

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapy is the use of occupation to promote health and wellness. They are health professionals who use meaningful activities with specific goals to help people of all ages prevent, lessen, or adapt to disabilities. The activities may be as basic as bathing and eating, or as complex as operating a computer with modified controls. Some ways occupational therapists might use their skills include, assisting the mentally ill in returning home, helping stroke victims return to independent living, evaluating children with delayed development, aquatic therapy, or providing seminars and consultation to industries to help promote safe and ergonomically sound approaches for employees to carry out responsibilities.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES: University of Tennessee Chattanooga, TN

Requirements	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
General Biology I & II^	BIO111 & 112	8
Kinesiology or Biomechanics^	KIN328 OR KIN329	3
General Physics I^	PHS201	4
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Social Science	SOC241, BIB351 &/OR BIB230	9
Psychology *	PSY210, 218, and 310	9
Scientific Terminology	BIO115	1
Statistics	MAT235	3
Total Semester Hour Credits		40

RECOMMENDATIONS:*Course content MUST cover conception to death. FHU's PSY 218 is lifespan.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? X YES NO

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 undergraduate grade point average (GPA). All coursework must be completed with a C or better for prerequisites. ^Four of the six science courses must be completed at the time of application submission.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

UT-Chattanooga does not require observation of an occupational therapist based on the website. However, observation does improve the quality of the application and allow for a personal relationship with an OT so that one of the letters of recommendation can come from the OT. One letter of recommendation from an OT is required.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS:

Applicants need a 3.0 GPA or above to be competitive, but the average was 3.79 of the 2025-2027 classes.

STANDARDIZED EXAM: NONE

Starting in 2024, the GRE is no longer required for application/admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES: UTHSC
Memphis, TN (Note: As of 2024 changed to August start date)

Requirements	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
English Composition I & II	ENG101 & ENG 202	6
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
General Biology I or II	BIO111 or 112	4
Additional Science Course with Lab	Most BIO or CHE courses	4
Medical Terminology	BIO115	1
Sociology, Social Psychology, or Anthropology	SOC241, PSY, 315, BIB 351, or HUM320	9
Psychology*	PSY210, 218, and 310	9
Speech	COM140	3
Statistics	MAT235	3
Kinesiology	KIN329	3
Humanities**	Spanish (highly recommended), Philosophy, Logic, Ethics, Literature, Fine arts	9
Electives***		Not specified

RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Course content MUST cover conception to death. FHU's PSY 310

**Recommended courses to complete the nine credit hours include foreign language (Spanish preferred), philosophy, logic, ethics, literature, and/or fine arts.

***Recommended courses include: computer/technology skills, education, technical or critical writing, logic, fine and performing arts, language and communication systems, philosophy, and industrial arts or activity-based courses (e.g., woodworking, ceramics, photography). No more than four credits in activity-based courses are acceptable.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? X YES NO

A baccalaureate degree and all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.00 scale.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

UT-Memphis requires observation of an occupational therapist. Most applicants typically spend 40 hours in at least 2 work settings, (community, rehab, pediatrics, geriatrics). UT-Memphis looks favorably on someone who has done clinical work because that gives them an objective OT professional who can evaluate you. UTM figures that if you did pre-clinical work and still want to be an OT, then you are dedicated to the field.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS: Not found.

Applicants need a 3.0 GPA or above to be competitive. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or higher.

STANDARDIZED EXAM: NONE

The GRE is no longer required for admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Early cycle by September 1 and the regular cycle by November 1.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES: Tennessee State University
Nashville, TN**

Requirements	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
General Physics I or Biomechanics	PHS201 or KIN329	3-4
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Social Science	SOC241 or BIB351	3
Psychology	PSY210, 218, and 310	9
Medical Terminology	BIO115	2
Statistics	MAT235	3

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES:

Computer/technology skills, kinesiology, education, fine and performing arts, language, communication systems, philosophy, and activity-based courses (photography, ceramics, etc.)

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? X **YES** **NO**

Completion of an undergraduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

TSU requires completion of a minimum of 30 hours of observation, volunteer, or work with an occupational therapist (OTR/L) in a minimum of two practice settings and populations.

GPA and ENTRANCE EXAM REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants need a 3.0 GPA or above to be competitive. The GRE is no longer required for admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The admissions cycle is August 1 – November 15.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES: FAULKNER UNIVERSITY
Montgomery, AL**

Requirements	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Psychology	PSY210, 218, and/or 310	6
Biological or Physical Science (No lab required)	Any BIO, CHE, PHS	3
Statistics	MAT235	3

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? X YES NO

Applicants must have a minimum prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale as well as an overall undergraduate GPA of a 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

Applicants are required to complete a minimum of 40 clinical observation hours. The observation hours must occur in a minimum of 2 different settings (pediatrics, mental health, home health, acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient clinic, etc.)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Community service activities and leadership activities will be considered along with other factors as part of a holistic admission process.

GPA and ENTRANCE EXAM REQUIREMENTS: NONE

No standardized exam is required for admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Not listed.