STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
2013

Applicants are directed to the Occupational Therapy Common Application System (OTCAS) website to access the online application and instructions: https://portal.otcas.org/ that is linked on the Stony Brook University Occupational Therapy program website.

The published deadline for the receipt of applications is February 1. This is not an e-submit deadline. The program must receive the completed and verified electronic application packet from OTCAS by the February 1st deadline date. It is strongly suggested that applicants submit their complete application no later than 3 weeks prior to the February 1st deadline in order to allow time for validation of their transcripts by OTCAS.

<u>**PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**</u>

The following are the prerequisite requirements for admission into the School of Health Technology and Management Occupational Therapy Department.

▶ *A minimum of 57 college credits including the courses below:
  - 3 credits of English Composition
  - 6 credits of Arts and Humanities (excluding performance – based courses [such as dance, painting, or acting], and introductory language courses)
  - 9 credits of Social and Behavioral Sciences to include (Intro to Psychology and Abnormal Psychology, and EITHER Introduction to Sociology or Introduction to Anthropology)
  - 8 credits of Biology with Laboratory* (Must be course designated for science majors)
  - 4 credits of Chemistry with Laboratory   (Must be course designated for science majors)
  - 4 credits of Physics with Laboratory (Must be course designated for science majors)
  - 3 credits of Statistics (areas of Mathematics, Business, or Social Sciences)
  - 4 credits of Anatomy**

**If Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II have been taken, then these will count as 4 credits of Biology and 4 credits of Anatomy.
Applicants must have completed the required science course work within the last ten years.

▶ CPR and First Aid Certification is required (must contain Adult CPR as minimum)

Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 with preference given to an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher; Science Prerequisite courses must also have a minimum GPA of 2.5, with preference given to a Science GPA of 3.0 or higher. Natural Science (all science and math courses) GPA must also have a minimum GPA of 2.5, with preference given to a Natural Science of 3.0 or higher.

▶ Students may take their prerequisite courses at Stony Brook University or at other institutions. Transfer credits are granted from other academic institutions for relevant college level course work with grades of "C" or higher; course grades of "D" will be only be accepted from Stony Brook University.

  ▸ Preference will be given to those applicants who have completed the 20 credits of the science prerequisites at the time of submitting a complete OTCAS application.

  ▸ Applicants with only one outstanding prerequisite science that is designated to be completed in the spring semester prior to starting the program will have their application processed and may be considered for interviews only if they have met the minimum GPA criteria standards of the admissions process.

- ▸ A minimum of 40 hours of experience observing occupational therapy treatment in **_two different practice settings_** (i.e. outpatient rehabilitation, inpatient rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, nursing homes, school-based, psychosocial or acute care) is required. The observation must be supervised by an occupational therapist. At least 50% of the hours must be in a setting other than the applicant's place of employment.

- ▸ We do not give advance standing to transfer students from another occupational therapy program.

Students accepted for entry into the occupational therapy program must complete all outstanding conditions prior to the start date of the program. Failure to do so may result in a recommendation of rescinding admission to the occupational therapy program.

Applicants are carefully reviewed by the Occupational Therapy Program Admissions Committee and are evaluated on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, academic achievement, references, demonstrated concern for others, and commitment to the profession. Selected applicants are invited for personal interviews and preference may be given to applicants who exceed the admissions requirements.

All travel arrangements, meals, and parking fees are the responsibility of the applicant.

Knowledge and awareness of some areas may be beneficial to the applicant:

- Their perceived role in Occupational Therapy and the Health Care delivery system.
- Their perceived assets and limitations.
- How the profession will benefit them.
- Their education and professional aspirations.
- Their learning styles.
- Their stress management techniques.
- Their time management and educational achievement techniques.
- What community service have they engaged in and what their role was in providing the service.

TO APPLY:

- STEP 1: Submit your Occupational Therapy Centralized Application via OTCAS
- STEP 2: Once you submit your application to OTCAS you will receive an email with directions to pay the OT Stony Brook supplemental application fee
- STEP 3: Pay the fee and you will receive an email containing the OT supplemental application
- STEP 4: Submit your supplemental application via email to catherine.gropper@stonybrook.edu

Please adhere to the OTCAS application submission dates and program dates for submission of supplemental application for consideration for interviews.

Keep in mind that OTCAS application processing takes several weeks particularly during peak application periods (December and January).

Apply to the program at: https://portal.otcas.org