

Occupational Therapy

Nature of the Work	<p>For descriptions of this profession see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>About Occupational Therapy</i> section of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) website (www.aota.org) • www.explorehealthcareers.org
Course Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements vary by school • Check the <i>Find a School</i> section on the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) website (www.aota.org) • Generally, course work should include general biology, human anatomy and physiology, psychology, sociology, and statistics
Application Timeline	<p>Occupational therapy school directly after Gettysburg College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required courses completed by end of senior year (although preference may be given to applicants who complete the required courses sooner) • Apply summer between junior and senior years
Standardized Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Record Exam (GRE) revised General Test (www.ets.org/gre) • Given year-round at computer-based test centers • Length ~ 4 hours • 3 sections : Verbal Reasoning (score 130-170), Quantitative Reasoning (score 130-170), Analytical Writing (score 0-6) • Register on-line (www.ets.org/gre) • Free and low-cost preparation materials (www.ets.org/gre) • Unofficial scores on test day, official scores in 10-15 days
Application Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) (www.otcas.org) • Available ~ mid-July • APPLY EARLY!!! Do not wait until application deadlines!
Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA • GRE • Letters of evaluation • OT-related experience • Personal statement
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by school • ~ 2-3 years for Doctorate degree programs • ~ 2 years for Master's degree programs

Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OTD (Occupational Therapy Doctorate) or DOT (Doctorate of Occupational Therapy) (several programs)• MS (Master of Science) , MA (Master of Arts), or MOT (Master of Occupational Therapy) (most programs)
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The American Occupational Therapy Association (www.aota.org)