

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

PRE-HEALTH AT K-STATE

At K-State, we do not have “pre-health” majors. Students interested in a health career will select one of the 250 majors offered at K-State and then declare their pre-health designation. As a pre-health student, you are paired with both an academic advisor, who makes sure you are completing classes to earn your degree, and a dedicated health professions advisor, who makes sure you are meeting the requirements of your professional school as well as helping you through the application process.

One of the great things about K-State not having a “pre-health” major is that students are able to select a major that is of both interest to them but will also provide them a great educational base to build on once they enter their professional school. While occupational therapy schools have no preferred major required for admission, there are majors whose coursework aligns best to fulfill the prerequisites required for admission to occupational therapy school.

Common majors: human development and family science, kinesiology, nutrition and health, integrative physiology



Personalized health
career advising



Hands-on career
preparation



Dedicated student
organizations



Above average
placement

PRE-HEALTH ADVISING

Pre-Health students have at least two advisors, an academic advisor; sometimes called a major advisor, and a pre-professional advisor; sometimes called a health professions advisor.

Major advisors help students understand what they must do to complete the requirements of their major (degree). Health professions advisors help students understand what they must do to become competitive applicants to health professional schools and programs.

WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS GO?

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE
ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
UTICA COLLEGE

START YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS NOW

Pre-Health students begin their application to professional school the first day they step onto their college campus. Becoming a competitive applicant to any health professional school is a process that builds over time. Here are some ways to get a head start while in high school:

1. Take the highest-level courses available to you, particularly in math and science.
2. Study to learn, not to memorize; work to develop critical thinking skills and effective study habits.
3. Learn about your desired health care career through shadowing, serving as a CNA or researching the profession thoroughly online.
4. Volunteer and serve your community to show your interest in helping others.
5. Broaden your knowledge base to develop an appreciation for different ways of thinking and living through reading or interacting with those who have a different background, socioeconomic status or lifestyle.



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PREPARING FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCHOOL

- Students must earn a bachelors degree prior to admission to occupational therapy (OT) school.
- There is no preferred major.
- In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, students must complete the courses required by the OT schools to which they plan to apply.
- Some schools require completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Requirements at individual OT schools vary.
- Students who complete occupational therapy school will receive a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

<u>COURSE</u>		<u>HOURS</u>
ENGL 100	Expository Writing I	3
ENGL 200	Expository Writing II	3
CLSCS 105	Medical Terminology: Latin & Greek for Scientists	3
BIOL 198	Biology I	4
BIOL 455	General Microbiology	4
BIOL 441	Human Body I	4
BIOL 442	Human Body II	4
OR		
KIN 360	Anatomy & Physiology	8
PHYS 101	The Physical World	3
PHYS 103	The Physical World Lab	1
OR		
PHYS 113	Physics I	4
PSYCH 110	General Psychology	3
PSYCH 505	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 520	Lifespan Personality Development	3
OR		
HDFS 110	Human Development	3
SOCIO 211	Intro to Sociology	3
PHILO 130	Moral Philosophy	3
OR		
PHILO 365	Medical Ethics	3
STAT 325	Intro to Statistics	3

AVAILABLE SPECIAL INTEREST COURSES

American Ethnic Studies	Death and Dying in History
Ceramics	Social History of Medicine
Jewelry Design	Survey of Music Therapy
Public Health Biology	Psychobiology
Interpersonal Communication	Human Neuropsychology
Intercultural Communication	Social Welfare as a Social Institution
Manual Communication	Wealth, Power & Privilege
Human Sexuality	Dynamics Working with Older Adults
Intro to Child Life	Spanish I or II
Gerontology	First Aid and CPR/AED
Human Nutrition	
Drama Therapy for Special Populations	

*A physics course is required by some programs.

*Some programs accept SOCIO 211 or ANTH 200 or 204.