



PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PREPARATION

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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AS/AA/ASA DEGREE	
TRANSFER HOURS	

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Occupational therapists help people prepare to re-enter the workplace or merely regain control over their lives. They help patients develop behaviors and modify the workplace or living environment to accommodate disabilities and prevent further injury. As such, they are part psychologist, part sociologist, and part allied health specialist.

Occupational Therapy programs are phasing in master's level degrees rather than the traditional baccalaureate degree. Students enrolled at Eastern who decide to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy should complete a baccalaureate degree in an appropriate major, such as Psychology or Biology, and apply to a graduate program. A 3.50 gpa and a solid performance on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), taken the summer before senior year, are required. Most programs also require 45+ experience hours with a licensed occupational therapist and three letters of recommendation (1 academic, 1 professional, and 1 of your choice).

Each OT program has different requirements, it is very important to identify which programs you plan to apply and plot out their requirements accordingly.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

LANGUAGE*: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Literature	3		
CMN 1310G Intro to Speech	3		

BIOLOGY*: 12 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 1500 General Biology I	4		
BIO 2210 Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
BIO 2220 Anatomy & Physiology II	4		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE*: 15 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PSY 1879G Intro to Psychology	3		
PSY 3515 Child Psychology	3		
PSY 3525 Psy of Maturity & Old Age	3		
PSY 3780 Abnormal Psychology	3		
¹ FCS 1800 Life Span Human Dev	3		

¹In some cases FCS 1800 can be replaced by PSY 3515 and PSY 3525

²Anthropology or Sociology (required by some schools)

MATH*: 4 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
MAT 2250G Elementary Statistics	4		

* Many courses have math prerequisites. Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- CPR
- Departmental Exit Interview (final semester on campus)
- Medical Terminology
- Course work or experience with ceramics, crafts, weaving, woodworking, etc. for fine motor function.

There are some schools that require Chemistry and Physics, if so the typical requirements are below:

CHEMISTRY*

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
CHM 1310G General Chemistry I	3		
CHM 1315G General Chemistry I Lab	1		
CHM 1410G General Chemistry II	3		
CHM 1415G General Chemistry II Lab	1		

PHYSICS*

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PHY 1151G Physics I	3		
PHY 1152G Physics I Lab	1		

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

American Occupational Therapy Association www.aota.org

Governors State University www.govst.edu

Midwestern University www.vmcas.org

University of Illinois at Chicago www.ahs.uic.edu/pt/

Rush University www.rushu.rush.edu

Chicago State University www.csu.edu

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