

# PRE-DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - ENTRY LEVEL

St. Catherine University offers two alternatives for completing the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Entry Level (OTD EL) program. A dual-degree program is available to undergraduate students resulting in a B.A. or B.S. degree in select majors (see below and Dual Degree Programs tab), and a Doctor of Occupational Therapy Entry Level (OTD EL). The graduate entry level OTD EL program is available to students who have completed a B.A. or B.S. in another major. The graduate program is available in a weekday format.

There are three options for admission to the dual-degree program and the doctor of occupational therapy (OTD EL). Each option requires completion of the following prerequisite courses.

## Prerequisites

*It is strongly recommended that all prerequisite courses be completed within the past 10 years.*

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 2610	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 2620	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
INDI 2220 or IPE 1030	Medical Terminology Healthcare Teams Foundations and Medical Terminology	2
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab	4
PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	4
PSYC 3010	Understanding Psychological Disorders	4
Select one of the following:		4
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	
SOCI 2300	Sociology of Health and Medicine	
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1080	Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences	
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	
HLTH 1090	Biostatistics	
PSYC 1090	Statistical Methods in Psychology	
STAT 1089	Statistical Analysis with Corequisite	
STAT 1090	Statistical Analysis	

## Option 1: Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)

Students may apply to the University and to the guaranteed admission program during their senior year in high school. Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration for the OTD EL guaranteed admission program:

*Required:*

- ACT score of 24 or better
- Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale

- Declare one of the four dual-degree majors (see below) as intended area of study

Select students are admitted to the guaranteed admission program each year. Students who apply on or before February 15 of their senior year will be given priority consideration for admission to the program.

## Option 2: Standard Application Process for the Dual-Degree OTD EL Program

In this option, students enter one of the University's pre-occupational therapy areas of study in communication studies, exercise and sport science, psychology, or public health: public policy that include all OTD EL prerequisites, liberal arts core requirements and major course work in the particular field of study.

Students are eligible to apply to the OTD EL program in their junior year provided all OTD EL admission requirements have been met. Applicants must complete a dual degree application and meet all other admission criteria for consideration to the program including:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better
- Prerequisite course work GPA of 3.2 or better
- Have met with a pre-occupational therapy advisor
- At least five of the prerequisite courses completed before applying to the OTD EL program, including at least two from the sciences (anatomy, physiology, statistics)
- Only one prerequisite course may be repeated, and it may not be repeated more than once
- If two or more prerequisite courses have a grade lower than a C the student is ineligible for the dual-degree program

Students accepted into the OTD EL for their senior year will be granted a B.A. or B. S. degree after successful completion of the first year of the OTD EL program if they have met all graduation requirements. The student's major will be public health: public policy, applied science in communication studies, applied science in exercise and sport science, or applied science in psychology. Students continue with approximately two more years of graduate-level occupational therapy coursework to complete the OTD EL degree.

Students who are not accepted into the OTD EL program can complete a major in communication studies, exercise and sport science, psychology, or public health: public policy. The curriculum for each of the areas of study is listed on the Dual Degree Programs tab.

## Option 3: Doctor of Occupational Therapy Entry Level Program

This option is designed for students who have completed a B.A. or B.S. in another major.

Students are eligible to apply to the OTD EL program provided all OTD EL admission requirements have been met. Applicants must apply to the program using the OTCAS online application system and meet all admission criteria for consideration to the program including:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better
- Prerequisite course work GPA of 3.2 or better
- Have met with a pre-occupational therapy advisor

- At least five of the prerequisite courses completed before applying to the OTD EL program, including at least two from the sciences (anatomy, physiology, statistics)
- Only one prerequisite course may be repeated, and it may not be repeated more than once
- If two or more prerequisite courses have a grade lower than a C the student is ineligible for the OTD EL program

For more information, please contact the Office of Graduate Admission or the Department Occupational Therapy at St. Catherine University.

