



Occupational Therapy Program

Admissions Requirements:

- An earned bachelor degree from an accredited college or university.
- Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better. These courses must be successfully completed prior to beginning the first semester of the program. If an applicant has not completed all prerequisites prior to applying to the program, they must submit a plan clearly outlining when and where these courses will be taken.
- Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending.
- Be formally admitted to Northeastern State University and the Graduate College by submitting an application and official transcripts.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate course work attempted.
- Documented 40 hours of observation experience with an occupational therapist prior to submitting an application.
- Submit official copy of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score to the Graduate College.
- Submit completed application to the Occupational Therapy Program.

Prerequisite Requirements:

- Introductory Psychology (3 credit hours)
- Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)
- Lifespan Human Development (3 credit hours)
- Sociology or Anthropology (3 credit hours)
- Human Anatomy (4 credit hours) and Human Physiology (4 credit hours)
- Medical Terminology or Medical Vocabulary (1-3 credit hours)
- Physics I (with lab) (4 credit hours)
- Statistics (3 credit hours)

Application Information and Instructions:

- Application Deadline: Applications and supporting materials must be received by July 1.
- Applications will be evaluated according to specific criteria established by the program. Top ranked applicants will be invited to campus for an interview.
- Up to 20 applicants will be accepted to the program and a waiting list will also be established.
- Applicants will be notified by mail regarding the outcome of their applications. It is the responsibility of the accepted applicant to contact the program regarding their intent to attend the program. Any individual not contacting the program as instructed in the acceptance letter will potentially forfeit their spot in class.
- Only individuals accepted into the program and meeting all of the conditions of their acceptance will be able to enroll in occupational therapy courses.

Application Procedure:

- Complete Graduate College Application Form Online.
- Complete Occupational Therapy Program Application.
- Submit official GRE scores directly to the Graduate College.
- Have transcripts from institutions other than NSU mailed directly from the institution to the NSU Graduate College.
- Submit two recommendation forms. Recommendations may be from employers, occupational therapists, or college/university instructors, but should not be from friends or family. Have individuals serving as references complete the recommendation form, place the completed form in an envelope, seal the envelope, and sign across the seal. Recommendations should be submitted to the Occupational Therapy Program.
- Submit documentation of observation hours to the Occupational Therapy Program.

*NSU's entry level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the National Certification Examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this examination, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice: however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT Certification Examination or attain state licensure.