

# Occupational Therapy Advising Worksheet

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ G#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status: \_\_\_ High School \_\_\_ GVSU Student \_\_\_ Prospective Student \_\_\_\_\_

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## Admission and Application Criteria

- ✓ Application deadline: **January 15<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ Substantial completion of prerequisite coursework is expected.
- ✓ Academic achievement of a minimum 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses and in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better and must be taken within five years prior to admission to the program.
- ✓ Two recommendation letters using the recommendation forms provided in the application packet, including one from a registered occupational therapist (for current full-time undergraduate students), and one from a professor, or an employer (for non-traditional students), who can comment on your study and/or work habits.
- ✓ Volunteer experience submitted on the document experience form included in the application packet for a minimum of 50 hours under the supervision of an occupational therapist. Volunteer hours must be verified by a registered and/or licensed occupational therapist.
- ✓ Completion of the achievement summary form included in the application packet, detailing accomplishments that reflect the core content and goals of each experience.
- ✓ The prerequisite completion form included in the application packet must be completed in full and submitted with application.
- ✓ International student applicants should be able to communicate well in English. The following minimal scores are expected: TOEFL 610 or computer-based TOEFL 253.

Prerequisite Courses	√	Course	Year	Grade	Credits
<b>BMS 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology <i>or</i> <b>BMS 290</b> Human Phys. (BMS 208 & 2 sem. of chemistry) and <b>BMS 208</b> Human Anatomy (BIO 120 or BMS 202) and <b>BMS 309</b> Human Anatomy Lab (B- or better in BMS 208)  <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <b>BMS 250</b> Anatomy & Physiology I and <b>BMS 251</b> Anatomy & Physiology II					
<b>BMS 427</b> Neuroanatomy (Prerequisite: BMS 309) <b>or</b> <b>PSY 431</b> Intro. To Neuropsychology (Prerequisites: see catalog) <b>or</b> <b>PSY 430</b> Physiological Psychology (Prerequisites: see catalog)					
<b>MOV 300</b> Kinesiology (BMS 202 or 208 or 250 & 251)					
<b>PSY 303</b> Psychopathology (PSY 101)					
<b>PSY 364</b> Life Span Development Psychology (PSY 101)					
<b>Elective:</b> (Choose 1) Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Public Health, or related field (200 level or higher)					

## **General Information**

Admission to the Occupational Therapy program is competitive. Admission to the program first requires completion of the Grand Valley State University graduate application, regardless of previous college attended. Completed applications and all supplementary materials should be submitted to the GVSU admissions office by **January 15** as a preference of the program. Maximum class size is 30. Admission decisions will be made in the first and second semesters of the calendar year. Candidates are expected to complete all prerequisite and undergraduate work prior to entering the program. For more information please visit the GVSU Occupational Therapy website at [www.gvsu.edu/ot](http://www.gvsu.edu/ot).

**Freshman:** High school seniors, interested in Occupational Therapy (OT) program, must submit a [Grand Valley State University undergraduate application](#). During the freshman year, these students can begin their pre-professional courses and determine a major. It should be noted that Occupational Therapy is not an undergraduate major but rather students select a major and take OT prerequisite courses during their undergraduate studies.

**Transfer Students:** Transfer students should review with their home institution academic advisor and a GVSU College of Health Professions pre-physician assistant studies advisor, the courses that will satisfy Grand Valley State University and OT prerequisite requirements. At the time of transfer, all baccalaureate degree-seeking transfer students (from community or four-year colleges) must submit a [Grand Valley State University undergraduate application](#). Upon acceptance, these students should consult immediately with an academic advisor in their major as well as a pre-occupational therapy advisor in the College of Health Professions at 616-331-3356. We strongly encourage students to transfer mid-sophomore year to ensure successful completion of Grand Valley State University's major, OT prerequisite and general education requirements.

**Non degree-seeking Students:** Students from other institutions, who only wish to complete OT prerequisite coursework at Grand Valley State University, may apply by completing the non-degree-seeking graduate application if they have a bachelor's degree or the non-degree seeking undergraduate application if they wish to take GVSU courses while in process of obtaining a bachelor's degree elsewhere. Contact the GVSU Office of Admissions at (616) 331-2025 for further information.

**Graduate Applicants:** The Graduate Application and supplementary materials for the OT program may be obtained from the Admissions Office at Grand Valley State University. Upon return of the completed [graduate application](#), the Admissions Office will mail supplementary materials including [recommendation](#) and [resume](#) forms. Students DO NOT NEED TO WAIT for the supplementary materials because these materials are available to download on line at [www.gvsu.edu/ot](http://www.gvsu.edu/ot). For first consideration for admission, the graduate application and supplementary materials must be returned to the GVSU Admissions Office by January 15<sup>th</sup> although late applications will be accepted and considered only when all admissions requirements have been met and if space is available. The incoming cohort will begin classes in August.

### **ALL application materials must be submitted to:**

Admissions Office  
Grand Valley State University  
1 Campus Drive  
Allendale, MI 49401-9403