**PREPARING FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TRAINING**

Most occupational therapist education programs require applicants to earn a bachelor's degree prior to admission to professional school.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

-Pre-requisite coursework (below)

-Good GPA (3.3-3.7); Average GPA of 3.5 for students enrolled in OT graduate programs in 2019

-3 Recommendation letters

-GRE General Test scores

All three sections of the GRE general test are required. No subject tests are required; Early and Scholar applicants must meet the following GRE minimum scores:

* Verbal: 40th percentile
* Quantitative: 45th percentile
* Analytical Writing: 4.0

There is some variation in the pre-requisite coursework needed at the undergraduate level. Below is a listing of the undergraduate coursework required by most programs as well as some additional coursework that may be required by some programs.

**Minimum Pre-Requisites:**

Biol 130 – Cells to Organisms

Biol 150 – Organisms to Ecosystems

Biol 300 - Human anatomy

Biol directed study - Human physiology

Psyc 100 – Principles of Psychology

Psyc 250 - Psychopathology

Psyc 260 or 265 – Development Psychology

**Additional courses for some programs:**

Another one or two social science courses

Ex. Anth 110 – Cultural Anthropology

Usually a biology or psychology major works well for preparing for occupational therapy school.

**PROGRAM COST and LENGTH**

The length of professional occupational therapy programs is typically 2.5 years and the average cost per year for programs in 2019 were as follows: $15,037 for state residents and $37,437 for out of state students.

**LICENSING**

To practice as a occupational therapist in the US, you must earn a OT degree from an accredited occupational therapist education program, pass the NBCOT exam, and apply for licensure by the state you wish to practice in.

**PROGRAMS attended recently by LU ALUMS**

Washington University, University of Wisconsin- Madison, East Carolina University, Boston University, University of Washington