The curriculum for each of the dual degree programs - communication studies, exercise and sport science (p. 3), psychology (p. 4), and public health: public policy (p. 5) - is listed below.

### Communication Studies

This major is available in the College for Women only.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Prerequisite Courses (pre-OTD EL)</b>		
BIOL 2610	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 2620	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
INDI 2220 or IPE 1030	Medical Terminology Healthcare Teams Foundations and Medical Terminology	2
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab	4
PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	4
PSYC 3010	Understanding Psychological Disorders	4
Select one of the following:		4
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	
SOCI 2300	Sociology of Health and Medicine	
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1080	Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences	
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	
HLTH 1090	Biostatistics	
PSYC 1090	Statistical Methods in Psychology	
STAT 1089	Statistical Analysis with Corequisite	
STAT 1090	Statistical Analysis	
<b>Communication Studies Core Courses</b>		
COMM 1000W	Introduction to Communication: Women and Social Change	4
COMM 1020	Interpersonal Communication	4
COMM 1030	Speaking to Lead and Influence	4
COMM 2050	Media, Culture and Society	4
COMM 2090	Small Group Communication	4
COMM 3070W	Gender and Rhetoric	4
COMM 3090	Communication in Organizations	4
COMM 4600	Leadership and the Art of Persuasion	4
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Admission to Dual Degree Program</b>		
OCTH 5010	Human Occupation	3
OCTH 5200	Mental and Behavioral Health	3
OCTH 5210	Mental and Behavioral Health: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5410	Children, Adolescents, and Families	3

OCTH 5450	Children, Adolescents, and Families: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5500	Neuroscience	3
OCTH 5560	Participation and Technology	3
OCTH 5600	Kinesiology for Rehabilitation with Lab	3
OCTH 6000	Foundational Skills for Occupational Therapy Practice	3
OCTH 6010	Seminar A: Entering the Profession	1
OCTH 6020	Seminar B and Level I Fieldwork - Psychological and Social Factors Impacting Performance	1
OCTH 6310	Evidence Based Practice	3
OCTH 7100	Social Determinants of Health	1
OCTH 7900	Doctoral Orientation Camp	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>96</b>

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Completion of B.A. or B.S. Degree</b>		
OSOT 6030	Fieldwork Seminar C	1
OSOT 6040	Fieldwork Seminar D	1
OCTH 6060	Physical Assessment and Intervention Planning	3
OCTH 6410	Foundations of Research	3
OCTH 6610	Rehabilitation Concepts	3
OCTH 6615	Rehabilitation Practices	3
OSOT 6620	Management and Leadership	3
OCTH 6700	Older Adults in Context	3
OCTH 6710	Older Adults: The OT Process	3
OCTH 7200	Critical Issues	1
OCTH 7700	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 7710	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 8005	Essential Knowledge and Competencies for Leadership	3
OCTH 8010	Evolution of Ideas in Occupational Therapy	3
OCTH 8020	Educational Methods	3
OCTH 8030	Program Evaluation	3
OCTH 8040	Organizations and Systems	3
OCTH 8050	Advanced Practice	3
OCTH 8060	EBP Project	3
OCTH 8100	Capstone Experience A	3
OCTH 8150	Capstone Experience B	3
OCTH 8200	Capstone Project A	1
OCTH 8250	Capstone Project B	3
OCTH 8300	Capstone Footprint	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>

Students who do not gain entry into the OTD EL program after their junior year complete the following courses for a major (B.S. degree<sup>1</sup>) in communication studies:

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 3100	Communicating across Cultures, Identities and Differences	4
COMM 4850	Senior Seminar	2
Select four credits from the following:		4

COMM 3030	Rhetoric, Civic Participation and Social Justice	
COMM 3110	Communication Training and Development	
COMM 4602 or COMM 4604	Internship	
COMM 4952 or COMM 4954	Independent Study	
Total Credits		10

<sup>1</sup> Students who wish to receive a B.A. degree must complete the liberal arts core requirements for the B.A. degree.

