

The University of Minnesota's Occupational Therapy program offers an entry-level Master's program awarding a Master of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

A bachelor's degree is needed before entering the program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a core GPA of 2.8, with no grade below a "C-" in core courses. Work and/or volunteer experience is required in a health care setting—20 hours. (See additional admissions information on back page.)

**REQUIRED PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COURSES:**

Four of the following core courses must be completed by the end of fall semester of the application year.

- ◆ Biol 2040 and 2045 or Biol 1031 and 1032
- ◆ Math 1025
- ◆ Psyc 1020 and 2021
- ◆ Psyc 1040 or Psyc 1043, 1044, and 1045 or the U of M's Nursing 3690 and 3691 - Human Development Across the Lifespan - through The College of Continuing Education.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Hlth 1001
- Orientation to Occupational Therapy (PMed 1003) offered Spring semester through the College of Liberal Arts or continuously through Independent and Distance Learning in the College of Education.
- One Studio/Applied Arts\* course is required.
- \*Highly recommended: Art Studio 1020, 1041, 1051, 1055, 1061, 1071, 1081.
- Students with community art experience may request a waiver.

Students should check with consultants if they have questions about the appropriateness of art courses. Classes in applied arts are required. For students having difficulty finding courses in applied arts, it is recommended that they obtain experience in loom weaving, woodworking, ceramics, crafts, and graphic arts by taking courses through the U of M Extension Division. Community arts courses may also be used to meet this requirement.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Consult the information in the box labeled for this college in the Career Center, Room 2010. This information is intended as a guide for program planning. Please contact the consultants listed periodically for changes and possible exceptions.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

Students are required to have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in their bachelor's degree and a 2.8 GPA in the core coursework, with no grade below a "C-" in core courses.

### Fall 2004, Accepted Applicant's Characteristics

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Total number accepted: | 23        |
| Male                   | 4         |
| Female                 | 19        |
| Reapplicants           | 0         |
| <b>Age</b>             |           |
| Range                  | 21-39     |
| Mean                   | 25        |
| Median                 | 23        |
| <b>Core Group GPA</b>  |           |
| Range                  | 2.62-4.00 |
| Mean                   | 3.35      |
| <b>Overall GPA</b>     |           |
| Range                  | 2.97-3.87 |
| Mean                   | 3.39      |

## ADMISSION PROCESS:

1. The University of Minnesota's Program in Occupational Therapy is in the midst of revamping its historically strong curriculum to ensure our graduates are meeting the health care needs of Minnesota and the nation. Leaders of the occupational therapy program seek to develop an innovative model of health care education that predicts future practice approaches as well as patient and client needs for care. The transition for occupational therapy will require substantial faculty and staff time, dedication, and resources. Thus we are not currently admitting students while this re-design work is underway.

The need for occupational therapists will not diminish during the program redesign and students interested in pursuing a career in occupational therapy should continue to prepare themselves for application to the program. Information on the changes in the program will be updated online at [www.ot.umn.edu](http://www.ot.umn.edu) as new information becomes available. Students may also receive periodic updates through a Pre-OT email list. Contact [ander230@umn.edu](mailto:ander230@umn.edu) to be added to the list. Individual questions may also be answered by email at [otprog@umn.edu](mailto:otprog@umn.edu) or by phone at 612/626-5887. In the meantime, the occupational therapy faculty and practitioners in the community will continue to promote the profession and the importance of its graduates to the health care team through community service and community education.

2. Applications meeting the minimum requirements will be competitively weighted according to multiple criteria. Those criteria include but are not limited to:
  - Undergraduate degree GPA and core coursework GPA.
  - Work/Volunteer experience (Additional credit for a minimum of 20 to a maximum of 120 hours in the OT field and 400 hours maximum from other health related fields).
  - Reference of Reference.
  - Observation up to 20 hours in four different settings.
  - Professional presentation of application materials.
  - Unique individual characteristics.
  - Computer Literacy

## NOTE:

The College of St. Catherine and the College of St. Scholastica also offer Occupational Therapy programs. Anoka Hennepin Technical College, College of St. Catherine-Minneapolis, Lake Superior College-Duluth, Riverland Community College-Austin, and Northwest Technical College-East Grand Forks offer certified Occupational Therapy Assistant programs. For information on programs nationally, use the website for the American Occupational Therapy Association (<http://www.aota.org>).

