



**Is there a specific degree required for entry?** No, any four-year baccalaureate degree (or international equivalent) from regionally accredited institution as defined by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars is acceptable.

**What's the deadline for completing my baccalaureate degree and pre-requisite courses?** The majority of pre-requisite courses should be completed by the end of the spring term prior to entering the program. A small number of pre-requisite courses may be completed summer term before entry, but documentation of successful completion must be submitted prior to beginning the program. Acceptance into the program will be contingent upon successful completion of all pre-requisites prior to the start of the fall entry term.

**How recently must pre-requisite courses be taken?** Pre-requisite courses must be completed within the 10-year period leading up to entry to the program.

**Can I transfer in credits from another occupational therapy school?** The WOU OT program is not able to accept credits from another occupational therapy school as a substitute for required coursework.

**Are observation or service hours required for application?** You are highly encouraged to shadow occupational therapy practitioners in a variety of settings prior to application but it is not absolutely required. Observation hours may be considered during the application review process for candidates who are similarly qualified.

**When does the entry-level OTD program start?** The program starts one cohort per year in the fall term (late September).

**Is the program on semesters or terms?** Terms (generally 10 weeks of classes plus a finals week).

**How is the program structured?** We follow a cohort model so that students will start and progress through the program as a group. Once beginning the program, you will be in classes or clinical experience year-round for a total of 11-terms. The first two years will be primarily in person, predominantly at the WOU:Salem campus, while the third year will be primarily clinical experiences (Level II Fieldwork and Doctoral Capstone Experience) with some supporting online courses.

**Can I attend part-time?** At this point we are not offering part-time enrollment; however we are exploring the possibility of offering part-time enrollment at some point in the future.

**Do students get summers off?** No, the program goes year-round with regular breaks between terms.

**How big are the cohorts?** The first cohort will enroll approximately 30 students with the number gradually increasing each year until we reach a target of 40 students per cohort.