

Indiana State University
College of Health and Human Services
Department of Applied Medicine and Rehabilitation
M.S. Occupational Therapy
Admissions Requirements and Process

Admissions Process

APPLICATION

- Application to the Occupational Therapy Program
 - Indiana State University participates in the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS).
 - Please consult [OTCAS](#) for more information regarding specific OTCAS application requirements, procedures, and fees.
 - Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m., - 5:00 p.m. EST
 - Phone: 617.612.2860
 - Email: otcasinfo@otcas.org
 - Applicants must send application materials **directly to OTCAS** except
 - Rural Health Endorsement
 - Official Transcripts must be sent to OTCAS:
 - OTCAS Verification Department, PO Box 9120, Watertown, MA 08471
 - Application **may be** submitted prior to degree completion or completion of prerequisite course work
 - OTCAS [Application Deadlines](#)

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a four (4) year accredited college or university with a
 - Cumulative and prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
 - Program will not accept Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory grades for any prerequisite course needed to enter the program.
 - Baccalaureate degree must be earned **before enrolling** into the program and can be in any field.
 - Coursework must be completed within seven (7) years of the date of application.
 - Prerequisite coursework must be completed with a "C" or higher.
 - Official transcripts from **all universities and / or colleges attended** must be submitted
- Confirmation of baccalaureate degree completion must be confirmed via official transcript.
 - Transfer students from college or universities not located in the United States are responsible for having their transcripts evaluated by a credential evaluation service such as World Education Services (WES).
- Three letters of recommendation are required. One recommendation from each category:
 - Letter1: An Occupational Therapist (OTR/OTA) who supervised an observation.
 - Letter2: A licensed rehabilitation professional (OT/PT/SLP) or program director who has direct knowledge of your ability to engage individuals with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities.
 - Letter 3: A Professor or Academic Advisor

- International Students
 - When native language is not English
 - In addition to the GRE report, a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 (paper) 100 (internet-based) and 250 (computerized) is required
 - [Citizenship requirements](#)
- Observation Experience/Health Related Experience
 - Setting where an OT may be present totaling 20 hours (internship experience is allowed, only one setting is required, multiple sites are optional)
 - Enter in OTCAS as per OTCAS instructions
 - Prior to matriculation into the program community services experiences will be randomly reviewed.
- Resume
 - An up-to-date resume must be uploaded to OTCAS.
- Course Equivalency Form
 - The form must be completed for Anatomy, Physiology and Lifespan PSychology coursework to be considered.
 - Form must be uploaded to OTCAS
- In-person Interview
 - Applicants are required to complete the interview.
 - Interviews are by invitation only.
 - The program reserves the right to offer virtual interviews as needed.
- Rural Health Endorsement (optional)
 - Applicants who plan upon graduation, certification, and licensure to provide occupational therapy services to an under served population in Indiana may receive additional points towards the applicant selection process.
 - Obtain a letter on official letterhead from an institution located in a medically underserved area.
 - Letter must endorse the applicant and indicate plans for the applicant to provide future services.

Additional Admissions Policy

- Indiana State University does not allow credit for experiential learning
- Indiana State University Occupational Therapy Program does not offer advanced placement in Occupational Therapy
 - The Occupational Therapy Program does not accept virtual labs or online labs for the Prerequisite Course work of the Anatomy and Physiology Courses.
 - The Occupational Therapy Program will accept Advanced Placement as part of the undergraduate degree requirement
 - AP credit policy
 - The Occupational Therapy Program follows the AP Credit Policy as outlined by Indiana State University
 - For addition information regarding [Transfer Credit](#).
- Indiana State University Occupational Therapy Program does not admit students on the basis of ability to benefit.