Planning Guide for Minnesota State University-Moorhead

Admissions criteria and prerequisite requirements can change from year to year. It is the prospective applicant’s responsibility to be up-to-date on all program requirements prior to applying.

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<th>Prerequisite Requirement</th>
<th>Courses that fulfill prerequisite requirement</th>
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<th>Credit Total</th>
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<td>Human Anatomy * (lab not required)</td>
<td>BIOL 323 Human Anatomy</td>
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<td>Human Physiology * (lab not required)</td>
<td>BIOL 349 Human Physiology</td>
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<td>Statistics *</td>
<td>PSY 230 OR SOC 350 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences OR Methods and Statistics for Social Research</td>
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<td>General Psychology *</td>
<td>PSY 113 General Psychology</td>
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<td>Abnormal Psychology *</td>
<td>PSY 463 Abnormal Psychology</td>
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<td>Human Development across the Lifespan *</td>
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<td>Sociology/Cultural Anthropology *</td>
<td>SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology</td>
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<td>Medical Terminology</td>
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<td>Introduction to OT (recommended not required)</td>
<td>OT 1003 is an online course that can be taken as non-degree seeking through the UMN-TC. Please see our website for details.</td>
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* Six of Seven Prerequisites must be completed at time of application. A minimum grade of C is required for all prerequisite courses.

If you have completed a course you feel satisfies a prerequisite requirement that is not listed on the above guide please email the following information to cahpinfo@umn.edu and we will review for equivalency.

1) Course Name and Number
2) Course Description
3) Course Syllabus
4) Year course was completed
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- Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend an OT First-Step session. Future dates and times can be found on our website, [http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/prospective-students/first-step-sessions](http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/prospective-students/first-step-sessions).
- First-Step sessions and the program website give more information about the unique hybrid-learning educational model of the Program in Occupational Therapy. The hybrid, or blended-learning model, utilizes both on-line and in-person instruction. Prospective applicants should view our informational webinar about the hybrid curriculum on our website, [http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/current-students/curriculum](http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/current-students/curriculum).

Admission Requirements

For more detailed information about admissions criteria please visit our website: [http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/prospective-students/academic-requirements-entry](http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/prospective-students/academic-requirements-entry).

- Complete a US bachelor’s degree or comparable foreign degree from an accredited college or university. There is no preferred major. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.0.
- Six of the seven core prerequisites (*) must be completed at time of application. All prerequisite requirements must be taken A-F, with no single grade lower than a C earned. A prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or above is a positive factor toward admission. If a course is repeated, the most recent grade is used.
- Practical Experience
  - Required
    - Minimum of 20 hours of OT observation in at least two practice areas OR completion of an Introduction to Occupational Therapy course.
  - Recommended
    - Work, volunteer or observation experience in health or education related fields (e.g. physical therapy, special education, speech pathology, long term care, home health).
    - Additional OT observation experience, above that which is required
    - Research opportunities outside of the classroom.
- Written Statements
  - OTCAS Personal Statement
  - Supplemental Application – Diversity Statement

Application

Application instructions and deadlines are available on the Center for Allied Health Programs website, [http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/prospective-students/admissions](http://www.alliedhealth.umn.edu/occupational-therapy-ot/prospective-students/admissions). The Program in OT is a fall admitting program only.

1) Complete an application in the Occupational Therapy Centralized Applications Service (OTCAS). Instructions for completing the OTCAS application are available on their website, [www.otcas.org](http://www.otcas.org).
2) Complete the MOT supplemental application and supplemental fee located within the OTCAS Application, or at [https://z.umn.edu/otapplication](https://z.umn.edu/otapplication).

Both applications MUST be completed in order to apply to the MOT program.