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 lifespan. 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.

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.
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:
Occupational Therapy (OT) is one of eight disciplines of the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences (NWCNHS) at Florida International University. The mission of the FIU OT Department is to establish excellence in occupational therapy education, research and scholarly activities, to actively engage in community partnerships, and to prepare culturally competent entry-level practitioners who provide evidence-based OT services to the community.

ACCREDITATION:
The Occupational Therapy Professional Master’s Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) at www.acoteonline.org, located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number is 301-652-AOTA.

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APPLICATION PROCESS:
Florida International University uses the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS). Please visit https://portal.otcas.org to create your OTCAS account.

APPLICATION 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":
  - Biology with Lab
  - Statistics
  - Human Growth & Development
  - Abnormal Psychology
  - 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.
- All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). GRE scores must be received by the FIU graduate school by application deadline.

Florida International University

Miami Dade College

BSC 2010/L OR BSC 2023/L
General Biology I OR Human Biology, with lab AND
HSC 3543 2 Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals (recommended) OR
PCB 2099 Foundations of Human Physiology
GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED

BSC 2085/L AND I 2086/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, with labs
GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED

Broward College

HSC 3543 2 Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals
GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED

Palm Beach State College

BSC 2085/L AND I 2086/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, with labs
GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED

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 305-348-7703 to discuss qualifications. Submit forms to our Academic Advisor, Natalie Rollin in Student Services, AHC3-121, with a copy of your transcripts and required residency documentation.

1. Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab will meet biology and physiology requirements.
2. HSC3543 course prerequisites: (BSC1010 or BSC1010)
3. ZOO3731 course prerequisites: (BSC1010 or PCB 2099 or BSC2023 or MCB2000 or HSC3549) Corequisite: ZOO3731
4. HSC4553 course Prerequisites: (PCB2099 or HSC3549 or PCB3702)
5. Courses taken at other institutions need to be approved by OT department.