## Exercise and Sport Science

This major is available in the College for Women only.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Prerequisite Courses (pre-OTD EL)</b>		
BIOL 2610	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 2620	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
INDI 2220 or IPE 1030	Medical Terminology Healthcare Teams Foundations and Medical Terminology	2
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab	4
PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	4
PSYC 3010	Understanding Psychological Disorders	4
Select one of the following:		4
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	
SOCI 2300	Sociology of Health and Medicine	
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1080	Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences	
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	
HLTH 1090	Biostatistics	
PSYC 1090	Statistical Methods in Psychology	
STAT 1089	Statistical Analysis with Corequisite	
STAT 1090	Statistical Analysis	
<b>Exercise and Sport Science Core Courses</b>		
EXSS 2750	Introduction to Exercise and Sport Science	2
EXSS 2800W	Introduction to Research Methods in Exercise Science	4
EXSS 3200	Health Behavior Psychology (Only required for students who enter St. Catherine University Fall 2017 or later)	4
EXSS 3350	Kinesiology and Biomechanics with Lab	4
EXSS 3450	Exercise Physiology with Lab	4
EXSS 3550	Exercise Testing and Prescription with Lab	4
EXSS 3610	Motor Learning	2
EXSS 3750	Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries	2
IPE 4200W	Healthcare Teams - Evidence-Based Practice	4
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Admission to Dual Degree Program</b>		
OCTH 5010	Human Occupation	3
OCTH 5200	Mental and Behavioral Health	3

OCTH 5210	Mental and Behavioral Health: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5410	Children, Adolescents, and Families	3
OCTH 5450	Children, Adolescents, and Families: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5500	Neuroscience	3
OCTH 5560	Participation and Technology	3
OCTH 5600	Kinesiology for Rehabilitation with Lab	3
OCTH 6000	Foundational Skills for Occupational Therapy Practice	3
OCTH 6010	Seminar A: Entering the Profession	1
OCTH 6020	Seminar B and Level I Fieldwork - Psychological and Social Factors Impacting Performance	1
OCTH 6310	Evidence Based Practice	3
OCTH 7100	Social Determinants of Health	1
OCTH 7900	Doctoral Orientation Camp	1
Total Credits		94

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Completion of B.A. or B.S. Degree</b>		
OSOT 6030	Fieldwork Seminar C	1
OSOT 6040	Fieldwork Seminar D	1
OCTH 6060	Physical Assessment and Intervention Planning	3
OCTH 6410	Foundations of Research	3
OCTH 6610	Rehabilitation Concepts	3
OCTH 6615	Rehabilitation Practices	3
OSOT 6620	Management and Leadership	3
OCTH 6700	Older Adults in Context	3
OCTH 6710	Older Adults: The OT Process	3
OCTH 7200	Critical Issues	1
OCTH 7700	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 7710	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 8005	Essential Knowledge and Competencies for Leadership	3
OCTH 8010	Evolution of Ideas in Occupational Therapy	3
OCTH 8020	Educational Methods	3
OCTH 8030	Program Evaluation	3
OCTH 8040	Organizations and Systems	3
OCTH 8050	Advanced Practice	3
OCTH 8060	EBP Project	3
OCTH 8100	Capstone Experience A	3
OCTH 8150	Capstone Experience B	3
OCTH 8200	Capstone Project A	1
OCTH 8250	Capstone Project B	3
OCTH 8300	Capstone Footprint	1
Total Credits		66

Students who do not gain entry into the OTD EL program after their junior year complete the following courses for a major (B.S. degree<sup>1</sup>) in exercise and sport science:

Code	Title	Credits
EXSS 3500	Methods of Strength Training and Conditioning	4
EXSS 4612	Fieldwork	2
EXSS 4614	Fieldwork	4
CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I with Lab	4
FSNU 2300	Nutrition Foundations	4
FSNU 3250	Sports Nutrition	2
IPE 2800	Healthcare Teams: Opportunities and Challenges in Aging	4
Total Credits		24

<sup>1</sup> Students who wish to receive a B.A. degree must complete the liberal arts core requirements for the B.A. degree.

