, any prerequisite course taken as PA/NP or S/U will be accepted if taken between Spring 2020 - Summer 2021.

3. 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 a 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission.

4. GRE: Requirement waived for the 2021-2022 application cycle due to COVID-19. If applicant chooses to submit GRE scores, application will be scored twice – once with GRE and once without; higher of the two will be used.

5. HOURS OF OBSERVATION: Requirement waived for the 2021-2022 application cycle due to COVID-19. Applicants are still encouraged to submit any observation hours they were able to obtain through the OTCAS application.

6. PERSONAL STATEMENT: All applicants are required to submit a personal statement as part of the general application on OTCAS. Your statement should reflect why you chose OT as a career and how an OT degree related to your immediate and long-term goals.

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

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

9. 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 scores of 7 or higher.

PREREQUISITE COURSES
These courses must be completed prior to admission to the major. Ohio State course numbers shown below.

- Abnormal Psychology*
  PSYCH 3331
- Human Anatomy*
  ANATOMY 2300 or 3300
- Human Physiology*
  EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200
- Introductory Sociology
  SOCIOL 1101
- Biology
  BIOLOGY 1101, 1102, or 1113
- Elementary or General Statistics
  STAT 1350.01, 1450.01 or higher
- Intermediate/Technical Writing
  ENGLISH 3305 or any 2367 course
- Medical Terminology
  HTHRHSC 2500 or CLASSICS 2010

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

Lab sections of Anatomy and Physiology 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

Early July, 2021
2021-2022 OTCAS application opens

Friday, October 1st, 2021
OSU’s OTCAS submission deadline

Tuesday, May 31st, 2022
OSU’s OTD program begins for Class of 2025
# Occupational Therapy
## The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
### Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

## Year 1
### Summer
- Introduction to the Profession
  - AN 6000 Advanced Anatomy: 5 units
  - OT 6110 Foundations & Theory: 2 units
  **TOTAL:** 7 units

### Autumn
- Foundations of the Professions
  - OT 6120 Occupations in Life and Community: 2 units
  - OT 6130 OT Introductory Skills: 2 units
  - OT 6131 OT Introductory Skills (Lab): 1 unit
  - OT 6140 OT Task Analysis and Core Skills: 3 units
  - OT 6150 Neuroscience: 2 units
  - OT 6730 Research Methods I: 2 units
  - OT 6160 Assessing Occupation: Biomechanics: 1 unit
  - HTHRHSC 7900 Evidence-Based Pract I: 1 unit
  **TOTAL:** 14 units

### Spring
- Foundations of Practice
  - OT 6189 Mental Health Fieldwork: 1 unit
  - OT 6210 Neuromusculoskeletal/Sensory: 3 units
  - OT 6211 NMS/Sensory (Lab): 2 units
  - OT 6220 Mental Health/Cognition: 3 units
  - OT 6221 Mental Health/Cognition (Lab): 1 unit
  - OT 6251 Physical Agent Modalities: 1 unit
  - OT 7310 OT with Young Children: 2 units
  - OT 7311 OT with Young Children (Lab): 1 unit
  - OT 7440 Fieldwork Preparation: 1 unit
  - HTHRHSC 7910 Evidence-Based Pract II: 1 unit
  **TOTAL:** 16 units

## Year 2
### Summer
- Practice with Diverse Populations
  - OT 6230 Orthopedics in OT: 4 units
  - OT 6510S Service Learning*: 1 unit
  - OT 6740 Clinical Guidelines: 2 units
  - OT 7260 OT with Older Adults: 2 units
  - OT 7320 OT with Adolescents: 2 units
  **TOTAL:** 11 units

### Autumn
- Engagement in Occupation and Practice
  - OT 6289 Physical Function Fieldwork: 1 unit
  - OT 6389 Pediatrics Fieldwork: 1 unit
  - OT 6510S Service Learning*: 1 unit
  - OT 7270 Occupational Performance: 3 units
  - OT 7271 Occupational Performance (Lab): 1 unit
  - OT 7280 Geriatrics: 1 unit
  - OT 7281 Geriatrics (Lab): 1 unit
  - OT 7411 Assistive Technology: 2 units
  - OT 7447 Fieldwork Preparation II: 1 unit
  - OT 7710 Capstone Preparation: 1 unit
  **TOTAL:** 13 units

### Spring
- Fieldwork
  - OT 7189 Level II Fieldwork: 9 units
  **TOTAL:** 9 units

*Students must only take OT 6510S once, either in Summer or Autumn of Year 2.

## Year 3
### Summer
- Fieldwork
  - OT 7189 Level II Fieldwork: 9 units
  - HTHRHSC 8998 Practicum: 1 unit
  **TOTAL:** 10 units

### Autumn
- Advanced Practice
  - OT 7420 Management: 3 units
  - OT 7430 Supervision and Consultation: 2 units
  - OT 7720 Capstone Project Proposal: 2 units
  **TOTAL:** 9 units

### Spring
- Capstone & Doctoral Experiences
  - OT 7389 Doctoral Experience: 9 units
  - OT 7730 Capstone Project Completion: 2 units
  **TOTAL:** 11 units

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### Select One:
- OT 7350 Pediatric Practice
- OT 7780 Neurorehabilitation Practice
- OT 7790 Orthopedic OT
- OT 7770 Assistive Technology

**TOTAL:** 9 units

### Candidacy (comprehensive) Exam

## Questions?
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