

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): dw...go ahead with your question
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: Hello :). My name is Kristen. I was wondering if you could tell me a little more about the OT program at Wayne. For instance what seems to be the hardest year for OT students in the program?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Kristen,
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Kristen, Great question. Based on OT student comments, it seems the most challenging semester is semester 1. Our program has students take cadaver based Anatomy, Neuroanatomy, Intro to OT and Medical Health conditions in the first semester. The two science courses are very challenging alone. Most of our students have very limited free time during this semester. They often work in study groups and attend lab outside of class time in order to do well during this semester.
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: I heard that during the anatomy and neuroanatomy classes, PT and OT students work together. Is this true?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Yes. OT and PT students share a cadaver in lab. I'm not sure how much they actually work together beyond that.
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: I see. Thank you.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): please feel free to ask any questions
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: Would it be appropriate to ask when (approximately) is the estimated time for the OT program to send out invitations for the group interview?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Kristen,

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Kristen, OT applicants who are invited for an interview will typically be notified in early May.
Occupational Therapy	csinclair	csinclair: For the application would it be enough to speak about where we have/are volunteering or would you like letters from supervisors?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): The application packet includes forms for the volunteer/observation experiences. The supervisors must complete them based on information from their setting as well as the number of hours you actually volunteered.
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: Not to toss the conversation back and forth, but how many applicants typically are invited to participate in the interview?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Approximately 50.
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: And correct me if I'm wrong, only 32 go into the program?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): We accept 30.
Occupational Therapy	csinclair	csinclair: Thanks! Also, are your chances of getting an interview reduced if you have, say 2 or 3 ;) prereqs to finish in the spring/summer?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): We accept qualified students who have 2 - 3 pre-requisites to complete in the summer. These students receive a "conditional" acceptance letter. They receive full admissions status only if they complete the requirements with a grade of "C" or better by August.
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: I'm a Canadian Student and will be living in the U.S in the Fall and want to apply to the OT Masters program, but am not quite understanding which application I have to fill out.

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Hi Suzie! I am not aware of any special applications for foreign students. Complete the undergraduate application for the university and the college program application for Occupational Therapy.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): Suzie...when you are applying to the University using an undergraduate application there is a special undergrad canadian application that you will need to fill out
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): there is no difference in the program specific college application
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): http://admissions.wayne.edu/canadian/index.php
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): this is the link for Canadian student information
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Thanks Jen!
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): http://cphs.wayne.edu/program/ot-ms-apply.php
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Thanks Jen! Ok, to clarify...I apply using the undergraduate application as well as another Canadian application form attached?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): here is the link for the OT program application
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): http://admissions.wayne.edu/canadian/apply.php?from=10646
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): here try this one it is clearer
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Thanks!! Ok to clarify, I fill out the undergraduate application as well as a seperate Canadian application attached?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): no...there is a Canadian student application online
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): the last link I sent you has the checklist for Undergraduate admissions

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): for canadian students
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): so you need to complete the checklist for Canadian students here: http://admissions.wayne.edu/canadian/apply.php?from=10646
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Ok, great...I'll check it out as it's just a bit confusing applying as a Canadian student to a U.S school:)
Occupational Therapy	csinclair	csinclair: Will there be the informational meeting in February also? and is it the first Tuesday at 7?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): yes...we have info meetings every month
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): it will be Tuesday, Feb 1st a 6pm
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AsstDeanMaryK): http://http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/meetings.php
Occupational Therapy	csinclair	csinclair: Thank you! Suzie, these meetings are really helpful if you're able to make it over!
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AsstDeanMaryK): Please make sure you are in the building by 6pm for the information meeting, as the doors to the building are locked by 6:30pm
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: In researching Wayne States website, I came across a program that someone can apply to, who hasn't met all their pre-req's ...so in my case the program I am applying to is OT, but if I didn't have all of my pre-req's, then I can apply to this program and work on my pre-req's throughout the year towards my specified graduate program..I don't actually remember the name of it though?!
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Thanks csinclair. I agree. Suzie will have an opportunity to tour the OT labs and to talk directly to an OT professor.
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Yes, I am definitely coming to the Feb. 1st meeting!

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Suzie, You can apply to the MOT program prior to completing all of your pre-requisites. However, they must all be completed prior to the start of the program in September.
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: How does the OT program at Wayne prepare their students to take the NBCOT?
Occupational Therapy	JulianneZ	JulianneZ: After a student applies to the program will they be sent a decline letter or a letter inviting them to an interview?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): The total MOT curriculum is preparation for the NBCOT. Some specific techniques embedded in the courses includes, tests with NBCOT type questions, engagement in case study problem solving scenarios, NBCOT practice test, fieldwork experiences.
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: I've seen that I can actually complete all the pre-req's before September as I do not have many left to finish up..yay! But what are some alternatives that we can look into if, let's say, we do not get into the program.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): emantalia...this is the place to ask your question about the 20 hours
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Julianne, Students who apply to the program will receive a letter, typically in May, indicating their application status.
Occupational Therapy	emantalia	emantalia: ok thanks alot
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AsstDeanMaryK): My pleasure, Eman.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): Suzie...what kind of alternatives are you referring to? Some students who do not get in will reapply the following year and make changes to their application based on recommendation of the faculty

