



Doctor of Occupational Therapy

A Full-time, Three-year Professional Degree Program (107 credit hours)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree or higher from regionally accredited institution prior to matriculation. COTA applicants with an associate's degree are not eligible to apply to the OTD program but can apply to our entry-level MSOT degree.
- A grade of "C" or above is required for all prerequisite courses. AP credits are not acceptable for prerequisite coursework.
- Two different letters of reference from the following: one from a licensed occupational therapist and one from an employer or an academic professor. Personal references are not acceptable. Must be submitted via OTCAS instructions.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the profession by completing a minimum of 40 shadowing hours under a licensed occupational therapist at the time of application. Exposure to multiple practice settings is encouraged.

Interviews will be held monthly September 2022 through February 2023

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- No more than 9 outstanding prerequisite credits at the time of application. Outstanding credits must be shown in OTCAS as courses "in progress" or "planned" and must be completed prior to matriculation.

SH	Course
6 (minimum)	Two sequential Human Anatomy & Physiology with labs. <i>Course content must cover human structure and function, including the musculoskeletal system and an overview of the nervous system. For all courses taken after Spring 2022, labs must be completed in person (no online labs will be accepted).</i>
3	Statistics <i>(Course content must include descriptive and inferential statistics)</i>
1	Medical Terminology <i>In class and online courses are accepted with evidence of completion (CEU courses/certificates are not accepted)</i>
3	General or Introductory Psychology
3 (minimum)	Life Span Human Development <i>(Course content covering infancy to the elderly and including physical development; students may have to take more than one course to meet this requirement)</i>
3	Abnormal Psychology
3	General or Introductory Sociology
3	Sociology or Anthropology (Intermediate or Advanced Level)

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Summer 2023 (May)

Admission Deadline

Priority Deadline – November 15, 2022

Rolling Deadline – Up to February 1, 2023
based on space availability

PREREQUISITES: Bachelor's Degree

GPA:

Minimum Cumulative & SU Prerequisite – 3.0

Preferred SU Prerequisite – 3.2

Format/Location

Hybrid with weekly on-campus classes at the Health Professions Building, Winchester, VA

Required Tests

Language Proficiency requirement must be met. TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details:

<https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students/>

Foreign Transcripts

Must be evaluated by WES per OTCAS requirements. Please visit

https://help.liasonedu.com/OTCAS_Applicant_Help_Center for more information.

How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to www.OTCAS.org.

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CAMPUS LOCATION



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DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Shenandoah University's Division of Occupational Therapy (SUDOT) offers an innovative hybrid graduate program leading to a Doctor of Occupational Therapy. At SU, hybrid education means learning occurs in three environments: online, the classroom, and the community. The majority of didactic content is delivered online through podcasts, interactive learning activities, and cutting-edge e-learning platforms. Classroom-based face-to-face experiences emphasize hands-on skill development, small group learning forums, and faculty-student/clinician-student mentoring.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE CURRICULUM

Shenandoah's Doctor of Occupational Therapy program is delivered in a hybrid format, with much of the content delivered online. Students attend classes on campus one day per week for the face-to-face portion of their courses. All fieldwork experiences are completed on non-campus days and during normal working hours. Additionally, students are expected to engage in application in their home communities as directed by faculty. Non-classroom time commitment will take at least 40 hours per week. This dynamic and demanding curriculum recommends that full-time students not engage in outside employment greater than 10 hours per week.

The learning model requires students to think critically and act professionally in independent, interpersonal and community-based problem-solving experiences. Graduates of this program enter the field as passionate, self-reflective learners, critically thinking practitioners, and professionals who understand the importance of ethics, leadership and service.

WINCHESTER CAMPUS

The Winchester Campus is housed in the Health Professions Building located on the grounds of the Winchester Medical Center. The OT facility features multimedia classrooms, plus numerous smaller classrooms and laboratories for demonstrations, problem-solving exercises, and simulations. Low student-to-faculty number enhance the personalized education. Wireless technology provides instant web access throughout the entire building, including the laboratories, conference rooms, library, and fitness area.

ACCREDITATION

Shenandoah's entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy program is currently in candidacy status. We are seeking accreditation status and have received a tentative schedule of the accreditation process through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE, is an Associated Advisory Council of the Executive Board of the American Occupational Therapy Association).



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