The University of Minnesota Occupational Therapy Program offers an entry-level Master of Science degree to competitive applicants. The full-time professional program requires 2 ½ years of academic study and fieldwork experiences. To be considered for admission, the student must complete a baccalaureate degree by the end of Spring Semester of the year of application. There is no preferred major. Prerequisites with the exception of studio art and Orientation to Occupational Therapy must be taken A-F and completed with at least a 2.8 GPA and no single grade lower than a C. Some courses fulfill U of MN Liberal Education requirements. Your academic adviser can help you determine your liberal education and academic major requirements.

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20 hour minimum observation, volunteering, or work in occupational therapy

** Biology & Chemistry are prerequisites; they will not be counted in your prerequisite GPA
• Under semesters, all required courses must be at least 3 credits except medical terminology and orientation to OT.
• Under quarters, anatomy, physiology and the two psychology courses must be at least four credits.
• Take care in scheduling courses, as they may not be available every term. Please refer to http://onestop.umn.edu/Courses/schedule.html. Courses are available either through day school or University College. (Web site: http://www.cee.umn.edu)
• Course requirements and prerequisites may change. Please consult with an adviser on a regular basis.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Complete a U.S. bachelor’s degree or comparable foreign degree from a recognized college or university by the end of Summer Session of the year of application. There is no preferred major. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is required by the Graduate School.
2. Prerequisites with the exception of studio art and Orientation to Occupational Therapy must be taken A-F and completed with at least a 2.8 GPA and no single grade lower than a C-. Grades in repeated courses will be averaged. A grade in a higher level course in a subject may be used to replace a grade; petition is necessary.
3. Pre-requisite courses (or a higher level course in the subject) must have been taken within the last ten years.
4. Students must complete 4 of these 5 courses at the time of application: human anatomy, human physiology, statistics, general psychology, and abnormal psychology.
5. A minimum of 20 hours observation, volunteering or work in occupational therapy is required
   • The Admissions Committee considers an applicant's observation, volunteer and/or work experience. This is used to determine knowledge of the field and ability to work with people who have cognitive, emotional, and/or physical challenges.
   • Please note that the number of practical experience hours is capped at 120 for work/volunteer in occupational therapy, 80 for observation in occupational therapy, and 400 for work/volunteer in related health professions. For more information about admissions points assigned to practical experience, please see the downloadable admissions packet.
6. Computer Competency: We assume all students can use the computer to type, edit, format, and print documents.
7. Students must submit the following upon application to the Program in Occupational Therapy:
   ✓ Current transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
   ✓ Documentation that the Human Development course(s) covered the entire lifespan.
   ✓ Evidence of work/volunteer experience in occupational therapy.
   ✓ At least one and no more than three recommendations (forms provided).
   ✓ Personal statement explaining professional goals.
8. Students for whom English is a second language must also submit TOEFL scores (> 550) and TSE (> 50) upon application to the Graduate School.

**NOTE:** Minnesota law now requires that any person who has direct contact with patients and residents at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state. Educational programs are authorized to initiate the background studies on their (admitted) students as an alternative to each licensed facility requesting the studies. If a student is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of the background study, and this disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health through a reconsideration process, the student may not be accepted for clinical placement at licensed facilities, and therefore, may not be eligible for a degree in this program.

**How to Apply**

The Graduate School and the Occupational Therapy supplemental application are available on-line at www.ot.umn.edu. For questions, e-mail otprog@umn.edu or call 612-626-5887.