

# Drake Direct OTD Admission Program

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UNIVERSITY

College of Pharmacy  
& Health Sciences

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■ 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
- + CPHS 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

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## More Than A Blue Coat

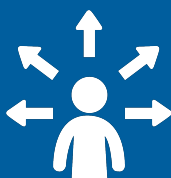
- + Two degrees in six years (B.S. in Health Sciences and OTD)
- + Opportunities for interprofessional learning across healthcare professions
- + Unique internship, experiential, and community service opportunities
- + Large-school opportunities with small-school personalization
- + Focus on innovation and leadership in curriculum

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## World Class OTD Program

- + Only fully accredited and established OTD program in the Des Moines metro
- + 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)
  - General Psychology, 3 cr. (PSY 001, 4 cr.)
  - Developmental Psychology, 3 cr. (HSCI 146, PSY 042, PSY 044)
  - Abnormal Psychology, 3 cr. (PSY 076)
  - Social Science Elective, 3 cr. (approved course in ECON, PSY, SCS, and other social sciences)
  - Statistics, 3 cr. (HSCI 060, STAT 060)
  - Medical Terminology, 1 cr. (HSCI 095)
  - Writing/English Composition, 6 cr. (WRIT AOI, FYS)
  - Public Speaking, 3 cr. (SCSR 073)
- + Successfully complete HSCI 020, 021, 025, 055, 105, 106, and 172.
- + 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 University each semester, and remain in good standing with the University.

**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:**

- + Complete OTCAS application submitted with all fees by the priority deadline of September 1st ([otcas.org](https://otcas.org) and [drake.edu/cphs](https://drake.edu/cphs)).
- + 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.**

*Today's learners, tomorrow's  
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