

Lincoln Memorial University (OTD)

Occupational Therapy School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

Enter After Completing Bachelors Degree

(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)
PSY 2210: Psychology of Child Development, PSY 2220: Psychology of Adolescent and Adulthood, or PSY 2230: Psychology of Aging (3 credit hours)	
Second Year	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology, ANTH 1000: Mysteries of the Human Journey, or ANTH 1200: Cultural Anthropology (3 credit hours)	
Third Year	
PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (2 credit hours)	PSY 3080: Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)
Fourth Year	
HHP 3180: Kinesiology (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>	

Shadowing Requirements

Required Shadowing	How to Log Shadowing Hours
Applicants are required to shadow a licensed occupational therapist for at least 40 hours. Additional hours of shadowing are encouraged.	Observation/shadowing hours can and should be logged in the OTCAS application. Follow the instructions here to log hours in OTCAS. The OTCAS does not verify hours, contact LMU for additional information on observation hours

GRE*

The admissions committee will base decisions upon several components of an application package. They include: overall and math/science grade point averages (GPAs), the personal interview, personal and professional references. *Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are NOT required for application.*

** A majority of OT programs require the GRE for admission consideration. While LMU does not require the GRE applicants may opt to take it if applying to other programs. It is best to take the GRE in the winter of the third year*

Candidacy Status

The LMU OTD Program will submit for Candidacy Status on April 15, 2020 by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), which is required to admit students. The inaugural cohort begin in May 2021, pending ACOTE approval. For information on the full accreditation process, see [OTD Program Accreditation](#)

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: PSY 1010, Developmental Psychology, and Statistics	Join clubs. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating OTs to observe	Complete: Sociology or Anthropology course , Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	Begin observing, accruing volunteer hours, and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Summer- Year 3	Year 4 Class	Year 4- Experience
Complete: Abnormal Psychology, and Medical Terminology	Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working volunteer hours and shadowing	Submit OTCAS Application and all required materials, LMU begins accepting applications in June	Complete: Kinesiology as well as remaining major requirements	Continue volunteering and accumulating shadowing hours.

Application Breakdown

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

International Credit and Degrees	GRE	Preference in the Admissions Process
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	The GRE is not required for admission at LMU	Applicants from the Appalachian region are given preference in the admissions process. Students who are graduates (or who plan to graduate) from Lincoln Memorial University will be guaranteed an interview provided they have met all the admissions, prerequisite criteria. Lincoln Memorial University students are not guaranteed acceptance into the program, but they are granted a preferred status

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

Application	Cost	Letters of Recommendation
New OTCAS Application required every year, applicants must also submit supplemental application through LMU	OTCAS Application fee \$150 plus \$65 for each additional school.	Two letters of reference required, one from an OT in which the applicant has observed. The second can be a personal reference from a professor, advisor, etc.

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Review of Applicants and Interviews	Criminal Background Checks
Completed applications are reviewed as they are received. Applicants are notified as soon as possible regarding interview selection. After interviews, we will notify applicants within four to six weeks regarding admissions decisions	A required criminal background check for all enrolled students in order to verify an individual's suitability to participate in experiential education rotations and to ensure patient safety Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

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