

Belmont University (ODT)

Occupational Therapy School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

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

First Year	
SOC 1510: Intro to Sociology or ANTH 1200: Cultural Anthropology, or ANTH 1000: Mysteries of the Human Journey (3 credit hours)	Literature General Education Course (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
PSY 2210: Psychology of Child Development, PSY 2220: Psychology of Adolescent and Adulthood, or PSY 2230: Psychology of Aging (3 credit hours)	PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (2 credit hours)
Third Year	
PSY 3080: Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)	HHP 3180: Kinesiology or PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (3-4 Credit Hours)
Take GRE Winter of 3rd Year	THSP 1090: Public Speaking (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
Fourth Year	
CPSC 1000: Introduction to Computing, CPSC 1100: Fundamentals of Computer Science, or MGT 1000: Computers in Business (3-4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</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	

Observation Hours

Candidates must demonstrate familiarity with occupational therapy in the form of a minimum of 50 hours of observational, volunteer, and/or work experience in occupational therapy prior to application	Observation/shadowing hours can and should be logged in the OTCAS application. Follow the instructions here to log hours in OTCAS. Contact information for verification must be included in OTCAS
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Early Admission and Priority Admission

Early Admission	Priority Admission
All applicants are invited to apply for early admission, only the most exceptional candidates will be offered admission . Candidates invited to interview but not accepted may have their admission decision deferred for later consideration. Deadline is to apply is Oct 1	Applicants who desire consideration for admission prior to regular admission. Entering class may be filled by candidates who apply through Early and Priority Admission. Candidates who are invited to interview but are not accepted through priority admission may defer for consideration for regular admission. Deadline Dec 1

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: PSY 1010, Statistics, recommended literature course, and sociology or anthropology course	Join clubs. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating OTs to observe	Complete: PSY 2210, PSY 2220, or PSY 2230, Medical Terminology, and 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	Prerequisites
Complete: Abnormal Psychology, Kinesiology or Physics, and recommended Public Speaking course	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. All materials must be verified by OTCAS to for application to be complete	Complete: Recommended Computer Literacy course and remaining major requirements	Applicants must achieve a grade of B- or better in each prerequisite course, each which must have been completed within ten years prior to application

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility		
Completion Timeline	Admission Essay	GRE
No more than two prerequisites can be incomplete to be considered for an interview. Submitted applications which do not meet standard will be deferred for consideration until this requirement is fulfilled. All prerequisites must be completed by June 1 prior to enrollment	Applicants must complete a personal essay as part of the OTCAS application	Applicants must achieve competitive scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the past five years. The code to send a GRE score to Belmont's School of Occupational Therapy is 1203
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Application	Cost	Letters of Recommendation
New OTCAS Application required every year, applicants should review application deadline based on type of Admission they are pursuing	OTCAS Application fee \$150 plus \$65 for each additional school	At least one of the two recommendations required for application must be from a licensed occupational therapist. The second may be from a person of your choosing such as a professor, employer, another OT, etc. Neither should be from a family member, friend, clergy, etc.
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interviews	Required After Acceptance	CPR Certification and Background Check
Only the most academically competitive candidates will be invited for an on-campus interview with faculty members. Interviews are in person only	All candidates who submit an enrollment deposit must complete pre-matriculation requirements. Failure to complete requirements: registration, submission of health records, final official transcripts, by communicated deadlines will result in withdrawal from the program.	Accepted students are required to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR for infant, child and adult) and first aid training, as well as required to submit results of a criminal background check. Background check information will be mailed in the summer preceding first semester
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information		