



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Pre-Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapists help mentally, physically, or emotionally disadvantaged individuals to develop, recover, or maintain daily living and working skills. Employment opportunities exist in hospitals, private practice, schools, and industry.

You have the vision, determination, and passion to become an occupational therapist, and you're looking for a university with a strong reputation, personal attention, and excellent research opportunities to help you gain admission to occupational therapy. Come to The University of Winnipeg for your pre-professional studies and put our small class sizes, community atmosphere, central location, and reputation for excellence to work for you.

Our campus is **located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg**—central to Winnipeg's medical library, major hospitals, research centres, and labs such as the National Microbiology Laboratory and the National Research Council's Institute for Biodiagnostics; it's a great location for studying, volunteering, research, and entertainment.

As a University of Winnipeg student, you will get to know your professors and other students because of our **small classes and community atmosphere**. Our excellent professors—including five Canada Research Chairs—are supportive and accessible, contributing to the many successes of our students.

With students at the second, third, and fourth-year levels doing research alongside some of our most innovative professors, we offer you **research opportunities** that are not available to undergraduate students at other universities. You can also gain **hands-on experience** in your area of study by working as a marker or lab demonstrator, participating in co-op programs and practicum placements, and getting involved with one of the many active student groups on campus.

YOUR EDUCATION

Years 1-3: Pre-Occupational Therapy at The University of Winnipeg

- The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for occupational therapy at the University of Manitoba or other universities across Canada.
- Each occupational therapy program has its own entrance requirements. To meet the entrance requirements for Occupational Therapy at the University of Manitoba, you will complete a **three-year (90 credit hour) degree**, including the "Pre-Professional Requirements" listed on page 2.
- You will graduate with a **Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts** degree from The University of Winnipeg. The degree you earn will depend on your course selection and interests; while there are required and recommended courses, there is no one degree or program that is required for entry to occupational therapy.

Years 4-5: Professional Studies: Occupational Therapy

- During your pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will apply for admission to occupational therapy at another university.
- Enrolment in occupational therapy programs is limited, and only qualified applicants are chosen.
- At least two more years of study are required to complete a master's degree in occupational therapy.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The School of Medical Rehabilitation at the University of Manitoba offers a two-year Professional Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy. Before entering the program, students must have completed at a minimum a degree in Arts or Science (other relevant degrees will also be considered), as well as the specified prerequisite courses.

A minimum grade point average of B (3.0) in the last 60 credit hours is required, and all prerequisite courses must have a grade of C or higher. For more information about the Occupational Therapy program at the University of Manitoba, contact the School of Medical Rehabilitation.

The courses listed below are University of Winnipeg courses that satisfy the University of Manitoba's entrance requirements for the Professional Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy:

PSYC-1000(6) Introductory Psychology
PSYC-3200(3) Developmental Psychology II: Childhood*

PSYC-3220(3) Adult Psychology
SOC-1101(6) Introduction to Sociology

One of:

BIOL-1112(6) Human Anatomy and Physiology OR
KIN-2301(3) Human Anatomy AND KIN-2204(3) Introduction to Human Physiology

One of:

STAT-1301(3) Statistical Analysis I and STAT-1302(3) Statistical Analysis II OR
STAT-1501(3) Elementary Biological Statistics I and STAT-2001(3) Elementary Biological Statistics II

* Pre-requisite PSYC-2200(3) Developmental Psychology I

Note: You must consult with the institution where you plan to complete your studies to ensure that you choose an appropriate set of courses and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your occupational therapy program of choice.

YOUR FIRST YEAR

We are committed to helping you have a smooth transition from high school to university. You will attend a First Year Survival Session and other orientation sessions to prepare you for university life and introduce you to the facilities and services you will need on campus. We recommend that you choose one of the various sections of Academic Writing to learn the essential strategies for university writing and research. Our Tutoring Centre (3rd floor of Graham Hall) offers peer tutoring to help you develop your writing skills, and in case you need it, our Learning Centre offers free tutoring in chemistry, math, and physics.

YOUR SUCCESS

The University of Winnipeg has a rich history of academic excellence, and a reputation for providing thorough preparation for professional and graduate programs at other universities. We offer the courses, supports, and challenges you will need to get in to occupational therapy and build a rewarding, successful career as an occupational therapist.

WHERE CAN I STUDY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY?

Since the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) announced in 2001 that as of 2010, a professional Master's degree will be required for entry into the profession, the 12 Canadian universities offering occupational therapy programs have been making changes to ensure that their new graduates will meet this requirement. The result is that most schools are offering a master's program in occupational therapy, with some also offering a pre-professional undergraduate degree. Explore your options at The University of Winnipeg's Career Resource Centre, rooms 1A01 and 1A02 in the first floor of Ashdown Hall, or read about the profession and the different training options online at www.caot.ca

IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND...

Courses taken as part of pre-professional studies are applicable to University of Winnipeg degree programs. If you change your mind about your studies, you may wish to consult with an Academic Advisor or an instructor from your area of interest to formulate a new study plan.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

In addition to meeting The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements, **Biology 40S**, **Chemistry 40S**, and **Physics 30S or 40S** are strongly recommended.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by March 1st. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

NOTE: Admission to The University of Winnipeg does not guarantee admission to occupational therapy. As a pre-professional student, you are responsible to research and apply for admission to your professional school of choice.

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