



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY GRADUATE PROGRAMS (ACCREDITED)

Note: Prerequisites and deadlines subject to change. Please check program websites.

<https://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School/AccreditEntryLevel/OTMasters.aspx>

Loma Linda University Health

<https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/occupational-therapy/admissions-occupational-therapy>

School of Allied Health
Nichol Hall, Room A901
Loma Linda, CA 92350

Prerequisites:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS from a regionally accredited college or university with minimum 3.20 GPA (cumulative)
- Courses:
Only prerequisite grades B minus or higher accepted. Courses taken older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted
 - Human Anatomy with lab
 - Human Physiology with lab
 - Intro to Statistics
 - Medical Terminology
 - Human Lifespan Development
- 40 hours of observation in therapy settings. Documentation must be submitted prior to admission decision. The observation evaluation form is in the link above.
- Three Letters of Recommendation
 - Submit one or two academic recommenders and one employment recommender – supervisors, church officials, volunteer or community service supervisors, or occupational therapists.
- Personal Statement* (Topic varies every year through the OTCAS application)
- GRE **not** required



University of Southern California (USC)

<http://chan.usc.edu/admissions/entry-level-ma>

1540 Alcazar St.
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with minimum 3.0 GPA

- Courses:

Only prerequisite grades C or higher accepted with 3.0 average prerequisite GPA. If you received a certificate for medical terminology, you must email it to the admissions committee for approval. Courses taken older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted.

Remember 3 semester units = 5 units in a quarter system.

- Human Anatomy with lab
- Human Physiology
- Introductory Statistics
- Developmental Psychology or Human Development (Must cover the lifespan)
- Abnormal Psychology
- Introductory Sociology or Cultural/Social Anthropology
- Medical Terminology
- Observation or volunteer hours optional. However, they strongly encourage applicants to gain significant exposure to OT.
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
 - Professors, therapists, and/or other professionals familiar with your capabilities and achievements.
- Personal Statement* (Topic will vary every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 153 on the verbal sections, 144 on the quantitative section, and a 3.5 on the analytical writing section.



Stanbridge University

<https://www.stanbridge.edu/admissions>

2041 Business Center Dr.
Irvine, CA 92612

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher. If you received a medical terminology certificate, you must email it to the admissions committee for approval. Courses older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 3 semester units = 4.5 units in a quarter system.**
 - Human Anatomy with lab
 - Human Physiology
 - Introductory to Statistics
 - Lifespan or Developmental Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Introductory Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Minimum 30 hours of documented volunteer experience or observation in an OT-related or other healthcare setting. At least (16) of the (30) total hours must be direct observation of an Occupational Therapist Registered/Licensed (OTR/L) in a practice setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendation from faculty members, therapists, and employers
- Personal Statement
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 144 on the quantitative section, and 3.5 on the analytical writing section.



CSU Dominguez Hills

<https://www.csudh.edu/ot/>

1000 East Victoria St., WHA 320
Carson, CA 90747-0005

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Courses:
Prerequisites must contain an average grade of B or higher with a minimum acceptable grade of C. If you received a certificate for medical terminology, you must email it to the admissions committee to get it approved. Courses taken older than 10 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 3 semester units = 5 units in a quarter system.**
 - Human Anatomy with lab
 - Human Physiology with lab
 - Statistics
 - Developmental Psychology, Across the Lifespan
 - Abnormal Personality or Abnormal Psychology
- Complete 80 hours of documented volunteer experience under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist OR Successful completion of the course OTR 410 at CSUDH Extended Education
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
 - One must be from the occupational therapist who supervised the volunteer hours and the other two from other professionals who can attest to your readiness for graduate education and professionalism
- Personal Statement* (Topic will vary every year)
- Requires the GRE with a minimum score of 146 on the verbal sections, 140 on the quantitative section, and 4 on the analytical writing section.



