

Resources for Pre-OT students:

General Information about Occupational Therapy

- A general overview of occupational therapy as a career can be found here: aota.org/About-Occupational-Therapy.aspx.
- A useful FAQ can be found here: aota.org/Education-Careers/Considering-OT-Career/FAQs/Planning.aspx

OT program admission requirements

- Most OT programs require qualified applicants to possess a bachelor's degree in addition to completing pre-requisite courses in subjects such as in biology, physics, social sciences, math, statistics or language. Specific requirements vary from one institution to another, so prospective applicants should carefully peruse the requirements for each individual program of interest while developing their undergraduate degree plan.

How to find accredited programs

- A searchable database of accredited masters and doctoral-level programs can be found here: aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School.aspx

How to apply to an OT program

- Prospective OT students can apply to multiple schools using a single online service called The Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS). Information about this service and a direct link to the OTCAS website can be found here: aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School/OTCAS.aspx
- If your school of interest does not participate in OTCAS, you will need to apply to the program directly. Please contact the admissions office of the program you are interested in, or view their webpage for specific details of the application process.

GRE exam

- Some OT programs require that students submit scores for the revised general Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The exam should be taken well in advance before the application deadline. Prospective students can repeat this exam as necessary to achieve a score that meets the desired benchmarks (specific for each program) or to enhance the competitiveness of the student's application.
- To learn more about the format of the revised general GRE, please visit the following site: ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/
- Dates and locations for the GRE, as well as information on how to register can be found here: ets.org/gre/revised_general/register
- Official GRE prep materials may be purchased, and some are freely available through this link: ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/

Licensure

- In addition to receiving your OT degree, you will need to be licensed before you are allowed to practice. The licensing requirements vary from state to state, and are regulated by the Board of Occupational Therapy within each state. Licensure requirements require that applicants pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCO) exam in addition to fulfilling any other licensure requirements for the state.
- More detailed information regarding licensure of OT's in Texas can be found here: ptot.texas.gov/page/home
- Information about the NBCO exam can be found here: nbcot.org/