

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (OTD)

Occupational Therapy School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)*

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal or MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt., Life and Social Sciences, or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
PSY 2210: Psychology of Child Development, PSY 2220: Psychology of Adolescent and Adulthood, or PSY 2230: Psychology of Aging (3 credit hours) <i>Complete 2 of 3 options</i>	PSY 2210: Psychology of Child Development, PSY 2220: Psychology of Adolescent and Adulthood, or PSY 2230: Psychology of Aging (3 credit hours) <i>Complete 2 of 3 options</i>
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
Third Year	
CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (2 credit hours)	SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology or ANTH 1200: Cultural Anthropology (3 credit hours)
Take GRE Winter of 3rd Year	
Fourth Year	
PSY 3080: Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)	Complete remaining major requirements
<i>*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline</i>	

First Aid and CPR Certification

Admitted students must show proof of having previously completed a First Aid course. (Current certification is not necessary.) Entering students must be currently certified in America Heart Association BLS CPR with certification lasting until August of their first year in the program. Students will be re-certified at that time. (Proof of certification is not required at the time of application.)

GRE Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration fee: \$205 Late Registration (1 week after registration closes): Additional \$50	Scores can be sent/reported for up to 5 years	Computer based test can be taken once every 21 days	Additional scores requested are sent within 5 business days of request
Rescheduling fee: \$20 Changing test center fee: \$50 Refund of \$75 4+ days before test. No Refund 4 days or less from test date	Scores can be sent to up to 4 institutions for free. Additional score reports for can be ordered at \$27 per recipient from ETS account	Test can be taken no more than 5 times in a calendar year. Cancelled scores count in annual limit	Choose which scores to share, institution can only see the scores sent
Fee assistance is offered MUST be college senior or unenrolled college grad; First come/first serve Fee is reduced to \$75 GRE Fee Reduction Request	For the computer-delivered GRE test, official scores will be sent to designated instructions 10-15 days after test date	The institution can not see how many times you have taken the test	MUST designate where to send the scores on test day, after viewing unofficial results

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: General Biology I & II, Algebra/Calculus, PSY 1010 and Statistics	Join clubs. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating OTs to observe	Complete: 6 credit hours of Developmental Psychology, Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	Begin observing, accruing volunteer hours, and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Summer- Year 3	Year 4 Class	Completion date
Complete: General Chemistry I, PHYS 1030, Sociology or Anthropology, and Medical Terminology	Take the GRE Winter of third year in order to have scores ready for the application cycle. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working volunteer hours and shadowing	Submit OTCAS Application and all required materials. UTC application cycle opens in July	Complete: Abnormal Psychology as well as remaining major requirements	Four of the six science prerequisites must be completed at the time of application. The remaining prerequisite courses must be completed prior to starting the program not prior to application

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility

International Credit and Degrees	GRE
Credit and degrees from foreign institutions must be independently evaluated for equivalence to the U.S. baccalaureate, including determination of a U.S. converted GPA. The most commonly used service is WES	Submit the official results of the GRE. A minimum combined score of 300 and 3.5 on the analytical writing measure required. All three areas must be completed. GRE results are valid for five years from the date of the test. Applications in OTCAS must include official GRE scores to be considered complete. The UTC OTCAS school code for the GRE is 1993

Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications

Application	Cost	Letters of Recommendation
New OTCAS Application required every year, UTC cycle opens in July. The OTD program admits students for one admission cycle only. Applicants who request deferred admission must reapply and compete with the new applicant pool	OTCAS Application fee \$150 plus \$65 for each additional school. Admitted applicants must pay \$35 UTC Graduate School additional application fee, \$40 for international students	Require 3 references, submitted to OTCAS, including one from an occupational therapist licensed in the US. UTC OTD program accepts additional references from licensed occupational therapists (US or international), COTAs, professors, advisors and other academic and health care professionals. References from teaching assistants, politicians, clergy, co-workers, friends and family members, or those designated as "other" are not accepted

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Additional Application	Transcripts	Criminal Background Checks
Applicants must complete a UTC Graduate School Application after notification of acceptance	Official transcripts showing prerequisite completion will be required prior to program matriculation	A required criminal background check and/or drug test for all enrolled students in order to verify an individual's suitability to participate in experiential education rotations and to ensure patient safety

**** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information**