

Tennessee State University (MOT)

Occupational Therapy School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

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

First Year	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (3 credit hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precalculus I (3-4 credit hours)**	Math 1830: Calculus for Management, Life and Social Sciences, MATH 1720: Precalculus II, or MATH 1730: Combined Precalculus (3-4 credit hours)**
PSY 2210: Psychology of Child Development (3 credit hours)	PSY 2220: Psychology of Adolescent and Adulthood (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (2 credit hours)	SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology, ANTH 1000: Mysteries of the Human Journey or ANTH 1200: Cultural Anthropology (3 credit hours)
Third Year	
PSY 3080: Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)	PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
PSY 2230: Psychology of Aging (3 credit hours)	Take GRE Winter of 3rd Year
Fourth Year	
Complete remaining major requirements	
*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	
** Math courses are not required for TSU MOT program, however, are prerequisites for PHYS 1030 and 1030L which is required for program admission	

Observation Hours

Completion of a minimum of 30 hours of observation, volunteer, or work with an occupational therapist (OTR/L) in a minimum of **two practice settings** and populations. Examples of practice settings include inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient clinic, school system, long term care facility, home health, and community settings. Observation hours with a COTA can no longer be accepted

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: Algebra/Calculus, PSY 1010, PSY 2210, PSY 2220, and Statistics	Join clubs. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating OTs to observe	Complete: Medical Terminology, Sociology or Anthropology course, 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	Completion date
Complete: Abnormal Psychology, PHYS 1030, and PSY 2230	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	Complete: Remaining major requirements	Six of the nine prerequisite courses must be completed by November 15, in order to apply for the following fall class

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	Completion of the GRE within the last 5 years: 900 or above (292 or above for the new GRE scoring system) for verbal and quantitative reasoning combined and a 3.5 or above for analytical writing

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

Application	Cost	Payment of Graduate Fee	Letters of Recommendation
New OTCAS Application required every year, an additional TSU graduation application is also required	OTCAS Application fee \$150 plus \$65 for each additional school. An additional Graduate Application of \$35 is also required	Payment of TSU Graduate School \$35 fee is completed through OTCAS. If the OTCAS link is not working then the payment can be made through Graduate Application Fee . Check yes for graduate school payment in OTCAS	Submission of a minimum of 3 professional and/or academic references or letters of recommendation are required. Family members or personal friends will not be accepted

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Interviews	Acceptance and Notification
The top 60 applicants are invited for an interview and open house on the third or fourth Friday in January	Top 40 applicants identified and contacted via phone, top 30 applicants recommended, for admission. Formal transcripts and GRE scores requested by accepted applicants. Applicants 31-40 are notified and placed on alternate list if they accept. Within two weeks of notification and acceptance, applicants must submit \$250 seat reservation fee to the University. If any of top 30 applicants drop out, reservation fee is forfeited and alternate notified in sequential order

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