

University of Montana

Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

I. Introduction/Description

The University of Montana is excited to announce the addition of a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy (OT), the first program of its kind within the Montana University System. Our OT Program will be open for admissions starting in the Fall of 2021, in advance of that, this document provides prospective students with program information and qualifying criteria. The program has been developed consistent with the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Occupational Therapy will fall under the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences at the University of Montana and will be housed within the already established School of Speech, Language, Hearing, & Occupational Sciences.

II. Pre-requisites:

Prerequisite coursework may be taken at the University of Montana or at any other accredited college, university, or community college. At the time of application, applicants must have completed all the prerequisite courses listed below. All prerequisites must be taken for credit (not through certificate programs), and only courses in which you have received a traditional grade of “C” or higher will satisfy the requirements.

GENERAL STUDIES	SEMESTER HOURS	QUARTER HOURS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate English Composition/Technical Writing 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Speaking 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
SCIENCE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Biology with lab 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Chemistry <i>OR</i> Physics (lab preferred) 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
CULTURE, IDEAS AND/OR CIVILATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Sociology, Anthropology, World Religion, <i>OR</i> Women’s Studies 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
PSYCHOLOGY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Psychology/Introduction to Psychology 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal Psychology 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Development Through the Life Span/ Developmental Psychology 	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
STATISTICS	3 HOURS	4.5 HOURS
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	1 HOUR	1.5 HOURS
HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY WITH LAB	6 HOURS	9 HOURS

Computer Competency - Candidates are expected to be proficient with and have access to a computer. If this is an area needing skill building, the candidate is advised to pursue appropriate training experiences.

Additional Requirements:

The following must be completed prior to admission into the Occupational Therapy program:

_____ **APPLICATION:** Application made online to OTCAS at www.otcas.org by **5pm Pacific Standard Time on December 15, 2020.**

_____ **GRE:** Graduate Records Examination scores taken within the last 5 years. Submit to OTCAS (use code 2165).

_____ **UNDERGRADUATE BACHELOR'S DEGREE:** Must be completed before the start of the summer semester of the application year.

_____ **OVERALL GPA:** Students must demonstrate a 3.0 college GPA in the last 60 semester hours or 90 graded quarter hours.

_____ **PREREQUISITE GPA:** Students must demonstrate a 3.0 cumulative college GPA in all prerequisites.

_____ **EXPERIENCE:** A **minimum** of 40 hours of volunteer or paid experience in at least **TWO** different practice environments, under the direction of a licensed occupational therapist, is required **before submitting your application.**

_____ **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** **Three** letters of recommendation will be needed with your application, at least one from a licensed Occupational Therapist is required. You will use forms as provided through the OTCAS application.

_____ **TRANSCRIPTS:** You will be providing official transcripts to OTCAS as part of the application process. Should you be admitted to our program, we will need official transcripts indicating completion of your bachelor's degree and all prerequisite courses.

III. Program Overview:

In line with American Occupational Therapy Association accreditation requirements, the OT program will be 3 years, with classes each semester (Fall/Spring/Summer). The occupational therapy program at the University of Montana will prepare occupational therapists with a broad base of skills upon graduation. Graduates will be able to implement occupational therapy services in many settings, especially rural environments. Students successfully completing the professional program meet the competencies for occupational therapy as determined by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, receive a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree, and are prepared for state licensure.

IV. Tuition

	Resident AY	Non-Resident AY	Resident Summer	Non-Resident Summer	Program Tuition	
Tuition Bases	\$ 8,432	\$ 28,267	\$ 3,952	\$ 13,870	\$ 6,880	3% increase Per year

V. Class Size & Composition

The first admitted class will be capped at 15 students. Subsequent years will admit 30 students per year. While preference may be given to students from the state of Montana, non-resident students will be considered for admission.

VI. UM Occupational Therapy Advising Contact:

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