

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UT MEMPHIS & UT CHATTANOOGA

Occupational therapy is the use of occupation to promote health and wellness. Occupational therapists 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 FOR UT MEMPHIS & UT CHATTANOOGA:

UT Memphis & UT Chattanooga Requirements and Prerequisites	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
English Composition	ENG101, 102	6
General Biology I & II	BIO111 & 112	8
General Chemistry I	CHE121/121L	4
General Physics I	PHS201	4
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Social Science	SOC241 or 230 and any government, economics, etc.	9
Psychology	PSY210, 218, and 310	9
Speech	COM140	3
Scientific Terminology	BIO 115 (online acceptable)	1
Statistics	MAT235	3
Computer Science	CIS161	3
Humanities	Spanish (highly recommended), Philosophy, Logic, Ethics, Literature, Fine arts	9
Electives*		23
Total Semester Hour Credits		90

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? _____ **YES** **NO**

Pre-OT students need not obtain a degree from FHU before entering their OT professional program. Many students desire to obtain another degree in a different major (Biology is a good option), so that they can get a degree from FHU. Students must have proof of one year of American History at the high school or college level.

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

UT Memphis requires observation of an occupational therapist. Most applicants typically spend 50 hours in a variety of 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: 3.44

Basically, UT-Memphis says that applicants need a 3.0 GPA or above to be competitive. Taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is also required. A combination 1000 on verbal and quantitative is recommended. A 3.5 is required on the analytical writing section.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Early: March 15

Regular: May 1

Late: July 15

The program begins in January.