

Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Page

Q: How do I apply to the OTD program at The Ohio State University?

A: OSU participates in OTCAS. Students will submit their application through OTCAS. OTCAS will then verify their application. Once verified, the applicant will receive an e-mail from OSU that includes instructions on how to complete the supplemental application.

Q: When does the program start and how long is it?

A: The program begins once a year each Summer Semester. The program is three years in length (nine consecutive semesters).

Q: When do I receive OSU's Supplemental Application?

A: Applicants will only receive the supplemental application once their OTCAS application has been verified.

Q: When is the Supplemental Application due?

A: Applicants will receive the supplemental applications on different dates based on when their OTCAS application is verified. Applicants will have 14 days from the date they receive the supplemental application e-mail to complete the supplemental application.

Q: What does my undergraduate major need to be in order to apply to the OTD program?

A: Applicants can have ANY undergraduate major as long as they have completed a bachelor's degree and completed the required prerequisites for OSU's program.

Q: What is the BEST major to pursue if I am interested in applying to OSU's OTD program?

A: There is not a best major! Our students have majored in anything and everything. Students should choose an undergraduate major that they enjoy and want to study.

Q: Is there a time constraint on when my prerequisites need to be completed?

A: Anatomy, Physiology, and Abnormal Psychology need to be completed by the end of Autumn Semester during the application cycle a student is applying for, and must have been completed within the past five years. All other prerequisites must be completed before the start of the program and could have been taken beyond five years.

Q: Do you accept AP Credit for prerequisite courses?

A: Yes!

Q: Does OSU's OTD program require the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for admission?

A: Yes. All applicants will need to complete the GRE by the deadline and within five years of applying to the program. Applicants will use the OSU program **code# 7415** when sending their scores to OTCAS.

Q: What if I took the GRE more than once?

A: If you took the GRE more than once, we will accept and score your best day.

Q: Do you accept transfer students from other OT programs?

A: No, we do not accept transfer student from other OT programs. If you are interested in our program, you will need to apply and begin the program from the start. Course credit from another program will not be transferred and applied to our program.

Q: Is there an option for part-time, online or evening coursework?

A: No, we do not have a part-time, online or evening option for students. The OTD curriculum requires full-time study, plus six months of full-time fieldwork and sixteen weeks in a clinical doctoral experience. Classes generally take place during the week between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

Q: How much is tuition for the OSU's OTD program?

A: Annual tuition for a student during the 2019-2020 academic year is about \$21, 313.00 for Ohio residents and \$50, 835.00 for non-Ohio-residents per year.

The OTD program has achieved candidacy status 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's telephone number is (301) 652-6611 and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org.