

Occupational Therapy (MS)

2.5 Year Full Time Program



DOWNSTATE
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our summer start program.
- Sign up to attend an Information Session (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation)
- Prepare an academic completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program
- For additional information, please visit the website

Occupational Therapy is the therapeutic use of selfcare, work/productive activities, and play/leisure activities designed to achieve functional outcomes that increase independent function, enhance development, promote health, and prevent injury or disability. It includes adapting tasks and the environment to maximize independence and quality of life.

The term "occupation" refers to activities that are meaningful to the individual within the environments in which he or she lives and functions. Occupational Therapists work with individuals whose abilities to cope with the tasks of daily living are threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, injury, illness, or disability.

Steps to apply

1. Download and Read the Application Instructions
2. Check the Deadline on our website
3. Prepare Your Documentation.
You may be required to upload documents related to your application
4. Submit Your Application via:
<https://tinyurl.com/3xuftyk7>
5. Check Your Status.
Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status

Accreditation, Credentialing and Licensure

The MS Program in Occupational Therapy at SUNY Downstate is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

ACOTE's address and phone number are:

ACOTE
c/o Accreditation Department American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200
North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929

Phone: (301) 652-6611

See reverse for requirements >



**Scan the QR code
to visit the school's
website or:**

<https://tinyurl.com/downstate-OT>

Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree in any discipline from a college or university institutionally accredited and recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
- Admissions preference will be given to applicants who have volunteer experience in a clinical setting related to Occupational Therapy (No specific number of hours is mandatory, but knowledge of the profession is required).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (academic and professional).
- Admissions preference will be given to applicants who have engaged in leadership roles and extra curricular activities during their undergraduate college and/or professional experience.
- A grade of "C" or better in the following prerequisite courses:

Subject	Total Semester Credits
Anatomy & Physiology 1 with lab and Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab	8
General Biology 1 with lab	4
General Chemistry 1 with lab or Physiological Psychology or Behavioral Neuroscience	3–4
Statistics	3
Sociology or Anthropology	3
General Psychology	3
Abnormal Psychology	3
Developmental/Life-Span Psychology (from Birth to Aging) or Child Psychology and Adult Development or Child Psychology and Psychology of the Aging*	3–6

* More than one course may be required to fulfill the Life Span Psychology prerequisite.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

Interviewed candidates will take a proctored form of the Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT) at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University as a part of their admissions criteria to the Occupational Therapy MS Program. Further Information on the assessment can be found through the following web link: <https://tinyurl.com/downstate-OT>