

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Offered by Health Science Programs (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/health-science-programs/>)

The following pre-occupational therapy program is suggested for students interested in seeking admission to the occupational therapy program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University. Competition to gain a place in occupational therapy school is intense and cannot be guaranteed; students are expected to plan for a college major.¹ The University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University requires a baccalaureate degree for admission.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
BIOL 225	Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 226	Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 325	Medical Terminology	1
CHEM 145	Introductory Chemistry	4
PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics	3
PSY 203	General Psychology	3
SPCH 100	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
Select 3 credit hours of HIST 100-HIST 499		3
PSY 230	Human Development	3
or PSY 231	Abnormal Behavior and Society	
Select one of the following:		3-4
PSY 250	Behavioral Statistics	
BIOL 305	BioStatistics	
STAT 241	Elementary Statistics	
Select one of the following:		3
ENG 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	
ENG 102	Special Topics in Academic Writing and Research	
Recommended Courses for Electives		
Select from the following:		
NUTR 108	Introduction to Nutrition	
MATH 102	College Algebra ²	
CYBR 182	Software Productivity Tools	
KSS 329	Introduction to Health Promotion	
KSS 360	Introduction to Anatomical Biomechanics	
TESE 421	Individuals with Exceptionalities	
Total Credit Hours		34-35

These courses meet the requirements at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University. Students should check with the specific school(s) to which they intend to apply to ensure all requirements are fulfilled. Requirements can vary greatly between different occupational therapy schools.

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Students pursuing a program of study in pre-occupational therapy are expected to choose a major so that they can be working towards a baccalaureate degree concurrently with the pre-occupational therapy program. This requires a major/minor combination or a comprehensive major as well as completion of the UNK general studies requirements and other degree requirements as set forth in the college catalog. (Students who are accepted into occupational therapy school prior to completing a baccalaureate degree at UNK may be eligible to receive a BS Degree in Applied Health Sciences (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/health-science-programs/applied-health-sciences-bs/>) if they have completed all General Studies requirements (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/general-studies/general-studies-courses/>) and have at least 85 semester credit hours completed in pre-OT studies.)

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Students with sufficient preparation may enter the mathematics program at a higher level.