

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The Occupational Therapy Admissions Committee selects students for admission after they have

met the general admission requirements of the University.

The University offers a 4+2 program. For students beginning as freshmen, 4 years of undergraduate course

work is required and 2 years of graduate work. Prior to the end of their third year, students must make

application to the graduate phase of the program. Admission is not automatic. Applicants may start as a

freshman or sophomore at Tuskegee University or come as a transfer student with a maximum of 80

hours of allowable undergraduate transfer credit from an accredited college or university. Students

transferring to the program with a bachelor's degree will be exempt from the university's

physical education and English Proficiency Exam requirements.

Pre-Professional Program

All students must meet the following criteria to gain admission to the Master of Science

program in occupational therapy. All pre-professional students must be admitted to the University

through the Admissions Office. Admission to the pre-professional or undergraduate curriculum is

designed to develop foundational knowledge necessary for entry to the professional or graduate phase

of the program. Upon completion of 3 years in the pre-professional phase, students then apply for

admission to the graduate or professional phase of the program. Admission to Tuskegee University as a

pre-occupational therapy major does not include admission to the graduate or professional program.

Students who apply to the program as incoming freshmen must have the following requirements:

- **High School GPA: 3.0 on a 4.0 scale**
- **SAT: 1000 or Above**
- **ACT: 21 or Above**

Transfer students without a degree applying to the Occupational Therapy Program must have

the following requirements:

- **ACT: 21**

Transfer students with a degree applying to the Occupational Therapy Program and do not have

- **Cumulative GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale**
- **Bachelor's or higher degree in a related area**

Pre-Professional Course Requirements:

Course	Semester Hours
English Composition I	3
English Composition II	3
Advance Writing	3
Public Speaking	3
College Algebra & Trigonometry	4

World Civilization I	3
World Civilization II	3

General Biology	3
Individual Development I & II (College Orientation)	1 or 2

Introduction to Computer Science	3
Physical Education (2-1 credit course)*	2

Elementary Physics I	3
Elementary Physics I Lab	1

Health Care Systems	2
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Medical Vocabulary	2
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Introduction to Psychology	3
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Human Development	3
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Abnormal Psychology	3
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Statistics	3
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Introduction to Sociology	3
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Philosophy	3
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General Chemistry	3
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General Chemistry Lab	1
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Anatomy & Physiology I	4
Anatomy & Physiology II	4

College Anatomy Lab	1
Art of Public Presentation	2
Political Science/Business	3

Elective	
Foundations of Occupational Therapy (+)	3
Occupational Therapy	3
Performance & Media Lab (+)	1
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***Transfer students with Bachelor's or higher degree are exempt from these courses. Transfer students without a degree who transfer 30 credit hours or more will be required to take only 1 credit hour of orientation. (+) Occupational therapy courses must be taken at Tuskegee University. (Revised 9/20/13)**

(*) Minimum "GPA" will be required for admission. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for admission to the professional/graduate phase of the program

Occupational Therapy Program. To obtain application forms, prospective students should write to:

Tuskegee University
Occupational Therapy Program Director
School of Nursing and Allied Health
John A. Kenney Hall, Room 71-266
Tuskegee, AL 36088

New students and transfer students should also apply for admission to Tuskegee University. An application may be obtained on-line at www.tuskegee.edu or from:

Tuskegee University
Admissions Office
Margaret Murray Washington Hall

Transfer Students

Students who enter Tuskegee University from other colleges and universities with or without a bachelor's degree must:

Successfully complete prerequisite courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0

Tuskegee University Admission Office at the above address. Each transcript should bear the signature of

and the degree, diploma, or certificate conferred (if applicable). These transfer credits cannot exceed 80

credits. Courses with a grade lower than "C" and pass/fail courses are also not transferable

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- Be eligible to re-enter the last institution attended.

Meet Tuskegee University's general education requirements for graduation including occupational education and general education requirements for the Occupational Therapy program.

- Complete all other application procedures as required below.

Other Application Procedures

1. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on all course work attempted is a pre-requisite for

of the graduate program with a minimum average of 2.0 for admission to the graduate status.

2. **Documentation of first hand observation of the occupational therapy profession by submitting:**

An essay (2-3 paragraphs) detailing the reasons the applicant desires to become an

b. An autobiographical sketch of approximately 250 words describe birth history, early

c. Documentation of a minimum of 40 hours of first hand observation or work experience in occupational therapy. This experience must be substantiated in writing by a

the required forms located in the admissions package.

A minimum score with the Occupational Therapy Admissions Committee and a minimum score of 75% on the interview (average of at least two evaluators). Applicants must interview on site in the department's designated areas unless prior approval has been obtained for another type or location of interview.

5. Submission of scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) from the aptitude portions of the test (verbal and quantitative) of 156 and above is required prior to admission. Applicants doing pre-professional work at Tuskegee University will be required to report GRE scores during the beginning of the third year of coursework. Students applying to the professional (or graduate) phase. Students transferring to the program should submit GRE scores (not older than

courses by the end of the summer session prior to their admission to the graduate program. The graduate program begins *only* in the fall semester of every year.

