



## DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

Occupational Therapy (OT) is one of eight disciplines of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) at Florida International University. The mission of the FIU OT Department is to establish excellence in occupational therapy education, research and scholarly activities, to actively engage in community partnerships, and to prepare culturally competent entry-level practitioners who provide evidence-based OT services to the community.

## ACCREDITATION:

The Occupational Therapy Professional Master's Program is accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education \(ACOTE\)](http://www.acoteonline.org) at [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE'S telephone number is 301-652-AOTA.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The MSOT program is a 2.5 year, (7 semesters/80 credits) full time program. **50 students** are admitted each fall.

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

**Florida International University** uses the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS). Please visit <https://portal.otcas.org> to create your OTCAS account.

### Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) P.O. Box 9120 Watertown, MA 02471

Phone: 617-612-2860 Email: [otcasinfo@otcas.org](mailto:otcasinfo@otcas.org)

Website: <http://portal.otcas.org>

**Where to send your application:** OTCAS must receive the application, references, and transcripts by **1st Friday in February each year for admission in the fall.** Once your application is complete, OTCAS will verify your documents before releasing them to Florida International University.

### Please note:

- Florida International University cannot access unverified applications. Applicants should confirm their status as *verified* with OTCAS.
- For any questions about the receipt, processing, and verification of your application, please contact OTCAS Customer Service at 617-612-2860, [otcasinfo@otcas.org](mailto:otcasinfo@otcas.org).
- All official transcripts should be sent directly to OTCAS **and** if admitted to the University Graduate School.
- Letters of recommendation are submitted electronically through the OTCAS system.
- A departmental interview may be required.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- BS or BA degree **IN ANY FIELD** from a regionally accredited college or university.
- A GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of the bachelor's degree.
- Required cumulative 3.0 GPA for all prerequisite courses.
- **Prerequisite courses must be taken within 5 years of the application deadline.**
- Complete the following prerequisite courses prior to the start of the fall admission term with a minimum grade of "C":
  - Biology with Lab
  - Statistics
  - Human Growth & Development
  - Abnormal Psychology
  - Medical Terminology
- A grade of "B" or above must be earned in the following 4 courses:
  - **Physiology**
  - **Pathology**
  - **Neuroscience (3000 level or higher)**
  - **Anatomy and Anatomy Lab (3000 level or higher)**
- Applicants with **3 of the 4** courses in **red** completed by the application deadline will be given priority for review and potential admission.
- All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). GRE scores must be received by the FIU graduate school by application deadline. (School code: 5206). We do not have a minimum score requirement, HOWEVER, competitive applicants score at or above 295 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections and 3.5 on the writing section. ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) or [www.takethegre.com](http://www.takethegre.com))

## Prerequisite Certificate for Occupational Therapy:

For students with a bachelor degree who are returning to school to complete OT prerequisites, the 29 credits of undergraduate coursework is offered as part of the Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Certificate Program. To apply for the Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Certificate program please go to: <http://onestop.fiu.edu/additional-information/certificate-applicants/index.html>.

Florida International University	Miami Dade College	Broward College	Palm Beach State College
BSC 2010/L OR BSC 2023/L <i>General Biology I OR Human Biology, with lab</i> <b>AND</b> HSC 3549 <sup>2</sup> <i>Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals</i> (recommended ) <b>OR</b> PCB 2099 <i>Foundations of Human Physiology</i> <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L <sup>1</sup> <i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II, with labs</i>  <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L <sup>1</sup> <i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II, with labs</i>  <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L <sup>1</sup> <i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II, with labs</i>  <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>
STA2122 OR STA 3145 <i>Introduction to Statistics OR Statistics for Health Professions</i>	STA 2023 <i>Statistical Methods</i>	STA 2023 <i>Statistics</i>	STA 2023 <i>Statistics</i>
DEP 2000 <i>Human Growth &amp; Development</i>	DEP 2000 <i>Human Growth &amp; Development</i>	DEP 2004 <i>Developmental Psychology</i>	DEP 2004 <i>Human Growth and Development</i>
CLP 4146 <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	CLP 2140 <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	CLP 2140 <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	CLP 2140 <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>
HSC 3537 <i>Medical Terminology</i>	HIM 2472 <i>Medical Terminology</i>	HSC 1531 <i>Medical Terminology</i>	HSC 2531 <i>Medical Terminology</i>
<b>OTH 4418</b> <i>Neuroscience</i> <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>
ZOO 3731/3731L <sup>3</sup> <i>Human Anatomy with lab</i> <b>OR</b> PET 3325C/L <i>Anatomy for the Exercise &amp; Sports Sciences</i> <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>
HSC 4553 <sup>4</sup> <i>Fundamentals of Pathology</i> <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Offered at FIU <sup>5</sup></b>

1. Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab will meet biology and physiology requirements
2. HSC3549 course prerequisites: (BSC2010 or BSC2023)
3. ZOO3731 course prerequisites: (BSC2010 or PCB 2099 or BSC2023 or MCB2000 or HSC3549) Corequisite: ZOO3731L
4. HSC4553 course Prerequisites: (PCB2099 or HSC3549 or PCB3702)
5. Courses taken at other institutions need to be approved by OT department