



PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Pre-Occupational Therapy preparation involves completion of a Bachelor of Science degree and at CSU-Pueblo Biology, Psychology or Health Science are suggested. Undergraduate courses must include the necessary prerequisite coursework listed below. A master's degree in OT can be completed at Colorado State University in Fort Collins or another accredited OT school. The graduate program at CSU-Fort Collins consists of 2 ½ years; 2 initial years of coursework, followed by 6 months of full-time fieldwork or internship (summer and fall). An entry-level OT Doctorate Degree is also planned.

Application information may be obtained from the Department of the Occupational Therapy School of your choice. Field experience working under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist Registered (OTR) or a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) is required prior to applying to an OT Program. Note also, that your writing skills are very important as a written essay is part of most application packets, and GRE exam scores and volunteer work with people with disabilities is also required for application.

For additional information about the CSU program:

Department of Occupational Therapy
Phone: 1-970-491-6253
Email: otinfo@colostate.edu
Website: <https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ot/programs-and-degrees/>

Also see the American Occupational Therapy Association: www.aota.org



Biology B.S with Pre-OT concentration

Biology Courses	Course Name	Credits	Semester
BIOL 223/L & 224/L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II with Labs	8	
BIOL 220	Medical Terminology	2	
BIOL 181/L & 182/L	College Biology I & II with Labs	8	
BIOL 201/L OR 202/L	Botany or Zoology with Lab	4	
BIOL 301/L	General Microbiology and Lab	5	
BIOL 350	Genetics	2	
BIOL 351	Molecular Biology and Genetics	2	
BIOL 352	Evolutionary Biology and Ecology	3	
BIOL 412/L	Cellular Biology and Lab	4	
BIOL 493	Seminar	1	
Biology electives	See Upper division Electives List.	9	
NSG 207 or independent prep	Health and Disease Systems (or disease preparation)	(3)	
Chemistry Courses			
CHEM 121/L & 122/L	General Chemistry I & II with Labs	10	
CHEM 301/L & 302/L	Organic Chemistry I & II with Labs	10	
Physics/Math Courses			
PHYS 201/L & 202/L	Principles of Physics I & II with Labs	8	
MATH 221	Applied Calculus	4	
MATH 156	Intro to Statistics	3	
General Education			
ENG 101 & 102	English Composition I & II	6	
COMR 103	Speaking and Listening	3	
PSYCH 100 **	General Psychology	3	
PSYCH 151	Human Development	3	
Other Courses			
Intro to OT	Online from PCC or CSU-Fort Collins OT 110	3	
PSYCH 331/L	Physiological Psychology and Lab	4	
PSYCH 362	Abnormal Psychology	3	
	Total Credits	120	

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Minimum Pre-OT Requirements (Major other than Biology)

(Student must have an earned BS for matriculation into an OT graduate program)

Course	Course Name	Cr.	Semester
BIOL 223/L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab	4	
BIOL 224/L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab	4	
BIOL 220	Medical Terminology	2	
PSYCH 100 **	General Psychology	3	
PSYCH 151	Human Development	3	
PSYCH 331/L	Physiology Psychology and Lab	4	
PSYCH 362	Abnormal Psychology	3	
MATH 156	Intro to Statistics		
NSG 207 or independent prep	Health and Disease Systems (or human disease preparation)	(3)	
Intro to OT	Online from Pueblo Community College (OTA 100) or CSU-Fort Collins (OT 110)	(3)	
Minimum TOTAL		23-29	

** Indicates course is not a specific OT requirement, but a prerequisite for other required courses.

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