



University of Puget Sound School of Occupational Therapy Application Requirement Checklist

The Puget Sound Occupational Therapy program Admission Committee bases its academic decisions on a blend of factors. These include your academic ability as demonstrated by grade point average, written communication skills, understanding of the role and functions of occupational therapy, letters of reference, and more.

Program Contacts	
Program Specific Questions	Occupational Therapy Program ot@pugetsound.edu 253-879-3514)
Transcript Questions and Review	Office of the Registrar registrar@pugetsound.edu 253.879.3219
Financial Aid	Student Financial Services sfs@pugetsound.edu 253-879-3214
Puget Sound OT Application	OTCAS otcasinfo@otcas.org 617-612-2860

	Prerequisites	Minimum Grade	Minimum Credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Statistics	3.0	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Anatomy & Physiology *In person labs recommended	3.0	6.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Lifespan Development	3.0	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Behavioral Science I	3.0	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Behavioral Science II	3.0	3.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Terminology	3.0	3.0

<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcripts	Submit official transcripts from every college attended directly to OTCAS. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 required for all baccalaureate work (unless currently enrolled at Puget Sound as a 3-2 or 3-3 student). Admissions may consider GPA of most recent degree or last 2 years of coursework if higher than cumulative GPA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Reference	One (1) Letter of Recommendation from either an OTR/L (strongly recommended), professor from whom you have taken a college course, or employer must be included in the evaluation section of your OTCAS application. Letters from professors or employers must speak to your ability to be successful in a graduate program, your ability to work as a healthcare provider, and your work ethic.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Standardized Testing	GRE: We do not require the GRE. You will have the opportunity to describe your preparation for graduate school in application essays. TOEFL: International applicants and non-native English speakers who are fluent in English must also submit official TOEFL scores.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Observation Hours	The applicant must demonstrate knowledge about the profession in our Supplemental Essay. Documentation of observation hours is not required. Exposure to the practice of occupational therapy (either volunteer or paid) under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist is optimal. If due to COVID-19 restrictions you are unable to complete an OT observation in a clinical setting, complete at least two of the following alternative activities to enhance your knowledge of OT: Interview an Occupational Therapist (cannot be an OT faculty member), Explore resources about OT, Interview a client or family member/caregiver of a client who has had occupational therapy services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Essay #1	Supplemental Essay Prompt. Compose a 1000-1200 word essay application titled, Reasons for Pursuing Occupational Therapy, that addresses each topic included in the prompt. The purpose of this essay is for you to share with the faculty, in a reflective way, why you feel you would be a good occupational therapist and why you feel you are a good “fit” for our program. Your response to the prompt topics should describe how your exposure to the practice of Occupational Therapy (observation of OTR/L or listed alternative activities) has deepened your understanding of the profession.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing Sample Essay #2	Writing Sample Prompt. Compose a 750-1000 word essay titled, Overcoming Challenges. Your thorough response to all items in the prompt should reflect your preparedness for the rigors of graduate school.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisites	All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to program start. Prerequisites must be completed within 5 years of the start of the program with a minimum grade of 3.0 in each course. “Credit” or “Pass” grades are generally not accepted, but due to academic challenges associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic may be considered for courses taken Spring 2020 - Spring 2022. Supplemental course information (course description or syllabus) is required to petition approval of non-standard courses including older coursework, Medical Terminology Certificate or Continuing Education courses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Deadline	Applications must be submitted via OTCAS by 11:59 p.m. EST / 8:59 p.m. PST on Dec. 1.