ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

An Education in the Franciscan Tradition

Occupational Therapy | Major

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

Alvernia is a Franciscan university dedicated to the ideals of service in the helping professions. The five-year Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program is grounded in a strong liberal arts foundation. The program is designed to prepare graduates for entry into professional level occupational therapy practice. Graduates will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to provide service in multiple settings requiring a high sense of responsibility, management of time and self and competent occupational therapy skills. Furthermore, the program seeks to prepare graduates to think logically and creatively, act professionally and ethically, analyze ideas and situations and problem-solve in their service delivery as clinicians, supervisors and managers.

In harmony with the mission of the university, the Occupational Therapy program seeks to prepare learners for personal achievement, social responsibility, moral integrity and spiritual fulfillment. The curriculum seeks to provide learning opportunities for students to discover and use their special gifts in providing service to others and to experience cooperative, multi-disciplinary working relationships.

ACADEMIC QUALITY

The five-year Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree is accredited by the the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220; phone number 301-652-2682. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of the NBCOT exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Most states require licensure in order to practice however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination. All Occupational Therapy students must complete Level II fieldwork within 24 months of completing undergraduate or prerequisite coursework and a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or attain state licensure.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements of Alvernia University must be met before application to the program is considered. Students accepted by the university may apply for entry into the Occupational Therapy major by meeting the criteria listed below. Qualified high school graduates admitted to the freshman year will be able to identify Occupational Therapy as their field of study. Maintenance of an acceptable academic record during the undergraduate phase of the program guarantees the student a place in the professional graduate phase of the program.

Minimum criteria for first year students (refer to university catalog for full information)

- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and a score of 1000 (Reading + Math) or better on the SAT or a score of 22 on the ACT
- Observation of Occupational Therapy in a practice setting is encouraged but not required

Minimum criteria for transfer students (refer to university catalog for full information)

- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for previous undergraduate work
- Score of 1000 (Reading + Math) or better on the SAT or a score of 22 on the ACT

Advancement to the Professional Graduate Phase (refer to university catalog for full information)
Alvernia University students who have successfully completed the undergraduate phase of the program, including successful completion of Level II fieldwork, may transition directly into the graduate phase of the program. Advancement criteria will be:

- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work
- Achieved a final grade of "C" or better in all Occupational Therapy, prerequisite, and related required courses
- Completion of all core and undergraduate requirements
- Submission of a portfolio of the student's education, service, and professional accomplishments
- Students must achieve/maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue in the professional graduate phase

Students with a baccalaureate degree in a related field will be considered for admission into the entry level Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program.

Students with a Baccalaureate Degree and current certification as a registered Occupational Therapist will be considered for admission into the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy completion program. Please refer to the Graduate and Continuing Studies Division catalog for full details regarding these programs.

FIVE-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OT CURRICULUM

Semester 1		Semester 2	
COL 110/160: First Year Seminar	2	PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology	3
COM 101: Composition & Research	3	PHI 105: Introduction to Philosophy	3
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3	SOC 111: Principles of Sociology	3
THE 105: Foundations of Theology	3	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3
OT 101: Introduction to Occupational Therapy	3	BIO 107: Anatomy & Physiology I	3
		BIO 117: Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	16
Semester 3		**Semester 4**	
BIO 108: Anatomy & Physiology II	3	CORE LITERATURE	3
BIO 118: Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1	THE/PHI (200-400 LEVEL)	3
BIO 208: Neuroscience for Rehabilitation	3	CORE HISTORY	3
MAT 208: Introduction to Statistics	4	AREA II CORE	3
PSY 208: Human Development Across Lifespan	3	BIO 211: Kinesiology	4
CORE ART/MUSIC	3		
TOTAL	17	TOTAL	16
Semester 5		**Semester 6**	
PED 304: Wellness for Life	3	CORE COMMUNICATION	3
OT 321: Activity Analysis	3	PSY 403: Psychopathology	3
OT 323: Paradigms/Theory	3	OT 332: Adapting & Grading-Low Tech	3
OT 325: OT Pathology	3	OT 334: Occupational Performance I (Pediatric)	4
OT 327: OT Process	3	OT 336: Occupational Performance II (Adult)	4
OT 381: Fieldwork I (FW & Seminar)	1	OT 382: Fieldwork II (FW & Seminar)	1
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	18
Semester 7		**Semester 8**	
THE/PHI (200-LEVEL)	3	OT 482: Level II Fieldwork Practicum I	6
OT 421: Occupational Performance III (Beh. Health)	4	OT 483: Level II Fieldwork Practicum II	6
OT 423: Occupational Performance IV (Geriatric)	4	COR 600: Professional Ethics	3
OT 427: Adapting & Grading- High Tech	3		
COR 510: Moral Leadership	3		
OT 481: Fieldwork I/Seminar III	1		
TOTAL	18	TOTAL	15
Semester 9		**Semester 10**	
OT 605: Research Design	3	OT 620: Research Report	3
OT 607: Data Analysis for OTs	3	OT 622: Research Seminar	1
OT 513: Advocacy & Public Policy	3	OT 624: Best Ethical Practice in OT	3
OT 517: Advanced Interventions	4	OT 522: Leadership & Management	3
		OT 526: Current Trends in OT: Wellness & Pub. Health	3
TOTAL	13	TOTAL	13

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