

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program begins each fall semester. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework and have no more than 3 prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application (90 credit hours of undergraduate coursework must be completed before starting the program). All admissions requirements must be completed before starting the program. All required application materials must be received prior to admission consideration. Completed applicant files received by October 1 will be reviewed for priority selection. After the priority deadline, files are reviewed on a rolling basis. The selection process requires an interview before final decisions are made to offer admission.

Priority Deadline: October 1

Applications are accepted after the priority deadline and reviewed on a rolling basis

OTCAS applications must be “verified” by the priority deadline to be considered for priority selection. Therefore, OTCAS applications should be submitted 2-3 weeks ahead of the deadline to allow time for OTCAS verification. OTCAS applications will be accepted into mid-June each year. After OTCAS closes in June, applications can be submitted directly to the Allen College Admissions Department until July 31.

*The following application materials must be received **before** admission consideration:*

1. Application

The application must include the following documents:

- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Three letters of recommendation from academic or professional representatives
 - Letters of recommendation must be signed and on official letterhead including contact information
- Documentation of observation experience from two distinctly separate areas of OT practice
 - Allen College [Job Shadowing Forms](#) (preferred) or site-specific forms accepted with therapist's signature and hours completed
- Current personal/professional resume
- Personal Statement

2. Non-refundable \$50 application fee paid directly to Allen College

- Payment can be made by calling (319) 226-2014

3. Applicants whose first language is not English must prove [English proficiency](#) prior to admission review. The TOEFL exam is also required.

Applicants will only be considered for admission for the upcoming academic year. Meeting admissions criteria does not guarantee an interview. The OTD Admissions Committee uses selection criteria to choose candidates best qualified for the program and practice of the profession

Information subject to change without prior notification.

Accreditation and Status: The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. The program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. Students must complete 24 weeks of Level II fieldwork and an individual 14-week capstone experience within 24 months following the completion of the didactic portion of the program. The doctoral capstone experience must be started after completion of all coursework, Level II fieldwork and preparatory activities defined in 2023 ACOTE OTD Standard D.1.3.

