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 #1

- Application to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies
  - Applicants must meet the admission requirements for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and
  - Submit non-refundable application fee

APPLICATION #2

- 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
  - Baccalaureate degree must be earned before enrolling into the program and can be in any field
  - Coursework must be completed within the past seven (7) years
  - 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:
  - An Occupational Therapist (OTR/OTA) who supervised an observation.
  - 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.
  - A Professor or Academic Advisor

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the past five years.
  - A combined score of 290 the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE is recommended.
  - GRE score reports must be forwarded to Indiana State University by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Applicants are welcome to send their code to either OTCAS or the University.
    - Indiana State University’s Institutional Code is 1322
    - OTCAS for Indiana State University is 4095

- 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 totaling 40 hours
  - Enter in OTCAS as per OTCAS instructions
  - Prior to matriculation into the program community services experiences will be randomly reviewed.

- Rural Health Endorsement (optional)
  - Applicants who plan upon graduation, certification, and licensure to provide occupational therapy services to an underserved 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 advancement 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 Advancement 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
  o For additional information on Transfer Credit – see http://www.indstate.edu/gradexpress/transfer-credit.pdf
  o Indiana State University Occupational Therapy Program does not admit students on the basis of ability to benefit.