



Occupational Therapy

Master of Science Program

Occupational therapy utilizes self-care, work, and leisure activities to increase independent function, enhance development, promote health, and prevent injury or disability. The term occupation refers to activities that are meaningful to an individual within the environments in which the person 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.

After identifying which factors interfere with successful task performance, the occupational therapist implements a therapeutic program to improve skills, adapt tasks, and modify the environment to maximize independence and quality of life.

The program curriculum requires the completion of 81.5 credits over 2.5 years of full-time study. The 81.5 credits include 6 credits of Fieldwork I experiences and 10 required credits of Fieldwork II experiences. Advanced clinical courses and a specialization in Early Intervention Practice are available within the academic curriculum. Students must complete all academic and fieldwork requirements within 5 years.

For more information please visit:



<https://sls.downstate.edu/admissions/sohp/ot/i>



Before You Apply

Review before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our summer start program: sls.downstate.edu/admissions/chrp/ot/before.html
- Sign up to attend an *Information Session* (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation)
- Prepare a completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites

Steps to Apply

STEP 1

- **Download and read the Application Instructions** prior to completing an online application.

STEP 2

- **Check The Deadline**
sls.downstate.edu/admissions/chrp/deadlines.html

STEP 3

- **Prepare Your Documentation**
You will be required to upload documents related to your application.

STEP 4

- **Pay Your Application Fee**

Upon submitting your application, you will receive an email within 24 to 48 hours containing your NetID login credentials. Once you log-in, click on the "Pay Now" button to submit your application fee. The NetID username and NetID password are used to pay your application fee and give you to access the admissions checklist later in the admissions process.

Please keep this login information.

STEP 5

- **Check Your Status**

Upon submitting your online application, you will be able to log back into your application to monitor the status.

Note: A separate application must be submitted for each program to which you are seeking admissions consideration. You will be required to submit separate documents and separate recommendations.

Admissions Requirements

Admissions requirements are subject to change

Refer to the website for the most current information (<http://sls.downstate.edu/admissions/chrp/ot/index.html>)

- A baccalaureate degree in any discipline from a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting organization 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 & professional)
- Admissions preference will be given to applicants who have engaged in leadership roles and extra curricular activities during their undergraduate college and or from professional experiences

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

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

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