

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For admission into the Occupational Therapy program:

**MOT and BSIHS/MOT track** applicants must meet the general college admission requirements and submit:

- An official transcript showing completion of an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant degree from an ACOTE or regionally accredited program.
- Evidence of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all post-secondary coursework.
- Evidence of successful completion of the following college level courses with a grade of “C” (2.0) or higher:
  - English Composition.
  - Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs.
  - Introduction to Psychology.
  - Human Growth and Development or Developmental Psychology.
  - Abnormal Psychology.
  - Coursework which includes human kinesiology and medical terminology.
- A written essay between 300-500 words that addresses the following:
  - Reflect on your experiences as an OTA. Include your greatest accomplishment; a significant challenge and how it was addressed; and influences on your decision to become an OT.
  - Describe your personal qualities that will contribute to the Cabarrus College OTA to OT program and the occupational therapy profession.
- Three references utilizing the Occupational Therapy Reference Form. At least one reference must be from an OT the applicant has worked with in practice and at least one reference from another healthcare professional the applicant has worked with in practice.
- An employment resume.
- Evidence of current OTA licensure or other regulation according to the state or jurisdiction of employment.
- Evidence of at least one year’s employment as an OTA within the past five years. Employment must be full-time or part-time with a minimum of 20 hours per week.

For admission into the **MOT track**, applicants must also submit official transcript(s) indicating completion of:

- The BA or BS degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- A college level Statistics course (preferably having a Math prefix) with a minimum grade of “C” (2.0) or higher.

As a distance education program, it is important for applicants to understand the requirements of a successful online student, necessary computer skills, and technology requirements. Therefore, applicants should review the information available under Distance Education in the College catalog and/or website, and complete the online readiness assessment available on the website to insure readiness.

For OTAs outside of North Carolina, the College must have state authorization to offer distance education in your home state before the application can be considered.

An interview may be requested for either the MOT or BSIHS/MOT tracks as part of the stepwise admissions process to finalize decisions among otherwise comparable applicants.

Students enrolling in the combined BSIHS/MOT curriculum track will be required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to progress to the master’s degree coursework.

A criminal background screening showing a felony conviction may prohibit eligibility for future licensure, and therefore may preclude admission into the program and affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.