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Suzie, Are you asking how to strengthen your application or about related health fields to pursue if you don't get into WSU MOT program?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): others will apply to multiple OT programs in the same year
Occupational Therapy	emantalia	emantalia: i work in the hospital and i usually work with ot or pt therapist to help with patient am a nurse assistant
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): others will look at alternative careers
Occupational Therapy	emantalia	emantalia: can this go toward my shadowing hours or i have to find a therapist to shadow
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): it all depends on the particular situation of each student
Occupational Therapy	csinclair	csinclair: Off to class, thanks for the help! Where will the chat rooms' transcript be?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): emantalia, when you shadow the OT, they need to acknowledge the amount of time and the specific experiences you were able to observe. If this is possible in your setting, you can receive credit for the observation that you are doing.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): online chat transcripts will be posted on this website: http://cphs.wayne.edu/chat.php
Occupational Therapy	dw3632	dw3632: Thank you for all the help! Have a great day everyone!
Occupational Therapy	JulianneZ	JulianneZ: The plan of work status - do we just need to indicate what classes we will be taking when or do we need to show we are enrolled in the class?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AsstDeanMaryK): Hi Regina,

Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: I guess what I'm asking is specifically geared towards OT as it is the only field of choice for me. Let's say that I didn't get into the OT Masters program, can I still apply to Wayne State to work on my pre-reque's or upgrading some of my other classes? My ultimate goal is to be in school at Wayne State by the Fall.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): plan of work...just show what you are taking Winter 2011 and planning to take Spring/Summer 2011 for each semester
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): yes...you can still apply to WSU to take prereq courses.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): you would just make sure that admissions coded you pre-ot
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Even as a Canadian? A friend of my is in the Social Work program at Wayne State and said that she doesn't think that this is an option for Canadian applicants.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): Yes...I believe that you should be fine...you actually apply to the OT program as an undergraduate
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: ok fantastic!
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: In regards to the Plan of Work, how long does the letter have to be or is it mainly a short statement?
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: hi, i'm having a lot of trouble finding occupational therapists that accept volunteers. i've tried a few independent offices and Children's hospital and Henry Ford Hospital. Does anyone have any suggestions?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): A concise and clear statement indicating which courses you are enrolled in and which you plan to take in the Spring/Summer
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Did you try RIM, across from the Eugene Applebaum College on John R?

Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: no i didn't. i'll try that though. i was hoping to get a look a what occupational therapists do in a hospital setting, since that's what i want to go into, but i'll try that
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: I am also having some trouble in finding an OT to shadow to add to my hours. I have a great deal of volunteer experience as well as some one-on-one with an OT, but I find it very difficult to find an OT that works evenings and weekends, well in Canada at least:(
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: oh i thought RIM was a retirement home
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Wasoufy, Also try the St. John Medical System.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): RIM is Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. They have many sites but the one on John R is a good place to start.
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: thanks i'll look into it
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: does being on the red cross count as volunteer work?
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: I terms of our resume, are you looking for a resume that you would bring at a job interview or does the structure of this resume follow a different format?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Yes, it counts as generally experience with healthcare population. However, it will not count toward shadowing experiences required for OT.
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: i share a car with my sister and am not able to do much volunteering outside of the red cross. How much does volunteering affect a students acceptance into the OT program (general volunteering that is)

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): No particular format is required for the resume. Just make sure it includes all of the relevant information typically found in this document. Work experiences (paid and unpaid) and academic experiences should be included.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Volunteer experience is not required but it helps. Documented observation in OT settings is required.
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: if i took a class that is not a prerequisite of the OT program, does that grade affect my acceptance?
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: The the admissions office require an essay or statement to attach to our application package that explains what OT means to us and why we chose this field to pursue?
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: oops, I meant to write "DOES the admissions office...
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): wasoufy...the grade will affect your overall cummulative gpa
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): The grade may likely be included in the calculation of your overall GPA. It would not be used to calculate your GPA for program pre-reqs.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): the program specific OT application requires an essay but the University admissions application does not
Occupational Therapy	wasoufy	wasoufy: thank you for the help, i should get to class
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: And is there a structure that we have to follow for the essay (500 word...etc?) as I didn't see it in the OT Applicant checklist>
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): there is a 250 word limit on the professional statement
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): other than that there is not a specific format

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): i would probably want to cover...why are you choosing OT and why would you make a good OT
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Essay format. Well written, appropriate spelling and punctuation.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): agree...definitely check your spelling and grammar before submitting
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: When we submit all of our supporting documentation with our college application, that includes everything on our checklist right? Some Universities would like you to send in your transcripts seperately as opposed to adding it to your documents. Also do we fill out our Online College/Program Application 1st before we send out our documents?
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): yes...it helps if you have submitted the online college application before you send your stuff because we don't create an application file for you until we have the online application submitted...that way when material comes to us it goes right in your application file if we already have a submitted app file
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): you probably want to have your transcripts sent separately...so that they can be official
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(OTProfParn): Thanks Jen.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): official means that they are sent directly from one institution to another...they can not be touched by you:)
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorMike): There are five minutes left in this chat. If you have any further questions, please send them now. And be sure to log off.
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Do I have to send them seperately if they've been offically sealed by the universities I've attended?

Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): if they are officially sealed we can accept them to use for evaluation for prereq work but if you are admitted to the program...the University will not accept them as official unless then come directly from your other institution
Occupational Therapy	Suzie	Suzie: Ok great! Thank-you for everybodys help and feedback, it is greatly appreciated and extremely helpful!
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): The chat will end in 5 minutes....ask any questions you have now! Be sure to log out.
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): sorry 1 minute
Occupational Therapy	wayneadmin	wayneadmin(AdvisorJen): thank you for attending the chat... please log out