OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PREREQUISITE COURSES

General information on the profession and a list of accredited programs in the United States are available at: Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
ACOTE Accredited Occupational Therapy Education Programs

Texas offers accredited programs where one can earn a Masters of Occupational Therapy (MOT). Programs vary in length and in start dates. Check school web sites for details.

Texas Occupational Therapy Programs (Public)
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Master of Occupational Therapy Program (Lubbock)
Texas Woman's University, School of Occupational Therapy (Denton, Dallas, and Houston)
University of Texas at El Paso, Occupational Therapy Program (El Paso)
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Department of Occupational Therapy (San Antonio)
University of Texas Medical Branch, Department of Occupational Therapy (Galveston)
University of Texas Pan-American, Department of Occupational Therapy (Edinburg)
- Effective September 1, 2015, name will change to
  University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Department of Occupational Therapy (Edinburg)

Two private schools in Texas have “candidacy” accreditation status from ACOTE. See [Note 6] on page 4. Contact the schools for more information.
Abilene Christian University, Occupational Therapy Program (Abilene)
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy Program (Austin)

Important Links and Information:
See our Pre-Occupational Therapy pathway page to learn more about preparing for and applying to OT schools.

PAGES 2 - 4: DETAILED PREREQUISITE COURSES INFORMATION

PREREQUISITE COURSES UPDATES FOR TABLES BELOW

[REQUIREMENTS CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME. CHECK BACK OFTEN AND REVIEW SCHOOL WEB SITES FOR CHANGES.]

 Updates will be posted here as the HPO becomes aware of them and is able to confirm them.

03.11.16:
UTHSC-San Antonio MOT is now accepting EDP 363M – 6: Introduction to Life Span Development.
The Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement has been updated to include this course.

UTMB MOT now requires the GRE.

As of the date of this document, the following courses offered by The University of Texas at Austin have been approved by the Texas Occupational Therapy Programs to meet their admission requirements. Read all the footnotes for important details and options.
# Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or higher. C- is not accepted. [Note a] UT Austin courses may have prerequisites not required by the professional schools. Check the Course Schedule.

See page 1 for updates to the table below since the date of this document.

## Occupational Therapy Prerequisite Courses

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<th>Course</th>
<th>TTUHSC Lubbock</th>
<th>TWU Denton/Dallas/Houston</th>
<th>UTEP El Paso</th>
<th>UTHSC San Antonio</th>
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<td>GRE</td>
<td>no</td>
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**Important Notes**

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**More Schools on Next Page**

See timeline for courses on the OT Pathway Page under Preparing for OT School.
## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PREREQUISITE COURSES

Most Schools Require a C or better in all required courses. [Note\(^a\)]

UT Austin courses may have prerequisites not required by the professional schools. Check the Course Schedule.

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<th>Course</th>
<th>UTMB Galveston</th>
<th>UTPA (UTRGV) Edinburg</th>
<th>ACU Abilene [Note(^b)]</th>
<th>USA Austin [Note(^c)]</th>
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**IMPORTANT NOTES\(^a\) through\(^h\) ON PAGE 4**

**SEE TIMELINE FOR COURSES on the OT PATHWAY PAGE under PREPARING FOR OT SCHOOL**
IMPORTANT NOTES for OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PREREQUISITE COURSES

SEE PAGE 1 FOR UPDATES OF THE NOTES BELOW SINCE THE DATE OF THIS DOCUMENT.

a Although technically you can satisfy a prerequisite course requirement with a grade of C, it is not a competitive grade. Most schools require minimum overall and prerequisite GPAs of at least 3.0 or higher. See individual school web sites for details.

b Each of the following will satisfy this requirement. Note that not all programs require the one-hour lab. If your degree requires physics, take the one appropriate for your major.

| PHY 302K & PHY 102M | PHY 303K & PHY 103M |
| PHY 317K & PHY 117M | PHY 301 & PHY 101L |

UTPA (UTRGV) prefers either KIN 320 or KIN 326K although they accept KIN 324K.
UTHSCSA also accepts KIN 315 or KIN 321M or KIN 338 for this requirement. HPO has sent the course syllabus for KIN 324K to the school and will add this course to the list if we receive approval from them. Meanwhile, please contact the UTHSCSA School of Health Professions Admissions Office to request approval of courses not listed here.

c SDS 302 satisfies the statistics requirement and also is a prerequisite for BIO 446L and BIO 365S, UT Austin BIO courses listed in the table above.

The statistics courses listed below are accepted by most of the Texas OT schools. Individual school’s exceptions, preferences, and additional requirements follow the list.

| SDS 302, SDS 304, SDS 306, SDS 325H, SDS 328M, EDP 371, M 316, PSY 418, SOC 317L, STA 309, STA 309H, SW 318 |

TTUHSC accepts all courses listed here.
TWU accepts all courses listed here.
UTMB accepts all courses listed here.
UPA (UTRGV) accepts all courses listed here.
UTEP accepts all courses listed here.
UTHSCSA had approved SDS 302, M 316, and PSY 418. HPO has sent syllabi for other statistics courses to the school and will list additional courses if and when they are approved.
ACU: HPO will post details when received from the school.

NOTE: SDS courses used the prefix SSC prior to Fall 2014.
To request approval of a statistics course that is not listed here, contact the admissions office of the individual program.

d EDP 363M – 6: Introduction to Life Span Development was numbered EDP 363M in the Spring 2015 semester.

e Technical Writing is not offered at UT Austin. The schools will accept ENGL 2311 from Austin Community College.

f UTMB requires “Neurological Basis for Human Behavior - 3 hours (i.e., physiological psychology, behavioral neurosciences, biopsychology, brain & behavior, neuroanatomy, neurobiology, neurophysiology, neuroscience)”

g ACU: HPO will post ACU prerequisite courses equivalents when the approved list of courses is received from the school.

Abilene Christian University and University of St Augustine University OT programs are candidates for accreditation and hope to be awarded full accreditation shortly before graduating their first classes.

See the ACOTE web site for current information on the accreditation status of occupational therapy schools. http://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Find-School.aspx Also, check school web sites for information about their accreditation status.

h USA does not require labs for the science prerequisites; however, they strongly recommend them.