

# 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.

Applicants are required to submit a Graduate School application in addition to the OTCAS application. The cost of the application is \$30. Students are encouraged to complete this application after submission of their OTCAS application.

Website: [FIU Graduate School Application](http://fiu.edu/graduate-school-application)

#### 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 FIU 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.*

**For more information:**

**Ot.fiu.edu**

**305.348.6068**

**occupthe@fiu.edu**

### 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 completed by the application deadline will be given priority for review and potential admission.**

- Physiology
- Kinesiology
- Human Anatomy with Lab
- Neuroscience (**3000 level or higher**)

### 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 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number is 301-652-AOTA.



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Required Prerequisite	Florida International University	Miami Dade College	Broward College	Palm Beach State College
<b>Biology with Lab</b>	BSC 2010 w/ 2010 L General Biology I with Lab <b>OR</b> BSC 2023 w/ 2023L Human Biology with Lab	BSC 2010 w/ 2010L  Principles of Biology with Lab	BSC 2010 w/ 2010L  Introduction to Biology I with Lab	BSC 1010 w/ 1010L  Principles of Biology I with Lab
<b>Statistics</b>	STA 2122 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
<b>Human Growth &amp; Development</b>	DEP 2000  Human Growth & Development	DEP 2000  Human Growth & Development	DEP 2004  Developmental Psychology	DEP 2004  Human Growth & Development
<b>Abnormal Psychology</b>	CLP 4146  Psychopathology	CLP 2140  Abnormal Psychology	CLP 2140  Abnormal Psychology	CLP 2140  Abnormal Psychology
<b>Medical Terminology</b>	HSC 3537  Medical Terminology	HIM 2472  Medical Terminology	HSC 1531  Medical Terminology	HSC 3537  Medical Terminology
<b>Human Anatomy with Lab<sup>1</sup></b>	ZOO 3731 w/ 3731L <sup>3</sup> Human Anatomy with Lab <b>OR</b> BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L <sup>1</sup> Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Labs ( <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b> )	BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Labs <sup>1</sup>  <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Labs <sup>1</sup>  <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Labs <sup>1</sup>  <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>
<b>Physiology<sup>1</sup></b>	HSC 3549 <sup>2</sup> Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals (recommended) <b>OR</b> PCB 2099 Foundations of Human Physiology	BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs <sup>1</sup>  <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs <sup>1</sup>  <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>	BSC 2085 w/ 2085L <b>AND</b> BSC 2086 w/ 2086L Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs <sup>1</sup>  <b>COMBINED GRADE OF B OR BETTER IS REQUIRED</b>
<b>Kinesiology</b>	APK 3103 Kinetic Anatomy <b>OR</b> APK 3004 Introduction to Kinesiology	<b>Offered at FIU</b>	<b>Offered at FIU</b>	<b>Offered at FIU</b>
<b>Neuroscience</b>	OTH 4418 Neuroscience <b>OR</b> PSB 4240 Neuropsychology	<b>Offered at FIU</b>	<b>Offered at FIU</b>	<b>Offered at FIU</b>

**\* A grade of B or better is required for the courses in red**

- Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II w/ Labs will meet the Human Anatomy with Lab and Physiology requirements.**
- HSC3549 course prerequisites: (BSC2010 or BSC2023)
- ZOO3731 course prerequisites: (BSC2010 or PCB 2099 or BSC2023 or MCB2000 or HSC3549) Corequisite: ZOO3731L
- 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)