

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLANNING GUIDE (CORE 34)

Pre-Occupational Therapy is a track made up of courses required for entry to KUMC's Occupational Therapy Doctoral program. Students complete these requirements alongside the bachelor's degree of their choice. Other schools may have different admission requirements.

Admission Requirements: A minimum of a 3.2 cumulative GPA is required for application. The application deadline is October 1.

More information can be found by visiting prehealth.ku.edu.

REQUIRED

*Courses marked with an asterisk have pre-requisites not already listed below. Please see a Pre-Health Academic Advisor for guidance.

- Human Anatomy with lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 240* & BIOL 241
 - Core 34 NPS
 - Notes: A combined human anatomy & physiology course must be at least 8 hours to meet requirements.
- Human Physiology
 - Options at KU: BIOL 246*
 - Core 34 NPS
 - Notes: BIOL 247 is optional.
- Psychological Disorders
 - Options at KU: PSYC 350*
- Human Development
 - Options at KU: PSYC 250*
 - Core 34 SBS
- Social Science
 - Options at KU: Any course that fulfills Core 34 SBS
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 - Notes: PSYC 104 fulfills additional Core 34 requirement and is a prerequisite for PSYC 210, PSYC 250 and PSYC 350
- Statistics
 - Options at KU: MATH 365*, PSYC 210* or COMS 356*
 - Core 34 MTS
 - Notes: COMS 356 requires admission to the Communication Studies major or instructor permission.
- Ethics
 - Options at KU: PHIL 160
 - Core 34 AH
- Medical Terminology
 - Options at KU: HEIM 230 or CLSX 332
 - Notes: CLSX 332 fulfills additional Core 34 AH requirement.

RECOMMENDED

- Sociology
 - Options at KU: SOC 104
 - Core 34 SBS
 - Notes: Required for other OT programs.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- 18 of 24 required admission hours must be completed before applying, with anatomy and physiology included in those 18 hours. Any remaining admission requirements must be completed by the start of the OT program.
- No grade lower than a C will be accepted on prerequisite courses. Students must have a 3.2 GPA for prerequisite courses.
- Healthcare experience with an occupational therapist with direct patient contact is no longer required for KU but is required for some programs.
- The GRE is not required for KU's OT program, and scores are not considered in the admission process. It is required for some programs.
- The admission process includes a personal statement, three references, and an interview. References should be written by a professional, advisor, instructor, or supervisor who can attest to the applicant's potential success in the program and future contributions to the occupational therapy profession.
- Applications may be submitted with coursework still in progress but must indicate the student's plan for completion prior to beginning the program. All prerequisites must be completed before starting OT coursework.