



## Transfer Planning Guide

### St. Ambrose University

#### Doctor of Occupational Therapy: pre-requisite courses

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#### TRANSFER FACTS

- The OTD program is a 3-year post-baccalaureate program, which includes coursework, fieldwork, and internships. All students admitted into the program must have their baccalaureate degree completed by June 1st, before their intended start in the OTD program in August.
- Students may select their baccalaureate degree of choice. The most popular majors are Psychology, Sociology, Biology, Human Performance and Fitness, Exercise Science, and Sport Management. Other majors that pair well with Occupational Therapy are Music or Art.
- Supplemental materials include documentation of 50 hours of observation with an occupational therapist, in at least two different sites (e.g., pediatrics and inpatient rehabilitation). Hours must be completed under an OTR (not a COTA). Documentation of observation hours is required on letterhead or email directly from the observing department or facility and signed by the supervising OTR.
- Applicants to the OTD program must have a prerequisite grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher at the time of application and upon enrollment in the professional program. The program is very competitive and only the top **36 applicants are admitted**.
- All pre-requisite grades must be available by the Dec. 1 application deadline (or September 15 if requesting consideration for an early admission decision). Applications are submitted online using the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) at [www.otcas.org](http://www.otcas.org).
- Students wishing to complete the Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree prior to transferring to SAU should include the OTD program prerequisite courses below within the degree. Students wishing to transfer to SAU prior to earning the AA or AS degree should refer to SAU's general education requirements.
- Students who wish to enter the OTD program are encouraged to contact the [SAU OT Department](#) at the start of their college career or earlier to obtain program information and advice on course sequence and selection.

#### Prerequisite Courses for Students Seeking Admission to SAU Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program.

See a BHC advisor to confirm eligibility to enroll in the following courses:

BHC Courses	SH	SAU Equivalent
BIOL 145	4	BIOL 230
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MATH 108	3	STAT 213
PSYC 200	3	PSYC 212
PSYC 212	3	PSYC 215
PSYC (see Note 1)	3	PSYC 300 level or above
PHIL 103	3	PHIL 207. <i>may take PHIL 310 Biomedical Ethics at SAU instead</i>
BIOL 150 or HIM 200 or competency	3	HS 250 (1 credit)

Notes: 1. PSYC 210, 230, 250 or 295 are equivalent to SAU's 300 level PSYC courses but receive lower division credit.

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