



Enrollment is limited and early application is encouraged. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the professional program. Admission is based on academic and personal qualifications considered necessary for successful, competent practice as an occupational therapist. Applications for the graduate program can be obtained through the Rockhurst University website, [www.rockhurst.edu](http://www.rockhurst.edu).

- Transfer pre-admission guarantee for students transferring to Rockhurst University to complete their undergraduate degree. Criteria are as follows:
  - Completed at least two years of undergraduate coursework.
  - Attained a cumulative and science GPA of at least 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale).
- The OTD Program utilizes a rolling admission process; i.e., qualified applicants are accepted until the class is filled.

Requirements for Admission: Applicants for the Doctorate in Occupational Therapy must show evidence of the following in order to be considered for admission:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree at an accredited university in a discipline other than occupational therapy. Typically, students apply while in the last year of their bachelor's degree with a plan to enter the graduate program upon completion of their bachelor's degree.
- Minimum cumulative, natural science, and prerequisite coursework GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. Complete prerequisite courses below.
- If you are an international student applying from a non-English-speaking country, please also submit a TOEFL score of at least 80 Internet-based test
- At least three professional references
- Personal essay - The essay should be no more than 1,000 words and addresses how the applicant's life experiences informed his or her decision to pursue occupational therapy while also demonstrating knowledge of the profession. The essay should also demonstrate knowledge of Rockhurst University's Jesuit Core Values and how they can often inform the profession of occupational therapy. This is separate from the personal statement required by OTCAS.
- Observation hours – Applicants should complete observation hours in two different OT settings for a total of 16 hours. Applicants are encouraged to visit the American Occupational Therapy Association ([AOTA](http://www.aota.org)) website at [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org) to explore OT careers and discussions of current practices.
- Completion of all materials in the online application ([otcas.org](http://otcas.org))
- Participation in a personal interview
- If the applicant has less than 15 hours of pre-requisites left to complete, elective courses will be selected from a list of approved courses to fulfill the 15 hours "in residence" minimum.

Rockhurst Prerequisite Requirements	Hrs	JCCC Equivalents	Hrs
BL 1250/1251 General Biology I/Lab	3/1	BIOL 135 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4
BL 3030/3031 Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab <i>(minimum of 4 credit hours completed within the last 5 years)</i>	3/1	BIOL 140 Human Anatomy	4
BL 3040/3041 Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab	3/1	BIOL 225 Human Physiology*	4
CT 2000 Fundamentals of Communication	3	COMS 125 Personal Communication <b>OR</b> COMS 121 Public Speaking	3 3
EN 1110 English Composition I	3	ENGL 121 Composition I*	3
EN 1120 English Composition II	3	ENGL 122 Composition II*	3
BSS 2100/BIA 2200 Statistics	3	MATH 181 Statistics*	3
PL 3100 Ethics^	3	PHIL 143 Ethics^	3
SO 1000 Intro to Sociology <b>OR</b> Anthropology course	3 3	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> ANTH 125 Cultural Anthropology	3 3
PY 2550 Abnormal Psychology	3	No equivalent	--

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^For students who transfer to Rockhurst as undergraduate students, Ethics (PHIL 143) will not fulfill Rockhurst University's philosophy requirement.

**Note:** Students planning to earn an undergraduate degree from Rockhurst University should consult the General Core Requirements sheet and the Rockhurst catalog for specific requirements for your major.

**It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.**