West Coast University

<http://westcoastuniversity.smartcatalogiq.com/Winter-2018/West-Coast-University-Catalog/Graduate-Programs-of-Study/Occupational-Therapy-MSOT-Master-of-Science-Degree>

N Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90004

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average 3.0 GPA. If you received a medical terminology certificate, you must email it to the admissions committee to get it approved. Courses taken older than 10 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 3 Credits per course.**
 - Human Anatomy with lab
 - Human Physiology with lab
 - Statistics
 - Human Development or Lifespan
 - Abnormal or Behavioral Psychology
 - Two courses in the Humanities or Social Sciences (Anthropology; Philosophy, Religion; Ethics; Cultural Studies; Group Dynamics)
 - Medical Terminology
- Minimum of 40 Volunteer or Observations Hours obtained from an Occupational Therapy Setting of choice.
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
 - Two from Occupational Therapists and one from a faculty member/advisor.
- Personal Statement



University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (California Campus)

<https://www.usa.edu/college-of-rehabilitative-sciences/master-occupational-therapy-mot/>

700 Windy Point Dr.
San Marcos, CA 92069

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of B or higher. If you received a certificate for medical terminology, you must email it to the admissions committee to get it approved. Courses taken older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 3 semester units = 4.5 units in a quarter system.**
 - Motion and Movement
 - Biology (human-based)
 - General or Upper Level Human Anatomy and Physiology (6 semester units = 9 quarter units)
 - Human Growth and Development over Lifespan
 - Social Sciences (12 semester units = 18 quarter units)
 - Medical Terminology (1 semester unit = 1.5 quarter units)
- Minimum of 80 volunteer or observation experience hours (i.e., Volunteer hours, work hours, observation hours) in an occupational therapy setting is required.
- Two Letter of Recommendations:
 - Two from licensed Occupational Therapists (preferred) or One Occupational Therapist and one faculty member or academic advisor.
- Statement of Purpose with resume attached
- Requires the GRE with a combined minimum score of 294. The analytical writing score is also evaluated.



San Jose State University

http://www.sjsu.edu/occupationaltherapy/Programs/entry-level_ms/application_information/index.html

1 Washington Sq.
San Jose, CA 95192

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA (3.20 or higher GPA recommended)
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of B or higher. If you received a certificate for medical terminology, you must email it to the admissions committee to get it approved. Courses taken older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 3 semester units = 4.5 units in a quarter system.**
 - Human Anatomy with Lab
 - Human Physiology with Lab
 - Neuroanatomy
 - General Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
 - Statistics
 - Skills course (i.e., Ceramics, painting, drawing, sculpting, weaving, or woodworking).
- Minimum 80 hours of volunteer experience or paid work experience in at least 2 different types of healthcare, education, or social service settings.
 - Completing the hours:
 1. Minimum 60 hours must be completed under the supervision of an OT. Minimum 20 hours at a community agency under the supervision of a community agency supervisor (i.e., Teacher, administrator, nurse, social worker, etc).
 2. All 80 hours can be completed under the supervision of a OTR/L.
- Three Letter of Recommendations
- Requires the GRE with a minimum score of 153 on the verbal sections, 297 on the quantitative section, and 4.5 on the analytical writing section.



Samuel Merritt University (Entry-Level Doctoral Program)

<http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/admission/otd/prereq>

450 30th St., Suite 4706
Oakland, CA 94609

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher. If you received a medical terminology certificate, you must email it to the admissions committee to get it approved. Courses taken older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 1 semester units = 1 units in a quarter system.**
 - English Composition/Critical Thinking (Two courses)
 - General Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Statistics
 - Social Science Elective I and II (Two courses)
 - General Biology
 - Physics
 - 3-Dimensional skill/craft
 - Human Anatomy
 - Human Physiology
 - Public Speaking
- Minimum 40 to 70 hours of work or volunteer experiences demonstrating an understanding of the occupational therapist's role and maturity in career choice.
- Three Letters of Recommendations:
 - One should be from a person who has known you in an academic or professional setting. The second letter must be from an occupational therapist who has supervised you as a paid or volunteer worker in an active clinical setting. The third letter may be from an academic, professional, or clinical source. All letters are to be submitted as part of the application through OTCAS.
- GRE **not** required.



Dominican University of California

<https://www.dominican.edu/admissions/graduate/programs/msot>

50 Acacia Ave.
San Rafael, CA 94901

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher. If you received a certificate for medical terminology, you must email it to the admissions committee to get it approved. Courses taken older than 5 years at time of application will not be accepted. **Remember 3 semester units = 4.5 units in a quarter system.**
 - Human Anatomy with lab
 - Human Physiology with lab
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Statistics
 - Medical Terminology
 - Introduction to Sociology (Recommended)
- Minimum 60 hours of volunteer work. At least 40 hours must be under the supervision of an OT and within two years of the program's start date. You may complete a maximum of 20 hours in a human service setting under the supervision of a non-OT.
- Two Letters of Recommendation
 - Two from professionals who can attest to your ability for graduate coursework and level of professionalism. They must be addressed to the Occupational Therapy Admissions Committee
- GRE **not** required but must be submitted to the program if previously taken