

ADMISSION TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

Entry-Level Program

Students begin the entry-level program in the fall semester. The preferred deadline for applications is October 1. The final deadline for applications is March 1. The deadline for Creighton undergraduate students is October 1. Interviews are required in the admission process. Qualified applicants will be notified if they are selected for an interview. Please see our website for the most current deadlines (<https://spahp.creighton.edu/future-students/doctor-occupational-therapy/admissions-information> (<https://spahp.creighton.edu/future-students/doctor-occupational-therapy/admissions-information/>)).

To apply, submit an online application through OTCAS (including the Creighton-specific OTCAS questions), an Occupational Therapy Centralized application service, and submit the following:

- An official transcript must be received from each institution the applicant has attended and/or is currently attending. Official transcripts must be received directly from the issuing institution(s).
- Three letters of recommendation (submitted via OTCAS). We prefer that one letter come from a college professor who can attest to your ability to enter a competitive professional program. If you have been out of school for some time, letters from a work setting can be helpful. Do not submit letters from family members or friends.

Enrollment is limited, and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the professional program. Admission is based on academic and personal qualifications considered necessary for successful, competent practice as an occupational therapist. The OTD program does not require a minimum grade-point average for admission, although grade-point average is considered in the overall evaluation of the applicant's suitability for the program. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the fit between their personal goals and the mission and objectives of the OTD program. In addition, prior education, work experiences, honors, awards, service to others, leadership activities and understanding of Ignatian values serve to provide insight into a candidate's commitment to lifelong learning and doctoral-level education. It is recommended that prospective students spend time observing occupational therapists at work in their communities. This serves to familiarize the applicant with the general responsibilities of an occupational therapy practitioner.

Applicants can find application information at spahp.creighton.edu/future-students (<https://spahp.creighton.edu/future-students/>).

Creighton Preference

The Occupational Therapy Admission Committee gives preferential admission consideration to Creighton undergraduate students who meet certain criteria, and who actively participate in the Creighton EDGE program. For more information on the Creighton Preference or the Creighton EDGE, please contact the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Office of Admission.

Early Assurance for Occupational Therapy

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program offers an Early Assurance Program designed for high school students interested in early admission to the Creighton University Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program. Students admitted to a Creighton University undergraduate college are given assurance of acceptance to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program if they meet certain criteria for admission and progression into the OTD program after a minimum of two years undergraduate study. If Early Assurance criteria is met, the applicant will complete a simplified OTCAS application and an alternative interview process.

Pre-Professional Component

Entrance into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program requires a minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of coursework. Prerequisite courses may be completed at any regionally accredited institution and must be completed with a grade of C or better (a C- grade is **not** acceptable).

The courses listed below should be taken by pre-occupational therapy students. These courses are reflective of a liberal education essential for occupational therapy professional practice. The pre-occupational therapy course sequence introduces students to the various traditional liberal arts and empirical sciences which are later extended in the OTD program. Together, the prerequisites and the OTD curriculum contribute to a broad understanding of human culture and prepare students to respond to the needs of society through professional practice.

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will make the final determination regarding courses satisfying requirements.

All curricula in the SPAHP undergo constant review and refinement. Questions regarding prerequisites may be directed to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Admission Office, 402.280.2662, phaadmis@creighton.edu.

Prerequisite Courses	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
Theology, Philosophy and/or Ethics (also includes religion or logic)	3	4.5
Culture, Ideas and/or Civilizations (includes history, world religions, American studies, world literature, or women's studies)	3	4.5
Human Anatomy (If enrolled in a combined anatomy/physiology course, 6 semester hours will be required.)	3	4.5
Psychology (3 of the 6 hours must include either human development or abnormal psychology)	6	9
English Composition	3	4.5
Statistics	3	4.5
Medical Terminology	1	1.5

Electives (Creighton undergraduate students must complete six hours of Theology among the elective hours)	38	57
Total	60	90

Post-Professional Program

Students accepted to the post-professional OTD pathway must have completed a bachelor's or entry-level master's degree in occupational therapy at an Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) accredited institution in the United States. International applicants to the Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy program must possess an entry-level degree in occupational therapy from an educational institution recognized by the World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT).

Applicants must also submit a notarized photocopy of current National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification or NBCOT Confirmation of Examination Application Eligibility Notice (for international applicants). International applicants requiring more information should contact the School's Office of Admission at 402.280.2662 or spahp.creighton.edu (<https://spahp.creighton.edu/>).

Students accepted into the distance post-professional OTD pathway must demonstrate that they have access to the necessary technology for the web curriculum.

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