

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The occupational therapist is a health profession who aids people in acquiring and maintaining life tasks including motor skills, interpersonal skills, self-care abilities, work-related skills, and the use of leisure time. When these skills fail to develop or are limited due to illness or injury, occupational therapy may be utilized to train or restore some of these functional abilities.

Pre-occupational therapy students take science courses along with a number of general education courses. Accredited occupational therapy programs in Wisconsin are located at University of Wisconsin Madison, University of Wisconsin La Crosse, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Mount Mary College (Milwaukee), and Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon).

A Graduate degree is required for most Occupational Therapy programs. All students are encouraged to contact the school they will transfer to early in their college careers.

The following is a sample freshman year schedule for students planning to transfer to UW Madison.

<u>1st Semester Freshman Year</u>		<u>2nd Semester Freshman Year</u>	
TBIS 188 (Eng. Comp.)	101 (3 cr.)	Literature	2xx (3 cr.)
Biology *	105 (4 cr.)	Chemistry	105 (5 cr.)
Math **	104 (3 cr.)	Biology	230 (4 cr.)
Anthropology	232 (3 cr.)	Statistics ++	(3 cr.)
Psychology	<u>101 (3 cr.)</u>	Interim: Humanities elective	<u>(3 cr.)</u>
Total	16 credits	Total	17-18 credits

* Biology 105 is a prerequisite for Biology 230 at Oshkosh, but otherwise is not required by Madison.

** Course taken depends on math placement. If not exempt from Math 103, student would have to take this first.

++ Choose from several courses including Math 201, Psychology 203 (prerequisite for this course is Math 104), and Sociology 281. Math 107 is an appropriate statistics course only if the student has not yet taken Math beyond 103.

Pre-professional therapy students planning to transfer to UW Milwaukee should contact the School of Allied Health Professions. During their Freshman year at UW Oshkosh they should plan to complete courses which will fulfill some of Milwaukee's distribution education requirements. These could include English 101 (3 cr.), Mathematics through 104 (3 cr.), two Humanities courses (6 cr.), two Natural Science courses (Biology), Psychology 101 (3 cr.), and Psychology 205 or Sociology 151 (3 cr.)

See an academic advisor for other pre-professional course suggestions.

For additional information on the occupational therapy profession contact:

American Occupational Therapy Association

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Academic advisor: Ron Cardo (Dempsey 130)

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Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs

Occupational therapy utilizes various types of work to assist the physically or emotionally disabled in recovering competence. Occupational therapy originated after World War I and is used to restore or increase muscle strength and motor ability – although it employs tools and materials rather than mechanical exercise aids – and to train or retrain physically challenged people.

Occupational therapists work in the following settings: public school systems, schools for handicapped children, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, community health centers, adult day care programs, outpatient clinics, private practice, and sheltered workshops.

Occupational Therapy Education:
Most schools are now moving to graduate programs.

Occupational Therapy Programs in the Midwest include the following.

Search tool for these schools: www.collegenet.com

Illinois

Chicago State University
Governor's State University
Illinois College
Midwestern University
Rush University
University of Illinois at Chicago

Indiana

Indiana University Purdue University
Indianapolis

Iowa

St. Ambrose

Ohio

Cleveland State University
Ohio State University

Michigan

Eastern Michigan University
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

Minnesota

College of St. Catherine
University of Minnesota

Wisconsin

Concordia University Wisconsin
Mount Mary College
University of Wisconsin La Crosse
University of Wisconsin Madison
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee