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City Colleges of Chicago

Transfer Guide

BHS Pre-Occupational Therapy

Chicago State University established The Department of Occupational Therapy (OT) in 1982. It is the second oldest OT program in the State of Illinois. Our mission is to train a diverse student body and produce competent occupational therapists and prepare graduates with the skills to meet client needs within rapidly changing service delivery systems.

Occupational therapists are health professionals that provide service to those with impaired abilities. Occupational therapists work with people impacted by injury, illness, developmental problems or aging. Impairment may be physical, mental or cognitive. Practitioners deliver services in many different settings, ranging from private practice to hospitals. Job opportunities include roles as practitioners, consultants, educators, managers, researchers and advocates.

The Department of Occupational Therapy offers a Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) Pre-Occupational Therapy degree, which is a pre-professional degree designed to prepare students to enter the Masters of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program at Chicago State University. The combined BHS/MOT curriculum allows students advanced placement to begin professional study in occupational therapy as an undergraduate student (in their senior year) and supports the transition to a post baccalaureate degree in occupational therapy. The Occupational Therapy Program at Chicago State University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association ACOTE. Graduates of the MOT program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapists 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®) and will be eligible to apply for licensure to practice in Illinois and other states that require licensure.

100% Employment After Certification & Licensing

70%
Cohorts are Diverse and Underrepresented in the OT Profession



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Articulation Crosswalk for BHS Pre-Occupational Therapy

Chicago City Colleges, Associate in Arts AA (0210)			Chicago State University, BHS Pre-OT		
Course #	Title	Credit Hours	Course #	Title	Credit Hours
ENGLISH 101	Composition I	3	ENG 1270	Composition I	3
ENGLISH 102	Composition II	3	ENG 1280	Composition II	3
SPEECH 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	CMAT 2030	Basic Speech Communications	3
Fine Arts	IAI Fine Arts	3	Fine Arts	IAI Fine Arts	3
Humanities	IAI Humanities	3	Humanities	IAI Humanities	3
Fine Arts or Humanities	IAI Fine Arts or Humanities	3	Fine Arts or Humanities	IAI Fine Arts or Humanities	3
Recomr	mended Mathematics Courses:				
MATH 125	Introductory Statistics	4*	MATH 1600	Basic Probability and Statistics	3 (4)
MATH 140	College Algebra	4*	MATH 1200	College Algebra	3 (4)
Recomme	ended Computer Science Course:	I		1	
CIS 120	Introduction to Computer Applications	3	CPTR 1060	Introduction to Personal Computers	3
Recommended Beha	vioral/Social Science Courses:	•			•
ANTHRO 202** or SOC 210**	Cultural Anthropology or Diverse Cultures (HD)	3	ANTH 1010 or SOC 1250	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Diversity in US Society	3
PSYCH 201	General Psychology	3	PSYC 1100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 213	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSYC 2155	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 224	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 2000	Life Span Development	3
Reco	mmended Science Courses:				
BIOLOGY 121	Biology I	5*	BIOL 1080	Biological Science Survey I	3 (5)

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BIOL 226	Human Structure and Function I	4	ZOOL 2050	Human Functional Anatomy	4
BIOL 227	Human Structure and Function II	4	PSLY 2040	Human Physiology	4
BIOL 120	Terminology for Medical Careers	3	H SC 1104	Medical Terminology	3
Physical Science	IAI Physical Science	3 or 4*	Physical Science	IAI Physical Science	3 (or 4)
Total Credit Hours Taken at CCC		60/61		Total Credit Hours Transferred to CSU	60/61

^{*}Math courses and science lab courses that equal 4 or 5 credit hours at City Colleges transfer as such to CSU.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}}\textsc{Fulfills}$ the CCC Human Diversity (HD) requirement.

Remaining Prerequisite Courses to Apply to Professional Program			
CSU Courses	Credit Hours		
H SC 2150 Introduction to Health Professions			
H SC 3321 Service Learning in Health			
H SC 2250 Health Care Ethics			
H SC 3375 Health Policy and Administration			
ZOOL 2610 Functional Anatomy—Supplemental Laboratory			
O T 2010 Introduction to Occupational Therapy			
Electives			