7. A criminal background check (CBC) is required for all applicants. A CBC must be completed before admission to the graduate program and prior to fieldwork placements. Applicants will be informed of the required information and process associated with this service.
8. Applications for the graduate program should be submitted by students who plan to enter the program.
9. Additional standardized tests may be administered to all applicants as a part of the admissions process.

Acceptance Policy

After applying to the occupational therapy program the applicant will be notified of their acceptance. A non-refundable application fee to the university. The Occupational Therapy Admissions Committee will consider several factors in making its decision for admission of a student. Criteria such as cumulative grade point average, prior experiences, recommendations, personal interviews, and GRE scores will be considered as part of the Committee's decision to accept an applicant for the graduate program of study.

Residence and Credit Hour Requirements

The occupational therapy graduate program requires a student to be in residence at least two academic years as a regular graduate student including the satisfactory completion of an credit hours of graduate coursework in order to complete requirements for a professional Master's degree in occupational therapy.

Admission to Candidacy

Admission to the graduate program in occupational therapy does not automatically qualify a student as a candidate for the Master's degree. The request for admission to candidacy should be filed by the student

in the student's current curriculum or not.)

3. Submit the following information with 6 signed originals on the appropriate application form and through the major professor and College Dean to the Dean of Graduate Programs:

- A complete list of all graduate courses (with grades) completed in residence at Tuckasee University.
- A copy of the official transcript.
- A list of courses that satisfies the course requirements for the degree.

5. Satisfy any additional requirements which may be specified by the college, department or both.

6. Obtain approval of admission to candidacy by the College Dean and the Dean of Graduate Programs

All applications for candidacy should follow the standard procedures as described in the Tuckasee University Graduate Handbook for Academic Regulations and Procedures except the thesis requirement.

Non-Thesis-Comprehensive Examination for the Master of Science Degree

This program offers a non-thesis Master's degree. However, each candidate for the degree in occupational therapy must complete a detailed research project and pass a computerized, comprehensive examination in occupational therapy. In addition, an oral examination will be required by the Comprehensive Examination Committee. Students will be required to pass with a minimum score of 75% on the comprehensive examination in order to be eligible for graduation and Level II fieldwork.

Level II Fieldwork (Clinical Internship)

After completion of the didactic portion of the program, the occupational therapy major is required to complete six (6) months of full-time fieldwork in occupational therapy within 24 months after completing their coursework, to be eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination. The student is responsible for providing his/her traveling and living expenses for fieldwork. Graduates must receive a passing score on the "Fieldwork Performance Evaluation" for Level II

Program Costs and Fees

At Tuckasee University, undergraduate tuition per semester is \$0,707 and graduate school tuition is \$4,645.

Books, research fees, and room and board costs for occupational therapy courses are charged per course at registration. The total lab fees for 5 semesters of didactic work are approximately \$600. Other professional program fees in addition to tuition and living expenses include books (\$900); clinical uniforms with patches and name tags (\$115); transportation to off campus Fieldwork I sites (\$200); and AOTA and other professional fees (\$100). For 6 months full time fieldwork placement (Level II) and some Level I sites, students have costs for round trip transportation to sites (\$600-\$800) and board at sites (\$5,000-\$6,000), criminal background check (\$100-\$140), health and safety

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

MASTER OF SCIENCE CURRICULUM (3+2)

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

Course	Title	Credits
MATH 0107	College Alg & Trig I	4
BIOL 0111 or 0112	General Biology/II	3
HIST 0103	World Civilization I	2
CREN 0100	Indiv Dev & Growth	1
PHED	Elective	1
HLSC 0100	Student Success for Health Care Majors	1

Total 16

Second Semester

Course	Title	Credits
HIST 0104	World Civilization II	3
PSYC 0270	Intro to Psych	3
SOCI 0240	Intro Socio	3
CREN 0101	Indiv Dev & Growth	1
PHED	Elective	1
HLSC 0101	Student Success for Health Care Majors	1

Total 15

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 0201	Adv. Writing	3
HLSC 0201	Education in Business	3

Total 16

Second Semester

Course	Title	Credits
PSYCH 0377	Human Dev.	3
PHIL 0202	Logic & Philosophy II	4

Total 15

THIRD YEAR

First Semester

Course	Title	Credits
PSYCH 0567	Abnormal Psych	3
HLSC 0302	Medical Microbiology	2
OCTH 0311	Foundations of Occupational Health & Wellness	3
OCTH 0312	Occ. Perf. & Media I	4
OCTH 312L	Lab	1
HLSC 0209	Health Care Systems	2

Total 15

Second Semester

Course	Title	Credits
HLSC 0301	Gross Anatomy I Lab	2
OCTH 0315	Occupational Community Health & Wellness	3
ENGL 0327	Public Speaking	3
PHIL (Approval from Advisor)		3
PSYCH 0306	Psychological Statistics	3

Total 14

Prerequisites for admission to the graduate nurse curriculum: "D" grades are unacceptable. Overall CGPA must be 3.0 for
