

Occupational Therapy (MS)

2 Year Full Time Fall Start Program



DOWNSTATE
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our 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.

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

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 at www.tinyurl.com/downstate-OT

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:
www.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.

See reverse for requirements >



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

www.tinyurl.com/downstate-OT

Admission Requirements

- A **baccalaureate degree** in any discipline from colleges or universities accredited by one of the following: The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), United States Department of Education (USDE). If you have any questions about whether a transfer course will be accepted, you should check with the Office of Admissions prior to enrolling in the course.
- You must submit two letters of recommendation. SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University has moved toward exclusive use of electronic recommendation submissions. Letters should be written by a current/former College Science Professor or an employer/supervisor, or another college professor. Please visit www.tinyurl.com/4r9m4r62 to learn more about the letter of recommendations requirement.
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- A minimum letter 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 or Physics 1 with Lab/Kinesiology with Lab*	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

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

* Beginning with the 2027 incoming class, Physics/Kinesiology course (with lab; 3–4 credits) will become a mandatory prerequisite.

** More than one course may be required to fulfill this requirement. Course must cover from birth to aging.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

Refer to the website for the most current information: www.tinyurl.com/downstate-OT