## Psychology

This major is available in the College for Women only.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Prerequisite Courses (pre-OTD EL)</b>		
BIOL 2610	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 2620	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
INDI 2220	Medical Terminology	2
or IPE 1030	Healthcare Teams Foundations and Medical Terminology	
Select one of the following:		4
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	
SOCI 2300	Sociology of Health and Medicine	
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
<b>Psychology Core Courses</b>		
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab <sup>1</sup>	4
PSYC 1090	Statistical Methods in Psychology <sup>1</sup>	4
PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology <sup>1</sup>	4
PSYC 3000	Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSYC 3010	Understanding Psychological Disorders <sup>1</sup>	4
PSYC 3XXX or 4XXX	Elective	4
PSYC 4220W	History and Systems	4
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Admission to Dual Degree Program</b>		
OCTH 5010	Human Occupation	3
OCTH 5200	Mental and Behavioral Health	3
OCTH 5210	Mental and Behavioral Health: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5410	Children, Adolescents, and Families	3
OCTH 5450	Children, Adolescents, and Families: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5500	Neuroscience	3
OCTH 5560	Participation and Technology	3
OCTH 5600	Kinesiology for Rehabilitation with Lab	3
OCTH 6000	Foundational Skills for Occupational Therapy Practice	3
OCTH 6010	Seminar A: Entering the Profession	1
OCTH 6020	Seminar B and Level I Fieldwork - Psychological and Social Factors Impacting Performance	1
OCTH 6310	Evidence Based Practice	3

OCTH 7100	Social Determinants of Health	1
OCTH 7900	Doctoral Orientation Camp	1
Total Credits		76

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Completion of B.A. or B.S. Degree</b>		
OSOT 6030	Fieldwork Seminar C	1
OSOT 6040	Fieldwork Seminar D	1
OCTH 6060	Physical Assessment and Intervention Planning	3
OCTH 6410	Foundations of Research	3
OCTH 6610	Rehabilitation Concepts	3
OCTH 6615	Rehabilitation Practices	3
OSOT 6620	Management and Leadership	3
OCTH 6700	Older Adults in Context	3
OCTH 6710	Older Adults: The OT Process	3
OCTH 7200	Critical Issues	1
OCTH 7700	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 7710	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 8005	Essential Knowledge and Competencies for Leadership	3
OCTH 8010	Evolution of Ideas in Occupational Therapy	3
OCTH 8020	Educational Methods	3
OCTH 8030	Program Evaluation	3
OCTH 8040	Organizations and Systems	3
OCTH 8050	Advanced Practice	3
OCTH 8060	EBP Project	3
OCTH 8100	Capstone Experience A	3
OCTH 8150	Capstone Experience B	3
OCTH 8200	Capstone Project A	1
OCTH 8250	Capstone Project B	3
OCTH 8300	Capstone Footprint	1
Total Credits		66

Students who do not gain entry into the OTD EL program after their junior year complete the following courses for a major (B.S. degree<sup>2</sup>) in psychology:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC 2850	Seminar I: Psychology Engages the World	2
PSYC 4850	Seminar II: Current Issues in Psychology	2
Select two courses offering laboratory experimentation from the following:		8
PSYC 3030	Health Psychology with Lab	
PSYC 3250	Socialization Processes with Lab	
PSYC 3350	Learning Principles and Applications with Lab	
PSYC 3450	Memory and Cognition with Lab	
PSYC 3550	Industrial/Organizational Psychology with Lab	
PSYC 3650	Experimental Social Psychology with Lab	
PSYC 3850	Biopsychology with Lab	

Select one additional course from the remaining department offerings, which may include internships, research and independent study. 4

Select one additional philosophy course in consultation with advisor. Recommended courses include:	4
PHIL 2100 Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2200W Ethics	
PHIL 2700 Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 2800 Philosophy of Psychology	
PHIL 3400 Biomedical Ethics	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup> Meets OTD EL required prerequisite

<sup>2</sup> Students who wish to receive a B.A. degree must complete the liberal arts core requirements for the B.A. degree and complete one additional philosophy course.

