

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

— REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY ASSURANCE (CONDITIONAL ADMISSION) FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY GRADUATE PROGRAMS —

This fact sheet offers guidance on the process and requirements for those seeking early assurance (a conditional admission) from the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS) or the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) programs into the Carlow University Occupational Therapy graduate degree programs (MSOT or OTD). This opportunity exists for those who apply to Carlow as traditional first-time, first-year students and are admitted to the BSHS or BSPH programs, following the Pre-OT track. These students will then be invited to submit a supplemental application for a select number of reserved seats in the OT graduate program. Those granted a reserved seat must fulfill specific requirements as an undergraduate student to maintain their place in the program, as outlined below.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@carlow.edu or +1 412-578-6059.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

High school students applying to Carlow in their senior year must first be accepted to the 3-year Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, following the Pre-Occupational Therapy track.

- + To be eligible for an early assurance seat in the graduate program, students must:
 - Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.500, or
 - Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.250 and a minimum SAT of 1200, minimum ACT of 25, or minimum CLT of 78.

Please note that students must possess the requisite GPAs both at the time of supplemental application as well as on their final high school transcript.

- + Eligible students meeting the above criteria will be invited to submit a supplemental application, at which time the following must be uploaded:
 - A personal statement describing their interest in occupational therapy. This should be one page maximum.
 - Documentation from a registered occupational therapist showing proof of 10 hours of OT observation, volunteer, or work experience, completed in at least two settings within the last four years.

UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

Those offered early assurance/conditional admission to the graduate program must do the following prior to matriculating in their MSOT/OTD program:

- + Complete 10 additional hours of OT observation, volunteer, or work experience within the last three years. Proof of these hours must be documented by a registered occupational therapist.
- + Earn a 3.000 cumulative GPA by the second semester of their undergraduate degree and maintain it throughout the remainder of their program.
- + Earn a minimum grade of "C" in all prerequisite courses.
- + Complete anatomy and physiology coursework at Carlow (BIO 205 and 206).
- + Actively participate in regular advising visits with OT program faculty.
- + Participate in Pre-OT Club activities; this is strongly recommended and may be required as part of the advising process.
- + As a formality, complete a free application for admission to the applicable graduate program as you enter your final year of undergraduate study.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1; notification of early assurance seat/conditional admission by March 1

PREREQUISITE COURSES

- + **BIO 205** (*must take at Carlow*)
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- + **Medical Terminology** (1 cr.)
*HIM 102
- + **Psychology-Developmental** (3 cr.)
*PY 112
- + **Abnormal Psychology** (3 cr.)
*PY 209
- + **Statistics or Research** (3 cr.)
*MAT 115 / PY 290
- + **Social Science** (3 cr.)
*SO 201 or higher;
HSC 200; HSC 201

* denotes equivalent Carlow course

The Carlow University entry-level masters and doctoral occupational therapy degree (MSOT/OTD) programs have been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929, (301) 652-AOTA, www.acoteonline.org. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation does not assure eventual accreditation. To be eligible to take the NBCOT certification exam, OTR candidates must graduate with an entry-level occupational therapy degree from an ACOTE accredited occupational therapy (OT) program. Per USDE regulations, all credits and degrees earned and issued by a program holding Candidate for Accreditation status are considered to be from an accredited program. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. The Carlow University OT Program meets the educational requirements for certification in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. ACOTE lists programs by accreditation status -- feel free to take a look: <https://acoteonline.org/schools/>