

## pre-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Science Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a **pre-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY** program. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Science Degree requirements at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core**. Students should obtain a copy of the **Associate in Science Degree Worksheet** and should visit the IAI website at [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org) for additional information.

Occupational therapists are concerned with people's ability to perform their work, self-care, and play in a competent, self-satisfying manner. When disease, trauma, or stress interferes with performance, the occupational therapist uses various methods of mutual problem-solving, environmental modification, and adaptive devices to support and enhance performance. This program provides the foundation course work necessary for admission to an occupational therapy program. Occupational therapy programs are masters degree level programs which require two years of prerequisite course work followed by four years in an approved occupational therapy program. **Admission to occupational therapy programs is very competitive!**

### SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

*Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses*

#### TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (39-40 credits)

##### Area A: Communications ( 9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099 , C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101(3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*\*Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

##### Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts ( 9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Science Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

##### Area C: Mathematics (3-4 credits)

MATH 153 (4)	[M1 902]	Statistics (Prereq. MATH 151 with C or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 115 (3)	[M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and one year high school geometry with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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##### Area D: Physical and Life Sciences ( 9 credits)

BIOL 112 (4)	[L1 900L]	Organismal Biology (Prereq. High school biology)
CHEM 110 (5)	[P1 902L]	General Chemistry I (Prereq. MATH 095 with C or better OR placement in MATH 151 AND high school chemistry).

##### Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences ( 9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Science Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

PSYCH 101 (3)	[S6 900]	Introduction to Psychology
SOCIO 101 (3)	[S7 900]	Introduction to Sociology
Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3)	Select any Area E Social/Behav Sci Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)	

#### Pre-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS ( 22-23 credits)

*(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of courses for this major)*

Select 22-23 credits from the "suggested" course recommendations listed below:

Suggested Pre-Occupational Therapy courses often include:

- BIOL 221 (4) Human Anatomy & Physiology I (Prereq. BIOL 111 with grade of C or better; **OR** CHEM 105 with grade of C or better; **OR** high school chemistry within the past 5 years with grade of C or better)
- BIOL 222 (4) Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Prereq. BIOL 221)
- PSYCH 102 (3) Human Growth & Development: Life Span (Prereq. PSYCH 101)
- OR** ED 101 (3) Child Growth & Development (Prereq. placement into ENG 099 or above)
- PSYCH 203 (3) Abnormal Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

A course in medical terminology is often recommended

**Other suggested courses that satisfy the PSC AS degree requirements may include electives such as:**

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses\*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school(s) to which you plan to transfer.

*\*Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

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## 62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

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### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Counseling & Advising Center Room 1190 (708) 709-3506

### FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): [www.transfer.org](http://www.transfer.org)

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org)

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

### FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

American Occupational Therapy Association: [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY [OT-professional entry level master's and combined baccalaureate/master's]

9501 S King Dr., Chgo, IL 60628-1598

773-995-2366 or 3987 [www.csu.edu/](http://www.csu.edu/) e-mail: [csu-ot@csu.edu](mailto:csu-ot@csu.edu)

### GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY [OT-professional entry-level master's]

1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60466-0975

708-534-7293 [www.govst.edu](http://www.govst.edu) e-mail: [b-cada@govst.edu](mailto:b-cada@govst.edu)

### MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY [OT - professional entry-level master's]

555 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515-1235

630-515-6188 [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu) e-mail: [kbryze@midwestern.edu](mailto:kbryze@midwestern.edu)

### RUSH UNIVERSITY [OT - professional entry-level master's]

600 S. Paulina, Suite 1011, Chicago, IL 60612-3833

312-942-7100 [www.rushu.rush.edu](http://www.rushu.rush.edu) e-mail: [rush\\_admissions@rush.edu](mailto:rush_admissions@rush.edu)

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS at CHICAGO [OT - professional entry-level master's]

1919 West Taylor St, MC 811, Chicago, IL 60612-7250

312-996-7000 [www.ahs.uic.edu/occuth](http://www.ahs.uic.edu/occuth)

### AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

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