

# Admissions Information

- The Occupational Therapy program uses the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (**OTCAS**) for admissions applications.
- The Occupational Therapy program also requires a supplemental admissions application.
- Information and instructions for submitting your admissions application is available at:

**[www.OTCAS.org](http://www.OTCAS.org)**

## VISIT OUR WEBPAGE:

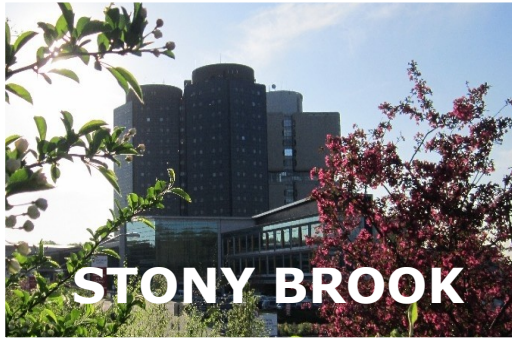
**<https://healthtechnology.stonybrookmedicine.edu/programs/otp/welcome>**

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### **Information Sessions— STONY BROOK**

Refer to our website for dates and times.

Located in the Health Sciences Center (HSC), School of Health Professions, Level 2, room 121. Please park in the Stony Brook University Hospital garage and enter through the main lobby. Use the escalators to arrive at the Level 2 destination.

### **Stony Brook University Hospital:**

100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, New York.



### **Information Sessions — SOUTHAMPTON**

Refer to our website for dates and times.

Located in the Library. The campus entrance to is located on Tuckahoe Road between Sunrise Highway and Montauk Highway.

### **Stony Brook University Southamptton:**

39 Tuckahoe Road, Southamptton, New York.



**Stony Brook**  
*School of Health Professions*

# Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy

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# An Overview

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The Occupational Therapy program is a graduate, three-year program, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)\* of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree in addition to the prerequisite coursework and must complete the Stony Brook supplemental application. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates receive a Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy Degree.

Occupational Therapy graduates will be able 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, an individual will be a registered Occupational Therapist (OTR). Most states require licensure in order to practice, however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination.

## Information Sessions

An overview of the occupational therapy program and the prerequisite requirements for admittance is presented at our information sessions. No appointment is necessary. Advisement will be provided individually as time permits so please bring a copy of your transcripts.



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# Stony Brook OT

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## Why Stony Brook's Occupational Therapy Program?

- ✓ Affordable tuition
- ✓ Individualized faculty advisement
- ✓ Wide availability of clinical sites for fieldwork
- ✓ Opportunities to collaborate with faculty in research
- ✓ High pass rate on the NBCOT exam
- ✓ Small class size
- ✓ Diverse faculty expertise
- ✓ Two campus locations

**\*Accreditation Council  
for Occupational Therapy Education  
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Occupational Therapy helps people live life to its fullest. It does this by helping people of all ages who have suffered an illness, injury or some form of debilitation relearn the skills of daily living. By focusing on the physical, psychological and social needs of its patients, OT helps people function at the highest possible level, concentrating on what's important to them to rebuild their health, independence and self-esteem.

Occupational therapists are specially trained and credentialed in the field and rely on evidence-based best practices and science-driven data to constantly improve patient outcomes. In an era where consumers want to increasingly be empowered and maximize life's potential, more and more people are recognizing the value of occupational therapy and as a result the field is expected to grow significantly over the coming years. (AOTA, 2008)

# Admissions Requirements

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## Bachelor's Degree is required, with a minimum of 3.0 overall GPA.

These credits must include:

- 20 credits of natural sciences for science majors. Courses must include labs and have been completed within the last ten years:
  - 8 credits of Biology\*
  - 4 credits of Chemistry
  - 4 credits of Physics
  - 4 credits of Anatomy\*
- \*If **Anatomy and Physiology I and II** have been taken, they will be accepted as 4 credits of BIO and 4 credits of Anatomy.*
- 6 credits of Arts and Humanities
- 9 credits of Social and Behavioral Science to include:
  - Introduction to Psychology (required)
  - Abnormal Psychology (required)
  - Intro to Sociology or Intro to Anthropology
- 3 credits of English composition or expository writing
- 3 credits of Statistics
- CPR and First Aid Certifications
- 40 hours of volunteer or work experience observing an occupational therapist in 2 different settings. All 40 hours must be documented prior to admissions interview. For example, volunteer prerequisites may be fulfilled with a combination of outpatient rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, nursing homes, or school-based, psychosocial or acute care settings: 50% of hours must be at a site other than the applicant's place of employment.
- **Arts and Humanities** courses includes music, art, literature, language (intermediate level or above), philosophy, ethics, logic, religion and theater study. Performance courses are not accepted (chorus, ballet, ceramics, photography or acting).
- **GPA** - A **minimum** 3.0 GPA with a minimum 2.8 Natural Science and a 2.8 Science GPA are required to apply. Preference is given to applicants with an overall GPA of 3.5 **AND** minimum Science and Natural Science GPAs of 3.0. Preference is also given to sciences completed at Stony Brook.