

Pre-Occupational Therapy



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2015-2016 Academic Year

Matriculation to Occupational Therapy (OT) School is very competitive. There is one OT school in San Diego County, University of St. Augustine (USA) located in San Marcos. In addition to USA, San Jose State University has an OT School as does Cal State Dominguez Hills and Loma Linda University. Although most OT schools require similar academic course for matriculation, prospective students should contact OT schools that interest them for specific requirements.

Cal State University Dominguez Hills MOT Program.

Interested students should contact the Occupational Therapy Advisor / Advising Office to determine if entrance requirements have changed.

Prerequisites: Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degree from an accredited college or university.

Completed the following prerequisite courses within the last 10 years, minimum 3 semester units each, with a minimum grade of B for each course:

The following SDCC courses will satisfy the prerequisites:

- 1. Human Anatomy Physiology with laboratory - BIO 211 and BIO 212 (8 Units Total)**
- 2. Developmental Psychology (Across the Life Span) - PSY 332 and PSY 333 (6 Unit Total)**
- 3. Abnormal Psychology – PSY 311 (3 Units Total)**
- 4. Statistics – MA 210 (3 Units Total)**

SDCC strongly recommends that in addition to these prerequisites, students select one of the following courses from Biology – BIO 309, BIO 403, BIO 321 AND the following course from Chemistry – CH 201

Minimum 3.0 GPA

A minimum GPA of 3.0 in bachelor's degree and prerequisite coursework. We may be able to consider an applicant if the bachelor's degree GPA falls slightly below the minimum grade requirement if the cumulative Verbal and Quantitative score on the GRE is high enough to compensate for it.

Volunteer hours and verification

Completion of 80 hours of documented volunteer experience under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist and proof of volunteer hours. For multiple observation/volunteer sites, submit proof for each site. Or Successful completion of OTR 410: Introduction to the Scope of Practice and Conceptual Foundations of Occupational Therapy which can only be taken at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

3 letters of recommendation

1 from the licensed occupational therapist who supervised the volunteer hours

2 from professionals that can attest your ability for graduate coursework and level of professionalism

GRE – Analytic Writing

A minimum Analytic Writing score of 4 on the GRE to meet the University writing proficiency standards for graduate admission.

GRE – Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning

A combined minimum cumulative Verbal and Quantitative GRE Score of 800, if the exam was taken prior to August 1, 2011. For GRE taken after August 1, 2011, the required minimum scores are, 140 on the Quantitative Reasoning and 146 on the Verbal Reasoning sections. The GRE needs to be taken within the last 5 years.

Basic computer skills

Basic computer skills including word processing and file management abilities.

University of Saint Augustine (USA)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy (MOT): Admissions Criteria for USA

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. You can apply while you are still enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or while you are completing prerequisite coursework. You should submit a plan of study with your application that indicates all remaining courses will be completed prior to program enrollment.
- An official GRE score report sent directly to the University from ETS. The test must have been taken within the last five (5) years. A combined minimum GRE score of 294 (new version) or 1,000 (old version) for the verbal and quantitative sections is recommended. The University's GRE Institutional Code Number is 5325. Candidates who have previously earned a Master's degree are exempt from the GRE requirement.
- Required prerequisite coursework: For all prerequisite course work completed five (5) years prior to application, you may be required to demonstrate competency through completion of subsequent academic course work, appropriate standardized testing or life experiences. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

The following SDCC courses typically satisfy the prerequisites for the USA MOT Program. Interested students should contact USA to determine if the requirements have changed.

Social Sciences

PSY 202, PSY 303, PSY 311, PSY 332 and PSY 333 15 credits

Physics

PHY 210 and KIN 401 6 credits

Biology

BIO 403, BIO 321, or 309

4 credits

Anatomy & Physiology I and II

BIO 211 and BIO 212

8 credits

General College Chemistry

Chemistry 201

4 credits