



Transfer Planning Guide to St. Ambrose University

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD): pre-requisite courses

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TRANSFER FACTS

- The OTD program is a 3-year post-baccalaureate program that combines coursework with fieldwork and internships. The program accepts up to 36 students annually. It is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Visit the OTD home page and OTD Fact Sheet [here](#) for complete admission, application, and program requirements.
- All students admitted into the program must have their baccalaureate degree completed by June 1, 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.
- All pre-requisite grades must be available by the December 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.
- Applicants to the OTD program must have a prerequisite course 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.
- Supplemental materials include documentation of 20 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).

Black Hawk Courses that fulfill the prerequisite courses to seek admission to the SAU Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program.

BHC Course	BHC Semester Hours	Transfers to SAU as:
BIOL 145 Anatomy-Physiology I	4	BIOL 230
BIOL 146 Anatomy-Physiology II	4	BIOL 232
BIOL 150 Medical Terminology, HIM 200 Adv. Medical Terminology, or competency	3	HS 250 (1 credit)
MATH 108 Statistics for General Education	3	STAT 213
PHIL 103 Ethics	3	PHIL 207. <i>may take PHIL 310 Biomedical Ethics at SAU instead</i>
PSYC 200 Human Growth and Development	3	PSYC 212
PSYC 119, 210, 230 and 250; and SOC 230, 250 and 251 are equivalent to SAU's 300-level PSYC or SOC courses but receive lower division credit.	3	Social Science 300-level or above

Many of the BHC courses above have prerequisites. Pre-requisites are satisfied through a combination of high school course work, college course work, and/or assessment testing (transcripts and assessment scores are required for documentation). Please consider your eligibility to enroll in courses by consulting the [BHC Catalog](#) or contacting a BHC educational advisor at ADVQC@bhc.edu.

Students who wish to complete an associate degree should follow BHC's [Associate in Science \(AS\) or Associate in Arts \(AA\) degree](#) (60 credits minimum). Students who plan to transfer to SAU prior to completing an associate or bachelor degree should reference the [SAU general education requirements](#). Consult with BHC and SAU advisors for course selection.

This guide is intended as a projected plan coordinated by both institutions and is not presented as a contract. While effort is made to present current information, both institutions reserve the right to make changes to admission, graduation, degree, course and supplementary information without notice. Students are responsible for confirming all guide contents.

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