



PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
GENERAL ACADEMIC BUILDING 220

Occupational therapy is a health care profession that uses purposeful activity as a means of preventing, reducing or overcoming physical, social and emotional disabilities in people of all ages. The occupational therapist assists the patient in performing everyday tasks with a high degree of independence.

Occupational therapists work in a wide variety of settings: general, psychiatric, pediatric and orthopedic hospitals, as well as clinics. They may also work in rehabilitation facilities, schools, geriatric centers and home care programs. Occupational therapists may work in communities as consultants and many are opening private practices. In addition to being clinicians, occupational therapists may also have careers as administrators, educators, or researchers.

There are six occupational therapy programs in Texas which offer the Master's degrees in Occupational Therapy. All schools require specified prerequisites and electives and a bachelors degree. The student must be accepted into a professional program in occupational therapy and complete 22-24 months of intensive training.

Interviews are sometimes conducted by the professional schools of occupational therapy. Personal qualifications, motivation, scholarship, ability, and the probability of professional success are often the criteria used in the selection process. Most programs require a minimum grade point average of around a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with a higher grade point average often required for the science courses. An applicant is expected to have some knowledge of the profession which can be gained in a variety of ways such as volunteer or paid work, observation in a clinical setting, personal contact with an occupational therapist, or through reading journal articles and books.

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Information on all the Occupational Therapy programs in Texas may be obtained from the following addresses:

***Texas Tech University
School of Allied Health Admissions
4th Street, 2B/C194
Lubbock, Texas 79430-5005
(806) 743-3220
www.ttuhsa.edu/sah/mot/

Texas Tech University
Department of Occupational Therapy 3601
Odessa Campus
419 W. 4th Street, Suite 600
Odessa, Texas 79761
(806) 354-5589

Texas Tech University
Department of Occupational Therapy
Amarillo Campus
1300 Wallace Blvd.
Amarillo, Texas 79106
(806) 354-5589

TWU, Houston Center
School of Occupational Therapy
1130 MD Anderson Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 794-2128

The University of Texas Medical Branch
Occupational Therapy
School of Allied Health Sciences
301 University Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77555-1028
(409) 772-3060
www.utmb.edu

University of Texas at El Paso
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Department of Occupational Therapy
1101 North Campbell
El Paso, Texas 79902
(915) 747-7280
<http://academics.utep.edu/occupationaltherapy>

Texas Woman's University
School of Occupational Therapy
Main Campus
P.O. Box 23718, TWU Station
Denton, Texas 76204-5648
(940) 898-2802
www.twu.edu/ot/

TWU Dallas Center
School of Occupational Therapy
8194 Walnut Hill Lane
Dallas, Texas 75231
(214) 706-2350
www.twu.edu/ot/dallas/index.htm

The University of Texas Health Department of
Science Center at San Antonio
Department of Occupational Therapy
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78284-6243
(210) 567-8800
www.uthscsa.edu/sah/ot.html

UT-Pan American*
Occupational Therapy Program
Health Sciences and Human
Services Building
1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539-2999
(956) 381-2475
www.panam.edu/dept/occtherapy/

Before completing the prerequisite course requirements, the student should write for applications which are available for the institutions listed. ***These applications should be completed and returned approximately one year prior to the time of desired admission.*** Specific application deadlines of occupational therapy schools vary, so the student should contact the schools individually. Consideration of applicants for admission is done on a continuing basis and the selection of applicants is completed prior to the beginning date of the program. All scholastic records from each college attended must be submitted. Recommendation, evaluation, or reference forms are included in the application packets. These are to be completed by faculty members, supervisors or employers, or the health professions advisor or advisory committee at your college. After graduation, students are eligible to take the Certification Examination of the American.

***Shown on the next page is a composite list of requirements for the occupational therapy programs in Texas. Please be aware that program requirements may change without notice and can vary with each school – CHECK WEB SITES OFTEN FOR UPDATES.**

PREREQUISITES FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAMS IN TEXAS*

Prerequisites	TWU	TT	UT-HSC SA	UTPA	UTMB	UTEP
BIOL 1710/1730			X			X
BIOL 2301/2311	X	X	X	X	X	X
BIOL 2302/2312	X	X	X	X	X	Recommended
BIOL 3500			X	X		X
CHEM 1410/1430			X			Recommended
PHYS 1410/1430		X	X or KINE 3500		KINE 3050	Recommended
PSCI 1040 & 1050			X			
HIST 2610 & 2620			X			
SOCI 1510	X	X	X		X	X
ENGL 1310 & 1320		X	X (tech writing)			X (tech writing)
PSYC 1630	X	X	X			X
PSYC 3620	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSYC 4610	X	X	X	X	X	X
MATH 1100			X			
MATH 1680	X	X	X	X		X
OTR Observational hours	20 hrs	40 hrs	20 hrs	no specific #	20 hrs	No specific #
Bachelor's degree required	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO

NOTES:

TWU: Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology (3-4 semester hours) May be taken as a pre-requisite or as part of the first semester at TWU. For TWU course approval of prerequisites: fax a copy of the word-for-word catalog course description along with a reply fax number or email address to: 214/706-2380 or 713/794-2122.

Texas Tech: For electives: We recommend courses focusing on human behavior, biomechanics, developmental psychology, physical/cultural/social environment or human occupations and/or on the skills needed in contemporary healthcare practice.

UT-HSC SA: requires you to complete a visual & performing arts course (3 hours), humanities course (3 hours) and 3 additional hours of sociology or anthropology.

UTPA: If there are questions about prerequisites, then fax or email course descriptions, word-for-word catalog courses, or syllabi to the OT department. The fax number is 956.381.2471 or email rochae@utpa.edu. Be sure to provide your contact information.

UTMB: requires you to complete a Philosophy of Science or Statistics and you can choose from PHIL 3250, PHIL 3260, PSYC 3610, or PSYC 3630. You will also need to complete PSYC 4640.

UTEP: requires that you take an additional 4 hours of science w/ A&P II, CHEM 1410/1430, or PHYS 1410/1430 being recommended. A student may enter with a minimum of 90 hours of undergraduate credit. The student must complete all the pre-requisite courses as listed above and complete the CORE curriculum of UTEP (A minimum of 12 hours is needed at the upper division level).