



Pre-Occupational Therapy

The Profession

Occupational therapy is a vital health care service that uses purposeful activity as the basis for treatment and prevention of a wide variety of physical, developmental and emotional disabilities.

Occupational therapists plan programs which enable patients to practice self-care, to learn personal and social behavior skills and to gain more independence.

The Program at UW-Platteville

The program at UW-Platteville for pre-occupational therapy students offers opportunities for success and achievement in the profession.

The courses for the program provide the necessary science background as well as an understanding of people and institutions to ensure that students completing the program succeed in occupational therapy school and in their practice of occupational therapy.

Pre-occupational therapy is a pre-professional program; therefore, the student must also indicate an academic major. Many students in pre-occupational therapy choose to major in biology.

Occupational Therapy School

The program requires that you receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Platteville in one of our academic majors such as biology. During this time, prerequisites for the professional phase of occupational therapy are satisfied. After the bachelor's degree is received, the student may enter a school of occupational therapy and receive a graduate degree in occupational therapy in approximately two and one-half years. The Graduate Record Exam is generally required in the junior year of the bachelor's degree program.

High School Preparation

In preparing to become an occupational therapist, the high school student needs to acquire a strong science background. In addition, good backgrounds in communication and social skills are important.

Faculty and Facilities

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville provides the student with modern facilities and dedicated faculty to support the program. These range from well-equipped chemistry and biology laboratories to strong humanities and social sciences curricula.

Placement

UW-Platteville has an excellent record of placing qualified students in occupational therapy schools and preparing them for the profession.

Outstanding Career Opportunities

Occupational therapists work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, public and private schools, and home health agencies. They also act as consultants to health care facilities, and an increasing number have private practices or have sought career opportunities in research, administration, and education. Occupational therapy is among the fastest growing health professions, and its earning and advancement potentials are high.

Suggested Course of Study

The requirements of the UW-Platteville pre-occupational therapy program are those necessary or recommended for admission into most occupational therapy schools. Pre-occupational therapy students are advised to meet with their advisor as well as to seek information about course and grade point requirements from the professional school they plan to attend.

Experience may be required before applying for the professional phase. The amount and type will vary with the occupational therapy school. Experience may be gained at many hospitals and clinics. Your advisor can assist you in this.

For More Information

For more information write to the Pre-Occupational Therapy Advisor, Department of Biology, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099, or call 608.342.1664.

For general information on the university and its programs, consult the website at www.uwplatt.edu or contact Prospective Student Services, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099, or call toll-free 1.877.897.5288 or 608.342.1127.

Information about places to complete the clinical phase of your program can be found at the website aota.org.

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Suggested Course of Study Biohealth/Physiology Emphasis: Pre-Occupational Therapy

First Year

First Semester

Biol	1020	BioQuest: Foundations for College Success	1
Biol	1650	Unity of Life	5
Chem	1140	General Chemistry	4
Engl	1130	Freshman Composition	3
Psyc	1130	General Psychology	3
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Second Semester

Biol	1750	Diversity of Life	5
Chem	1240	General Chemistry	4
Engl	1230	Freshman Composition	3
Tchg	2130	Human Growth and Development	3
PE	1000	Fitness Assessment	1
PE Requirement			1
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Second Year

First Semester

Biol	2140	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
Soc	1030	Principles of Sociology	3
Biol	2040	Cell Biology	4
Spch	1010	Public Speaking	2
Math	1530	College Algebra	3
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Second Semester

Biol	2420	FBI: Fundamentals of Biological Investigation	2
Biol	2240	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Math	1830	Statistics	3
Psyc	3130	Child Psychology	3
International Education Requirement			3
Humanities, Fine Arts and History			
General Education Requirement			3
			18

Third Year

First Semester

Biol	3330	Genetics	3
Chem	3540	Organic Chemistry	4
Chem	3510	Organic Chemistry Lab	1
PE	3720	Kinesiology	3
Psyc	3230	Adolescent Psychology	3
Psyc Elective	2030, 3000, 3430		3
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Second Semester

Biol	3240	Microbiology	4
Biol	3620	Immunology	2
Biol	3450	Ecology and Evolution	3
Ethnic and Gender Studies General Education Requirement			3
Humanities, Fine Arts and History			
General Education Requirement			3
Psyc	3990	Adulthood and Aging	3
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Fourth Year

First Semester

Chem	4630	Biochemistry	3
Chem	4610	Biochemistry Lab	1
Biol	4240	Advanced Physiology	4
Biol	3530	Biotechnology	3
Psyc	4430	Abnormal Psychology	3
Humanities, Fine Arts and History			
General Education Requirement			3
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Second Semester

Biol	4970	Senior Thesis	1
or			
Biol	4990	From Atoms to Ecosystems - The Study of Life	1
Biol	3040	Comparative Anatomy	4
or			
Biol	4130	Endocrinology	3
PE	3020	Physiology of Exercise	3
Psyc Elective 2030, 3000, 3430			3
Biol	4440	Human Gross Anatomy	4
Humanities, Fine Arts, History			
General Education Requirement			3
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1 year Foreign Language (8 credits) in 1 language required. (Waived if student has had 2 years of the same foreign language in high school with final grade of "C" or higher.)

This suggested course of study is based on a bachelor's degree received from UW-Platteville with a biology major and biohealth/physiology emphasis.

Some courses may be offered at a time other than the semester indicated above. Please check schedule of classes during registration and with your advisor. See advisor for optional courses.