ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Occupational therapy is a health care profession that focuses on helping people of all ages regain, develop, or master everyday skills in order to live independent, productive, and satisfying lives.

Occupational therapists work in a variety of practice areas including: physical disabilities, mental health, pediatrics, academics and research. Within these practice areas occupational therapist have the opportunity to work in a multitude of settings including:

- Hospitals
- Acute care
- Inpatient rehab
- Outpatient rehab
- Specialty units (e.g. spinal cord injury)
- Psychiatric Units
- Pediatrics
- Nursing homes
- Home Health
- Work Rehabilitation
- Community Health
- Schools
- Private Clinics
- Private Practice
- Universities

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase 33 percent between 2010 and 2020 according to the U.S. Department of Labor.
- The median annual salary of occupational therapists was $75,400 in 2012; 10% of OTs earned more than $108,200.
- FIU graduates are employed across Miami and the nation in the areas of mental health, productive aging, children and youth, health and wellness, work and industry, rehabilitation, disability and participation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The professional Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) at FIU prepares entry-level occupational therapists. This intensive hands-on program equips students with the tools, knowledge, and skills to promote health, wellness, and functional independence throughout the life span. Graduates of the MSOT are eligible for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Why FIU?

- More than 90% of our graduates are employed within 6 months after graduation.
- Our faculty are doctorally prepared and are known nationally and internationally for their education scholarship and research.
- We offer low, affordable tuition compared to private universities.
- Students receive individualized faculty advisement.
- Since 2007, $800,000 has been disbursed in scholarships by the OT Department.
- Diversity in our student body uniquely positions our graduates to better serve multi-cultural communities both locally and globally.
- We offer a wide availability of clinical sites for fieldwork including emerging practice areas such as low vision and community mental health.
- There are opportunities to become involved in research with nationally renowned faculty members.
- Opportunity to study in Miami’s first and only four-year public research university that is worlds ahead in its service to the community.

Florida International University is an Equal Opportunity/Access Employer and Institution.

The NWCNHS is proud to support diversity among students, faculty and staff.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For program information:
http://cnhs.fiu.edu/ot/index.html
305-348-6068

For advising appointment:
Office of Student Services
sscnhs@fiu.edu
305-348-7709

For graduate school information:
http://gradschool.fiu.edu/
305-348-7442

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**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:**

- **BS or BA degree in ANY FIELD** from a regionally accredited college or university.
- A GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of upper division undergraduate coursework.
- Required cumulative 3.0 GPA for all prerequisite courses.
- **Prerequisite courses must be taken within 5 years of application.**
- Complete the following prerequisite courses prior to the start of the fall admission term with a minimum grade of “C”:
  1. Biology with Labs
  2. Statistics
  3. Human Growth & Development
  4. Abnormal Psychology
  5. Medical Terminology
- A grade of “B” or above must be earned in the following 4 courses: 3 of these 4 courses must be completed prior to the OT Department Application submission deadline.
  1. Physiology
  2. Pathology
  3. Neuroscience (3000 level or higher)
  4. Anatomy and Anatomy Lab (3000 level or higher)
- All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). GRE scores must be received by the FIU Graduate School by the application deadline. (School code: 5206). We do not have a minimum score requirement. However, competitive applicants score at or above 295 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections and 3.5 on the writing section. (www.ets.org or www.takethegre.com)

**Prerequisite Certificate for Occupational Therapy:**

For students with a bachelor degree who are returning to school to complete OT prerequisites, the 29 credits of undergraduate coursework is offered as part of the Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Certificate Program. To apply for the Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Certificate program please go to: http://onestop.fiu.edu/additional-information/certificate-applicants/index.html.

Fill out and print the forms and make an appointment at 305-348-7709 to discuss qualifications.

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1. Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab will meet biology and physiology requirements only.
2. HSC3549 course prerequisites: (BSC2010 or BSC2023)
3. ZDO3731 course prerequisites: (BSC2010 or PCB2099 or BSC2023 or MCB2000 or HSC3549) Corequisite: ZDO3731L
4. HSC4553 course Prerequisites: (PCB2099 or HSC3549 or PCB3702)
5. Courses taken at other institutions need to be approved by OT department.