

# Drake Direct OTD Admission Program



## ■ A TRUE 3 + 3 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

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### **Pre-Occupational Therapy Experience: A Direct Connection**

- ⊕ Guaranteed seat in professional program, provided admission requirements are met
- ⊕ Occupational Therapy faculty member advisor
- ⊕ Join occupational therapy professional organizations
- ⊕ Connect to a wide variety of careers and opportunities within the profession
- ⊕ 100% of previous students who met admission criteria were admitted to OTD program

### **More Than A Blue Coat**

- ⊕ Two degrees in six years (B.S. or B.A. and OTD)
- ⊕ Pathways in Health Sciences; Biology; Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology; Psychology; Neuroscience; or Kinesiology majors within the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences or the College of Arts and Sciences
- ⊕ Unique internship, experiential, and community service opportunities
- ⊕ Focus on innovation and leadership in curriculum

### **World Class OTD Program**

- ⊕ 100% accomplishment rate in 2024
- ⊕ 100% on-time graduation rate in 2024
- ⊕ 98% NBCOT pass rate (national average is 93%) in 2024

Nationally-recognized program for a thriving profession



17% career growth from 2020 - 2030, compared to 8% across all occupations



Nationally-recognized faculty:  
three with [AOTA Roster of Fellows](#)  
Award status



Over 200 active fieldwork sites across the US



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**To be considered for admission to the professional OTD program, the following requirements must be completed by the end of the third year of pre-OT unless otherwise indicated:**

- + Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, as calculated in OTCAS.
- + Complete and pass all required prerequisite pre-OT coursework. Courses may be repeated one time by the end of the summer term prior to enrollment in the professional program (Drake course numbers):
  - Anatomy and Physiology with labs, 8 cr. (HSCI 141/L, HSCI 125/L, PHAR 125, BIO 018/L, BIO 129/L)
  - General Psychology, 3 cr. (PSY 001, 4 cr.)
  - Developmental Psychology, 3 cr. (HSCI 146, PSY 041, PSY 042, PSY 044)
  - Abnormal Psychology, 3 cr. (PSY 076)
  - Social Science Elective, 3 cr. (approved course in ECON, PSY, SOC, and other social sciences)
  - Statistics, 3 cr. (HSCI 060, BIO 140, PSY 011)
  - Medical Terminology, 1 cr. (HSCI 095)
  - Writing/English Composition, 6 cr. (WRIT AOI, FYS)
  - Public Speaking, 3 cr. (ENG 063)
- + Successfully complete all other degree requirements, as specified by the program of study within the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences or the College of Arts and Sciences
- + Complete at least three years of undergraduate coursework (approximately 92 credit hours) by the end of the summer term prior to enrollment in the professional program, enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours at

Drake pre-occupational therapy students have a guaranteed seat in the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program, provided they meet the admission requirements.

**Applicants will be evaluated on the content and quality of all items listed below:**

- + Completed and submitted OTCAS application with fees
- + Academic performance and strength of prerequisite and overall coursework. Students offered final admission may have GPAs much higher than the minimums.
- + Admission interview

**Students who do not meet priority application deadlines or do not complete the admission interview when scheduled may have their application review delayed.**