

# PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

A career in the health science field is within reach through the Department of Health Science at Minnesota State Mankato. From undergraduate degrees in alcohol and drug studies to applied health science with an emphasis in pre-occupational therapy, pre-athletic training, or pre-healthcare administration, you'll graduate prepared to make an immediate impact in the health science field through one of these rewarding careers.

## PROGRAMS



### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

#### Majors to Consider with Occupational Therapy Concentration:

- Applied Health Science
- Biology
- Child Development and Family Studies
- Exercise Science
- Psychology

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Occupational Therapy Preparation emphasis in Applied Health Science is for students seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy. Admission requirements for graduate degrees in Occupational Therapy differ by program. Additional courses may be required.

Pre-Occupational Therapy is a pre-professional advising track, not a degree program, that focuses on pre-requisite courses for graduate programs. An undergraduate degree is required along with the Pre-Occupational Therapy track.

## REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Healthcare Expertise
- Knowledge of Motor Skills
- Technology Skills
- Record Keeping Processes
- Patience and Compassion
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

### CAREERS

- Occupational Therapists

### EMPLOYERS

- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Psychiatric Hospitals
- Offices and Clinics
- Home Health Agencies
- Nursing Homes

## INSPIRED ACTION



### EMPLOYMENT RATE

**95.8%**

of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

[link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up](https://link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up)

### MEDIAN SALARY

**\$85,570**

The median annual wage for Occupational Therapists in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Occupational Therapists at [link.mnsu.edu/occupational-therapists-salary](https://link.mnsu.edu/occupational-therapists-salary)

### PROGRAM WEBSITE



[link.mnsu.edu/preoccupationaltherapy](https://link.mnsu.edu/preoccupationaltherapy)

# COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISING TRACK

## PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONCENTRATION COURSES

- BIOL 201 Anatomy and Physiology I (4)
- BIOL 202 Anatomy and Physiology II (4) **OR**  
BIOL 325 Principles of Human Anatomy (4)
- BIOL 330 Principles of Human Physiology (4)
- STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4)
- CHEM 104 Introduction to Chemistry (3) **OR**  
CHEM 106 Chemistry of Life Processes Part I (General) (3) **OR**  
CHEM 111 Chemistry of Life Process Part II (Organic & Biochemistry) **OR**  
CHEM 201 (3-5) - check major requirements for best choice
- PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychological Science (4)
- PSYCH 343 Introduction to Developmental Psychology (4)
- KSP 235 Human Development (3)
- FCS 301 Lifespan Development (3)
- PSYC 455 Abnormal Psychology (4)
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (4)
- HLTH 321 Medical Terminology (3)
- HP 260 Introduction to Exercise Science and Practitioner-Based Professions (3)
- HLTH 295 Professional Preparation in Health Careers (1) - optional, provides orientation and preparation guidance

**Total** 33-39 Credits

AOTA Website for Accredited OT Programs: [aota.org/education/find-a-school](http://aota.org/education/find-a-school)

As professional programs transition to OTD, more are changing prerequisites and requiring physics. Be sure to check the specific prerequisite courses of programs you plan to apply to and tailor the above list to meet those requirements.

For more information about course requirements, visit:  
[mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog](http://mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog)

## LEARN MORE

### Pre-Occupational Therapy

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