

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Occupational therapy is a health care profession that focuses on helping people of all ages regain, develop, or master everyday skills in order to live independent, productive, and satisfying lives.

Occupational therapists work in a variety of practice areas including; physical disabilities, mental health, pediatrics, academics and research. Within these practice areas occupational therapist have the opportunity to work in a multitude of settings including:

- Hospitals
- Acute care
- Inpatient rehab
- Outpatient rehab
- Specialty units (e.g. spinal cord injury)
- Psychiatric Units
- Pediatrics
- Nursing homes
- Home Health
- Work Rehabilitation
- Community Health
- Schools
- Private Clinics
- Private Practice
- Universities

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase 18 percent between 2018 and 2028 according to the U.S. Department of Labor.
- The median annual salary of occupational therapists was \$84,270 in 2018; 10% of OTs earned more than \$120,750.
- FIU graduates are employed across Miami and the nation in the areas of mental health, productive aging, children and youth, health and wellness, work and industry, rehabilitation, disability and participation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The professional Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) at FIU prepares entry-level occupational therapists. This intensive hands-on program equips students with the tools, knowledge, and skills to promote health, wellness, and functional independence throughout the life span. Graduates of the MSOT are eligible for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Why FIU ?

- More than 90% of our graduates are employed within 6 months after graduation.
- Our faculty are doctorally prepared and are known nationally and internationally for their education scholarship and research.
- We offer low, affordable tuition compared to private universities.
- Students receive individualized faculty advisement.
- Since 2007, \$800,000 has been disbursed in scholarships by the OT Department.
- Diversity in our student body uniquely positions our graduates to better serve multi-cultural communities both locally and globally.
- We offer a wide availability of clinical sites for field-work including emerging practice areas such as low vision and community mental health.
- There are opportunities to become involved in research with nationally renowned faculty members.
- Opportunity to study in Miami's first and only four-year public research university that is worlds ahead in its service to the community.

Florida International University is an Equal Opportunity/ Access Employer and Institution.



The NWCNHS is proud to support diversity among students, faculty and staff.

Notes:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For program information:
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 305-348-6068

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 Tameka Reese
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Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)



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 Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences (NWCNHS)
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 Miami, FL 33199
www.ot.fiu.edu

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, located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. 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
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.
- 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 or 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> AND HSC 3549 ² <i>Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals</i> (recommended) OR PCB 2099 <i>Foundations of Human Physiology</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED	BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L ¹ <i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, with labs</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED	BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L ¹ <i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, with labs</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED	BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L ¹ <i>Anatomy & Physiology I & II, with labs</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED
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 & Development</i>	DEP 2000 <i>Human Growth & 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>
OTH 4418 <i>Neuroscience</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED	Offered at FIU ⁵	Offered at FIU ⁵	Offered at FIU ⁵
ZOO 3731/3731L ³ <i>Human Anatomy with lab</i> OR PET 3325C/L <i>Anatomy for the Exercise & Sports Sciences</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED	Offered at FIU ⁵	Offered at FIU ⁵	Offered at FIU ⁵
HSC 4553 ⁴ <i>Fundamentals of Pathology</i> GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED	Offered at FIU ⁵	Offered at FIU ⁵	Offered at FIU ⁵

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