



## Pre-Occupational Therapy Preparation

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree program is designed to lead to a professional licensure in Occupational Therapy. While there is a national professional exam, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination, associated with the occupational therapy licensure, specific licensure requirements still vary from state to state. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports an estimated 21% increase in projected employment growth for occupational therapists through 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Our curriculum prepares students in many content areas that are necessary for successful admission into an Occupational Therapy Masters programs. Always consult the admission requirements for your focal schools.

Students should maintain a grade point average near or above 3.40/4.00, with a high Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Most programs also require 45+ experience hours in the field of health care (preferably occupational therapy, either actual or through observation). There are 9 OT master's programs in the State of Florida:

<https://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School/AccreditEntryLevel/OTMasters.aspx> . Below are the requirements to be considered for admission to such OT programs. Occupational Therapy schools do not favor any particular major. A major should be chosen **completely on the student's interests and goals**. Human Factors Psychology with a business, biomedical, or chemistry minor are a few programs of studies to consider.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Coursework in humanities and social sciences (**especially additional psychology and sociology**) are often required. ERAU Worldwide offers an array of social science courses that fulfill these requirements.

<b>English</b>		<b>Biology*</b>	
COM 122	English Composition	BIO 120/L	Foundations of Biology I w/Lab
COM219	Speech Communication	BIO 121/L	Foundations of Biology II w/Lab
		BIO 305/L	Human Anatomy & Phys. I w/Lab
		BIO 306/L	Human Anatomy & Phys. II w/Lab
<b>Chemistry</b>		<b>Physics</b>	
CHM 110/L	General Chem. I w/Lab	PS 113/L*	Introductory Physics I w/Lab
CHM 111/L	General Chem. II w/Lab	PS 117/L*	Introductory Physics II w/Lab
<b>Math</b>		<b>Human Factors / Psychology</b>	
MA **	Quantitative Methods II (calculus)	HF 312*	Ergonomics and Bioengineering
MA 222 or	Business Statistics or	PSY 101	Intro to Psychology
PSY 312/L	Research Analysis in Psych. w/ Lab	PSY 365	Abnormal Psychology

\* Additional courses are often required – check with your destination program.

\*\*Note: OT math requirements vary – check with your destination program.