

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Prerequisite Worksheet

Name: _____

General Requirements

- Completion of courses by June 1 prior to the start of the program and within the past five (5) years
- All prerequisites must be completed for a letter grade with a minimum grade of B
- A minimum GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) is required for prerequisite coursework
- Advanced placement (AP) courses do not satisfy prerequisite requirements

Prerequisite Courses	Required Course Components	Applicant's Equivalent Course(s)
Human Anatomy and Physiology, 8 credits	Multiple courses are required to fulfill this requirement. Courses must be human based. They are commonly offered in the following formats; either is accepted: Option 1: Human Anatomy + lab AND Human Physiology + lab Option 2: Anatomy & Physiology I + lab AND Anatomy & Physiology II + lab While not required, we recommend taking these courses with an in-person (not virtual) lab component.	
Lifespan Human Development, 3 credits	This requirement is typically fulfilled with a single course, although some students take multiple courses to ensure comprehensive coverage. The course should span the full human lifespan. Courses that address only early stages of life and development are not acceptable. Course content should include developmental research, genetic influences on development, prenatal and birth factors, and physical, cognitive, social, personality, and cultural variables that influence development across infancy, childhood, adolescence, and early, middle, late adulthood.	
Psychopathology/ Abnormal Psychology, 3 credits	This requirement is typically fulfilled with a single course. The course should focus on psychological disorders and common forms of abnormal behaviors, identification and intervention of mental illness in pediatric, adolescent and adult populations. Course content should address the etiology, progression and treatment of these disorders.	
Statistics 3 credits	This requirement is typically fulfilled with a single course. Course content should include descriptive statistics, sampling, probability, distributions, significance testing, measures of central tendency and dispersion and hypothesis testing.	



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GPA Information

The OTD program welcomes applicants from any undergraduate background. A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in both prerequisite coursework and overall cumulative GPA. For details on how GPAs are calculated, visit [Calculating Your OTCAS GPAs](#)

Unofficial Prerequisite Evaluation

If you have completed the self-assessment and are still unsure if your coursework meets the prerequisite requirements, you may request an unofficial prerequisite evaluation. To do so, email OTPitt@shrs.pitt.edu and include the following:

1. Your completed Doctor of Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Worksheet (this document)
2. Detailed course descriptions and syllabi for any course(s) in question