

Pre-occupational Therapy

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... a pre-professional, non-degree option. Occupational therapy is the use of occupational or purposeful activity and interventions to promote health and achieve functional outcomes. Functional outcomes are achieved by developing, improving, or restoring the highest possible level of independence of any individual who is limited by a physical, mental, psychological or developmental condition. Occupational therapists work cooperatively with other members of the health care team in hospitals, schools, and mental health and community agencies.

Career Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Labor predicts that the demand for occupational therapists should continue to rise as a result of growth in the number of individuals with disabilities or limited function who require therapy services. Hospitals will continue to employ a large number of occupational therapists to provide therapy services to acutely ill inpatients and to staff their outpatient rehabilitation programs. Other employment growth will occur in schools as a result of expansion of services for students with disabilities and special education needs.

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Occupational Handbook 2006-07*.

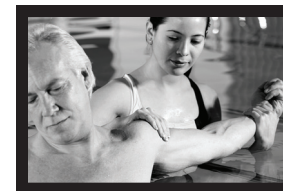
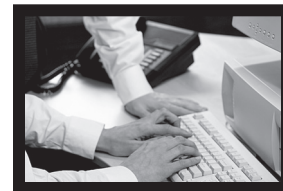
Preparing for Occupational Therapy

The College of Science offers a pre-professional program designed to meet the requirements for admission to the master's program at Pacific University in Forest Grove, the only occupational therapy program in Oregon. Students may transfer to Pacific after three years (135 quarter credits) of coursework. Individual applicants are selected on a competitive basis.

Satisfactory completion of the OSU course work does not automatically assure admission to a school of occupational therapy; however, the OSU College of Science provides careful guidance for its pre-occupational therapy students through a personalized system of advising.

Students from some western states that do not have state-supported occupational therapy programs may obtain support for the final two professional years of training through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange Program. More information may be obtained www.wiche.edu. The deadline for applying to WICHE is October 15 of the year preceding entrance to occupational therapy school.

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Course of Study

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Sample Curriculum

An official graduation checklist may be obtained from and advisor. The plan below leads to a bachelor's degree in psychology; see the advisor for other degree possibilities.

Freshman Year			Sophomore Year		
		credits			credits
General Biology	BI 101 and 102 or 103	8	Human Anatomy & Physiology	Z 331, 332, 222	9
Mathematics	MTH 111	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology	Z 341, 342, 343	6
Intro to Sociology	SOC 204	3	Human Life Span Development	PSY 350	3
Social Problems and Issues	SOC 206	3	Human Adjustment	PSY 380	3
General Psychology	PSY 201,202	6	Statistics	ST 201, 211	4
Pre-therapy	EXSS 132	2	Computers: Appl. & Implic.	CS 101	4
Physics	PH 106 or 201*	4-5	Terminology of the Health Sciences	PHAR 210	2
Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 110	3	Physical Activity Courses	PAC	3
BC: Writing I, Writing III	WR 121, COMM 111	6	Applied Art and/or Humanities†		9
BC: Fitness		3	BC: Writing II	WR 222	3
Electives		3			
Junior Year			Senior Year		
		credits			credits
Intro to Statistical Methods	ST 352	4	Completion of requirements for a B.S. in psychology.		
Research Methods in Psychology	PSY 301	4	*Strongly Recommended. †Nine credits of applied art (ceramics, drawing, etc.) and nine credits of humanities are required (consult advisor). ‡Work experience with an occupational therapist is strongly recommended.		
Brain and Behavior or Cognition	PSY 330 or 340	3			
Abnormal Psychology	PSY 381	4			
Practicum‡	EXSS 343	2			
BC: Writing II	WR 323	3			
BC: Cultural Diversity		3			
Non-western Culture		3			
Applied Art and/or Humanities†		9			
Electives		11			

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