ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY
Doctorate of Occupational Therapy

APPLICATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS APPLYING AS COLLEGE JUNIORS, SENIORS, OR GRADUATES
2024 Application Cycle

This form offers a guide/checklist for collecting all relevant information required for application to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program that is submitted through OTCAS as well as required materials that are sent directly to the OT Office. Deadlines and pre-requisite course guidelines are provided. Please contact the OT Department at ot@sau.edu or 563-333-6277 for assistance with any questions.

The OTD Program is three years in length. A student can apply to the OTD Program as early as their Junior year and begin the OTD Program in their Senior year. However, to be eligible to begin the program as an undergraduate student with Senior status, all general education requirements, all undergraduate degree program requirements, and all minimum admissions criteria must be met. Graduate program tuition applies to all three years of the program, even for an undergraduate in the first year of the OTD Program. Students are encouraged to meet with Financial Aid to determine the specific impact this may have on their financial package.

MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

☐ **Prerequisite Courses:** The following prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher in each course. The prerequisite GPA must meet a minimum of 3.0 (4.0 scale).

☐ A grade for each class, except for ethics must be available by the application deadline. Note: Because ethics may be taken after applying, it is not calculated as part of prerequisite GPA.

☐ In OTCAS, the applicant will indicate what courses have been taken to satisfy the prerequisites. It is the responsibility of the **applicant** to provide accurate and complete information on the application. Providing a course that does not match the content may slow the processing of an application. (See Prerequisite Course Guidelines on page two.)

Prerequisite Course (corresponding St. Ambrose course)	Semester Hours	Course Name &Number	Grade	Where Taken
Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 230)	4			
Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 232)	4			
Medical Terminology (HS 250) or Competency	1			
Lifespan (PSYC 212)	3			
300 level or above social science	3			
Statistics (STAT 213)	3			
*Ethics (PHIL 207) OR BioMedical Ethics (PHIL 310) or THEO 326	3			

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications for the upcoming cohort of occupational therapy students will be accepted upon the opening of the OTCAS cycle (usually in July/August) through December 1st of each year. Applications received by December 1st are given priority; however, applications will be accepted until the class is filled. Applicants can request to be a part of an early decision admissions cycle, if qualified, by meeting a September 15th deadline. A select number of early decision spaces are available. An early decision applicant will automatically be considered in the general admissions cycle if they are not accepted early. (Continue to back of page for more details.)

Early Admissions Decision: Application Deadline September 15th
To be considered for early admissions, applicants must have submitted a complete application and have a minimum prerequisite GPA of a 3.4 or be affiliated with St. Ambrose as an alum or degree seeking student.

General Admissions Decision: Application Deadline December 1st
Applicants submitting complete applications by December 1st, and any applicants who already submitted an application for an early admissions decision but is not yet accepted, can qualify for an interview if meeting the minimum requirements for admissions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

☐   Complete full application online at www.otcas.org by application deadline. OTCAS application includes:
  - Listing and submitting transcripts of all courses taken that apply toward college credit, note obtained (or planned) baccalaureate degree, and provide other information related to observation, work, and volunteer experiences.
  - Three letters of recommendation.
  - Personal Statement

Prerequisite Course Guidelines
Seven pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher, for a combined pre-requisite GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale). Grades for all pre-requisite courses must be available at the time of the application deadline (except where indicated with an *). The St. Ambrose OTD Program requires the applicant match a course taken to each pre-requisite.

Providing a course that does not match the content may slow the processing of an application.
(St. Ambrose course numbers are shown with the required pre-requisite courses. A listing of transfer equivalencies accepted into St. Ambrose can be found at https://www.sau.edu/equivalency)

Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab (SAU Course: BIOL 230) Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab (SAU Course: BIOL 232) Course must focus on human anatomy and physiology.

Medical Terminology (SAU Course: HS 250 or competency)

> The competency test can be taken at no charge and attempted up to two times. Self-study ahead of test is recommended. Contact 563-333-6277 or OT@sau.edu for more information.

Lifespan (SAU Course: PSYC 212)
> Course must address human development from birth through death. At some institutions, more than one course may be required to address the entire lifespan.

Statistics for Social Science (SAU Course: STAT 213)
> Course must address methods of quantitative statistical analysis. Content related to methods of qualitative analysis is of benefit but not required.

Social Science (300 Level or Above)
> Social Science courses include those from the disciplines of Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology.

*Ethics or Biomedical Ethics (SAU Course: PHIL 207, PHIL 310 or THEO 326)
> Course must address a process for critical thinking and decision making used to analyze factors or issues within a framework of ethic-based and/or values-based reasoning.

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