

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

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

REQUIRED	OPTIONS AT KU	CORE 34 (FALL 2024 & AFTER)	NOTES
Human Anatomy w/ lab	BIOL 240* & BIOL 241	NPS	A combined human anatomy & physiology course must be at least 8 hours to meet requirement.
Human Physiology	BIOL 246*	NPS	BIOL 247 lab is optional.
Psychological Disorders	PSYC 350*		
Human Development	PSYC 250*	SBS	
Social Science	Any course that fulfills Core 34 SBS	SBS	PSYC 104 fulfills additional Core 34 requirement and is a prerequisite for PSYC 210, PSYC 250 and PSYC 350.
Statistics	MATH 365*, PSYC 210* or COMS 356*	MTS	COMS 356 requires admission to the Communication Studies major or instructor permission.
Ethics	PHIL 160	AH	
Medical Terminology	HEIM 230 or CLSX 332		CLSX 332 fulfills additional Core 34 AH requirement.

RECOMMENDED	OPTIONS AT KU	CORE 34 (FALL 2024 & AFTER)	NOTES
Sociology	SOC 104	SBS	Required for other OT programs.

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

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.