

# M.S. in Occupational Therapy



## Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences (NWCNHS)

The **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 program are eligible for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

### How to Apply

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The MSOT program is a 2.5 year, (7 semesters/80 credits) full time program. The program admits **50 students** 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 the **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).
- Due to COVID-19 for the Fall 2022 cycle the GRE has been waived and will not be required for admissions. ~~GRE scores must be sent to Florida International University Graduate School (school code: 5206).~~
- 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.

### OT Prerequisite Certificate

For any FIU student in good standing (with a minimum 3.0 cumulative FIU GPA) completing the requirements for a BA/BS. **OR** Any student already holding a BA/BS degree who has a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of their undergraduate degree. *To apply for the Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Certificate program please call 305-348-7709 to make an appointment with an advisor to discuss qualifications.*

### Program Highlights

- 100% pass rate on the national NBCOT Exam and more than 90% of our graduates are employed within 6 months after graduation.
- Our faculty are known nationally and internationally for their education, scholarship, and research.
- We offer a wide availability of clinical sites for fieldwork, including emerging practice areas.

### 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 hours of upper division undergraduate coursework.
- Required cumulative 3.0 GPA for all prerequisite courses.
- **Prerequisite courses must be taken within 5 years of application.**

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: **Applicants with 3 of the 4 courses in completed by the application deadline will be given priority for review and potential admission.**

- Physiology
- Pathology
- Neuroscience (**3000 level or higher**)
- Anatomy and Anatomy Lab (**3000 level or higher**)

### ACCREDITATION

The Occupational Therapy Professional Master's Program is accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education \(ACOTE\)](https://www.acoteonline.org) at [www.acoteonline.org](https://www.acoteonline.org), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE'S telephone number is 301-652-AOTA.

For more information:

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<b>Florida International University</b>	<b>Miami Dade College</b>	<b>Broward College</b>	<b>Palm Beach State College</b>
BSC 2010/L General Biology I <b>OR</b> BSC 2023/L Human Biology, with lab  <b>AND</b> HSC 3549 <sup>2</sup> Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals (recommended) <b>OR</b> PCB 2099 Foundations of Human Physiology  <b>GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085/L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086/L <sup>1</sup> Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs  <b>COMBINE GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085/L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086/L <sup>1</sup> Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs  <b>COMBINE GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085/L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086/L <sup>1</sup> Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs  <b>COMBINE GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>
STA2122 Statistics for Behavioral & Social Sciences I <b>OR</b> STA 3145 Statistics for Health Professions	STA 2023 Statistical Methods	STA 2023 Statistics	STA 2023 Statistics
DEP 2000 Human Growth & Development	DEP 2000 Human Growth & Development	DEP 2004 Developmental Psychology	DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development
CLP 4146 Psychopathology (Abnormal Psychology)	CLP 2140 Abnormal Psychology	CLP 2140 Abnormal Psychology	CLP 2140 Abnormal Psychology
HSC 3537 Medical Terminology	HIM 2472 Medical Terminology	HSC 1531 Medical Terminology	HSC 2531 Medical Terminology
OTH 4418 Neuroscience  <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> Human Anatomy with lab <b>OR</b> PET 3325/ 3325L Kinetic Anatomy with Lab  <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> Fundamentals of Pathology  <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 only. You will need to take a 3000 level or higher Anatomy with lab course.
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. Email us the course description at [occupthe@fiu.edu](mailto:occupthe@fiu.edu)