

Pre-Occupational Therapy (OT) Advising

Area in major Program Plan	GGC Courses
Area A – Essential Skills	ENGL 1101 <i>and</i> ENGL 1102 (English Comp I & II) MATH 1111 (College Algebra) or MATH 1113
Area B – Institutional Option	ITEC 1001 (Introduction to Computing)
Area C – Humanities/Arts	ARTS 1100 <i>or</i> ENGL 2111 <i>or</i> ENGL 2112 <i>or</i> ENGL 2121 <i>or</i> ENGL 2122 <i>or</i> ENGL 2131 <i>or</i> ENGL 2132 <i>or</i> FILM 1005 <i>or</i> MUSC 1100 <i>or</i> THEA 1100 RELN 1100 <i>or</i> GEOG 1101 <i>or</i> one 2000-level foreign language
Area D – Science, Mathematics, and Technology	*CHEM 1211K <i>and</i> 1212K <i>or</i> CHEM 1151K <i>and</i> CHEM 1152K ITEC 2110 <i>or</i> ITEC 2120
Area E – Social Sciences	POLS 1101 (American Government) HIST 2111 <i>or</i> HIST 2112 (Survey of United States History I & II) HIST 1111 <i>or</i> 1112 <i>or</i> 1121 <i>or</i> 1122 <i>or</i> 2111 <i>or</i> 2112 (if not above) SOC 1101 <i>or</i> ANTH 1102
Course required for admissions to most OT programs	PSYC 1102 (Introduction to Psychology) PSYC 2400 (Abnormal Psychology) PSYC 2500 (Lifespan Developmental Psychology) BIOL 2451K <i>and</i> BIOL 2452K (Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II w/ Lab) <i>or</i> BIOL 3010K <i>and</i> BIOL 3020K HSCI 2000 (Medical Terminology) MATH 1401 <i>or</i> 2050 (Statistics) *PHYS 1111K (MATH 1113 is a prerequisite) for some programs *PHIL 2010 for Brenau OTD program

***Students are strongly advised to check with the program they plan to apply to for specific prerequisites.**

Entrance exam and course requirements:

Check with the program(s) you plan on applying to for requirements regarding an entrance exam, as some programs may require the Graduate Records Examination (GRE) and some may not. Some programs may have a CHEM requirement and some may not, but BIOL2451K requires CHEM 1151K (or 1211K), and BIOL3010K/3020K have several prereqs. Choose the Chem and Anatomy/Physiology sequences that fit best into your GGC major Program Plan. Some programs (GSU) may require additional specific courses to be taken the summer prior to entering the OT program (Gross Anatomy and Pathology).

What factors are considered in the admission process for OT programs?

1. The successful completion of the prerequisites for the program; not all programs require a Bachelor's degree, but completing a Bachelor's degree is highly recommended
2. Overall GPA (this includes all coursework attempted except for health, PE, orientation, and learning support).
3. A science GPA (this includes all science courses such as chemistry, physics, and human anatomy & physiology).
4. OT shadowing and volunteer or life experience with individuals who have disabilities
5. Letters of recommendation
6. Writing sample

Students should visit the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. website (<https://www.aota.org/>) for valuable information on the process of becoming an occupational therapist (or an occupational therapy assistant).

Doctoral and Master degree OT Programs in Georgia

1. Augusta University <https://www.augusta.edu/alliedhealth/ot/admissions.php>
2. Brenau University <https://www.brenau.edu/healthsciences/occupationaltherapy/msot/>
3. Georgia State University <https://occupationaltherapy.gsu.edu/>