Entry-level Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Admission

This program participates in the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS). Please consult www.otcas.org for more information regarding specific OTCAS application requirements, procedures, and fees. Applicants should send all application materials directly to OTCAS. OTCAS will verify the application information and send completed applications to the program. Though there is a Jan. 1st deadline, the incoming class does fill quickly. Early submission of the application is encouraged due to cohort typically reaching capacity by the end of February each year; interviews are typically held in January and February.

Contact information for OTCAS

Web: https://portal.otcas.org/
Phone: (617) 612-2860 - Monday through Friday 9:00-5:00 EST
Email: otcasinfo@otcas.org

All official transcripts MUST be sent to OTCAS at:
OTCAS Verification Department
P O Box 9120
Watertown, MA 02471

Requirements for Admission: The applicant must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in a field other than occupational therapy. Acceptance will be based on the student's academic ability, aptitude for a career as an occupational therapist, and an interview. The candidate is expected to satisfy the following requirements:

Complete the OTCAS application.

UAB Entry-level Occupational Therapy Program requires the GRE taken within the last 5 years.

Completion of prerequisite coursework. All prerequisites and degree completion must be concluded by June 1st of the admission year.

Have an overall minimum 3.0 (A=4.0) or better for all prerequisite courses.

*Program Prerequisite Courses

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**Procedures Following Acceptance:**

**Received by the Department of Occupational Therapy:**

- signed Letter of Intent.
- $300 non-refundable tuition deposit to reserve a seat in the program (deposit will be applied to tuition).

Once admitted, students will be allowed to enroll into the program only if the following requirements are met:

- Application to and acceptance by the Graduate School (online) [https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uab-grad](https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uab-grad) - including the fee.

**Requirements for Admission:** Selection into the program will be based on the student's academic performance record, aptitude for a career as an occupational therapist, and an interview. The candidate must satisfy the following requirements:

- hold a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than occupational therapy from an accredited college or university; or receive a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than occupational therapy by June 1 of the admission year;
- complete required prerequisite coursework with a grade of "B" or better;
- have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (A=4.0);
- have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (A=4.0) in prerequisite coursework;
- if invited, participate in an interview with a member of the faculty of the Department of Occupational Therapy. The interview is scheduled once the application is received; and the steps outlined under Application Procedures completed.
3:2 Fast OT

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Freshmen applying to the HCM/MSOT fast track must have a high school GPA of 3.0, and an ACT score of 24. Applicants should qualify for registration in EH 101 and MA 105 (or higher) at the point of freshman admission.

If interested in program or would like to apply please contact:

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