Doctor of Occupational Therapy Admission FAQ

Students must earn a minimum 3.25 GPA overall in undergraduate coursework and complete prerequisite courses.

Please note that a 3.0 average in Occupational Therapy Program science prerequisites (Anatomy & Physiology I & II) is required for admission.

Prerequisite Courses

- Anatomy & Physiology I and II (with labs)
- Introduction to Psychology (General Psychology)
- Human Development (Lifespan Development)
- Abnormal Psychology
- Statistics
- 3 credits of Sociology or Anthropology
- Medical Terminology
- Physics I (recommended)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 1-2 page career goals essay identifying an area of interest for the OTD capstone experience
- A current resume
- Documentation of at least 40 hours of clinical observation under the supervision of an occupational therapist (See supplemental forms here)

An interview will be scheduled upon review from the OT Admissions Committee and a decision to admit will follow.

Deadline: February 1, 2022 (rolling admissions)
Start date: Summer semester

For more information:
To see the Program of Study, click here. To learn more about the Occupational Therapy program, please attend an information session or contact us directly: 518-244-2266 or sageot@sage.edu

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program at Russell Sage College is registered with the New York State Education Department and has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4920. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The program must be granted Candidacy Status, have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.