## Public Health: Public Policy

This major is available in the College for Women only.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Prerequisite Courses (pre-OTD EL)</b>		
BIOL 2620	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
INDI 2220	Medical Terminology	2
or IPE 1030	Healthcare Teams Foundations and Medical Terminology	
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab	4
SOCI 2300	Sociology of Health and Medicine	4
or SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
<b>Public Health Core and Concentration Courses</b>		
HLTH 1090	Biostatistics <sup>1</sup>	4
HLTH 2050	Foundations in Public Health	4
HLTH 3150	Epidemiology	4
HLTH 3250	Global Health	4
HLTH 3350	Environmental Health	4
HLTH 4754	Practicum	4
HLTH 4800W	Senior Seminar in Public Health	4
BIOL 2610	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab <sup>1</sup>	4
PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology <sup>1</sup>	4
PSYC 3010	Understanding Psychological Disorders <sup>1</sup>	4
One course related to the legal, economic and communication dimensions of health		4
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Admission to Dual Degree Program</b>		
OCTH 5010	Human Occupation <sup>2</sup>	3
OCTH 5200	Mental and Behavioral Health	3
OCTH 5210	Mental and Behavioral Health: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5410	Children, Adolescents, and Families	3
OCTH 5450	Children, Adolescents, and Families: The OT Process	3
OCTH 5500	Neuroscience	3
OCTH 5560	Participation and Technology	3
OCTH 5600	Kinesiology for Rehabilitation with Lab	3
OCTH 6000	Foundational Skills for Occupational Therapy Practice	3
OCTH 6010	Seminar A: Entering the Profession	1

OCTH 6020	Seminar B and Level I Fieldwork - Psychological and Social Factors Impacting Performance	1
OCTH 6310	Evidence Based Practice	3
OCTH 7100	Social Determinants of Health	1
OCTH 7900	Doctoral Orientation Camp	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>92</b>

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Graduate Courses Taken After Completion of B.A. or B.S. Degree</b>		
OSOT 6030	Fieldwork Seminar C	1
OSOT 6040	Fieldwork Seminar D	1
OCTH 6060	Physical Assessment and Intervention Planning	3
OCTH 6410	Foundations of Research	3
OCTH 6610	Rehabilitation Concepts	3
OCTH 6615	Rehabilitation Practices	3
OSOT 6620	Management and Leadership	3
OCTH 6700	Older Adults in Context	3
OCTH 6710	Older Adults: The OT Process	3
OCTH 7200	Critical Issues	1
OCTH 7700	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 7710	Level II Fieldwork	5
OCTH 8005	Essential Knowledge and Competencies for Leadership	3
OCTH 8010	Evolution of Ideas in Occupational Therapy	3
OCTH 8020	Educational Methods	3
OCTH 8030	Program Evaluation	3
OCTH 8040	Organizations and Systems	3
OCTH 8050	Advanced Practice	3
OCTH 8060	EBP Project	3
OCTH 8100	Capstone Experience A	3
OCTH 8150	Capstone Experience B	3
OCTH 8200	Capstone Project A	1
OCTH 8250	Capstone Project B	3
OCTH 8300	Capstone Footprint	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>

Students who do not gain entry into the OTD EL program after their junior year complete the following courses for a major (B.S. degree<sup>3</sup>) in public health: public policy:

Code	Title	Credits
One additional social science course selected in consultation with advisor		4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Meets OTD EL required prerequisite

<sup>2</sup> Counts for one Public Health major course

<sup>3</sup> Students who wish to receive a B.A. degree must complete the liberal arts core requirements for the B.A. degree.