



**TOURO
COLLEGE**

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PROGRAM**

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FACTS

WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY?

Occupational therapy is a health care profession. The word “occupation” refers to how one utilizes time in everyday life including the activities of self-care, work, play and leisure.

Occupational therapists use goal-specific, personally meaningful activities to help people of all ages prevent, lessen or overcome disabilities. Those who work in occupational therapy use their personal and professional skills to help people to function in daily life. Occupational therapists are important members of the health-care team working closely with physicians; psychologists; nurses; and physical, speech, and recreational therapists.

Occupational therapists work in mental health, pediatrics, gerontology, physical disabilities, and many other areas such as hand rehabilitation, drug and alcohol abuse, and vocational rehabilitation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - A minimum of 60 credits in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a minimum grade point average of 2.8 is required. Pre-requisites must be completed with a grade of C or better and include:

- 8 credits Biology
- 4 credits additional science*
- 9 credits Psychology including General Psychology, Growth & Development (lifespan) and Abnormal Psychology
- 6 credits English Composition or English Composition and Literature
- 3 credits College Mathematics
- 3 credits Statistics
- 3 credits Sociology
- 24 additional credits of Social Sciences/Humanities

* Physics (preferred) Chemistry or additional Biology

All sciences must be designed for science majors and include labs.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have successfully completed all prerequisite courses by the August date of entry for the Bay Shore Campus, and the February date of entry for the New York City campus.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.80 (calculated based on total academic history)
- Advanced Placement courses require official documentation with grades
- 100 hours of volunteer work under the supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist
- Current CPR Certification
- Official SAT, ACT, GRE or TOEFL scores
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a licensed Occupational Therapist; one from a professional or academic source
- Interview and on-site essay for qualified applicants.

The Occupational Therapy Program is a 3 year full-time program. An Extended Study Program is available as an alternative to the full-time Occupational Therapy Program.

The Occupational Therapy Program encourages Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA’s) to advance their careers. Applicants to the BSHS/MSOT degree program will have their transcripts reviewed and may receive credit for education or experience acquired as an OTA.

BSHS/MSOT DEGREES

Graduates of the Program are awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. All graduates are eligible to sit for the NBCOT (National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy) certification examination and are also eligible to apply for licensure in all states where required. The Occupational Therapy program is registered with the New York State Education Department and accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), 4720 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, MD, 20814-3425, (301) 652-2682.

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