

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Applicants must complete at least 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework and have no more than 3 prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application. A minimum of 90 credit hours of undergraduate coursework and all prerequisite courses must be completed before starting the program.

To ensure student success, we require that all prerequisites are completed within 10 years of applying to the program.

Humanities	9
Written Composition (Intermediate Level)	3
Humanities Electives	6
Defined by Allen College as: Art, Music, Theater, Dance, English, Foreign Language, Philosophy, History, Cultures, Civilization, Literature, Religion, and Communication Arts	
Social Sciences	12
Sociology or Anthropology	3
Introduction to Psychology	3
Abnormal Psychology	3
Lifespan Human Growth and Development	3
Natural Sciences & Mathematics	10-12
Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (<i>Two-course sequence each course with a lab component</i>)	2-3
Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	2-3
Science Course with Lab (<i>Biology or Physics recommended</i>)	3
Statistics	3
Additional Requirements	4
Medical Terminology	1
Research Methods	3
Prerequisite Credits (completed at another institution)	35-37

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.

