

Master of Science Occupational Therapy Frequently Asked Questions

Important Dates

When is the application deadline?	March 1st
When are applicant files reviewed?	Over the two weeks after the application deadline
If selected, when do applicant interviews take place?	March 15 - March 31
When is a decision made for admission?	by April 15th
When would my deposit be due if I am offered admission?	May 1st

Application Requirements

What are the application requirements?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Complete graduate application form. 2) Online application: no fee www.dominican.edu 3) Paper application: \$40 fee 4) Official copy of all transcripts from any and all universities or colleges attended. (Please make sure the transcripts sent, match what was listed on your application) 5) Statement of purpose which describes in 500 words or less your personal and/or professional reasons for wanting to obtain this degree. <i>The statement of purpose may be sent in separate and does not need to be included in the online application.</i> 6) 40+ hours of volunteer experience within the year of your application from a health and human services area. 20 hours MUST be in an OT setting and the remaining 20 hours can come from another area within health and human services. 7) Resume (professional or personal) <i>The resume may be sent in separate and does not need to be included in the online application.</i> 8) TWO letters of recommendation, professional or academic in nature. You may have a letter of reference from the person whom is the supervisor for your volunteer hours. Please do not use a relative or friend! Letters should be on letterhead and have contact information for the reference writer. Dominican does not require a specific form to be filled out. 9) Official copy of GRE report. Must be sent directly to Dominican University. GRE school code: 4284. OT Department Code: 0618. <i>Dominican does not have a minimum GRE score requirement.</i> 10) Minimum 3.0 GPA in pre-requisite courses and last 60 units of coursework 11) All pre-requisites complete or 'in progress'
Which parts of my application and materials are most important in determining possible admission into the MSOT program?	Your application and all supplemental materials are put into an applicant file together. This creates a 'portfolio' on an applicant and allows us to evaluate you based on several different factors. Significant factors include: GPA scores, GRE scores, professional experience and the interview.

Pre-requisite Course Information

Are there pre-requisite classes I must take in order to apply to the program?	Yes.
What are the pre-requisites?	<p>Human Anatomy (with a lab component) 4 semester units <i>Must have been completed within 5 years of program start date.</i></p> <p>Human Physiology (with a lab component) 4 semester units <i>Must have been completed within 5 years of program start date.</i></p> <p>Lifespan Development (Developmental Psychology) 3 units</p> <p>Introduction to Psychology 3 units</p> <p>Abnormal Psychology (Psychopathology) 3 units</p> <p>Descriptive Physics (Conceptual, Intro, or General) 3 units</p> <p>Three Dimensional Art 3 units</p> <p>Statistics 3 units</p> <p>Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology 3 units [recommended not required]</p>
How can I tell if the classes I took or are planning on taking will satisfy Dominican's pre-requisite requirements?	Refer to the pre-requisite course requirements guide. This guide has key information about what each course should include. This guide can be found on Dominican's OT admissions webpage.
Will a combined Anatomy/Physiology class with a lab satisfy the pre-requisites?	In order to satisfy the Human Anatomy and Human Physiology pre-requisites with a combined class, you would need to take Human Anatomy/Physiology I w/lab and then Human Anatomy/Physiology II w/lab
Can you substitute other biology classes for Human Anatomy or Physiology?	No.
Can I 'course challenge' a pre-requisite class if I am out of date on a pre-requisite?	Yes. You would need to contact the chair of the department and set up a time with a faculty member to take their final exam. You must pass that exam with a 73% or higher. There is also a fee to course challenge, contact admissions for current fees.

Application Process

What happens after I send in my application?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Application is processed and an applicant file is created in admissions. Continue to send in all applicable materials to the admissions department at Dominican University as you have them available. 2) Dominican University as you have them available. After the application deadline, the chair of the OT department will review the files in two groups: 3) in two groups: Group 1)Files that have all documents and pre-requisites complete will be reviewed first. Group 2) If cohort has not been filled from group 1, applicant files that have pre-requisites still in progress will then be considered. 5) You will be notified if you are selected for an interview. 6) Admissions decision by April 15th. 7) Deposits due May 1st if admitted.
Do I need to send in my application and all materials together?	No. You can send in any materials as you have them available to you.
Is there an interview as part of the application process?	IF selected after file review, you will be contacted by Dominican University to come to campus for an interview.
Are the interviews individual or group? How long are they?	The interviews are in a group with 2 other applicants meeting with two faculty interviewers. Interviews are about 30 minutes in length.
Do I need to be there in person for an interview or can I skype in?	It is to your advantage to make the effort to be on campus for the interview process. This gives you the opportunity to meet some of our faculty, see our facilities and make a good impression.
How do I reserve my spot in the program if I am granted admission?	If a positive admission decision is made, an applicant must place a non-refundable \$250 deposit to secure a spot. Failure to place the \$250 deposit could result in being placed on a waitlist.
Is there a waitlist? How does that work?	Yes. We do put a few applicants on the waitlist. If you are placed on the waitlist, you must pay the \$250 deposit to hold your place. IF someone decides to cancel their registration, you would be notified by the admissions office if you are moved off the waitlist and offered admission.
Is the deposit refundable if not removed from the waitlist?	No. the \$250 deposit is non-refundable.
Can I defer admission?	No.
If I have applied to the program previously but was denied, can I re-apply?	Yes
What do I need to do to re-apply?	We require that you fill out a new application when you re-apply. You must also submit any additional official transcripts if new coursework has been completed as well as any updated volunteer hour sheets (as your hours must have been completed within a year of your application). You may also re-submit any additional letters of recommendation or updated statement of purpose.
How long does Dominican hold onto transcripts if I have already submitted them but am now reapplying?	5 years

The Average Applicant's Scores

What GRE and GPA scores describe the average applicant admitted for Fall 2012?	<p>Average GPA 3.5 Average GRE Prior format: Verbal- 510 Quantitative- 590 Current format: Verbal- 155, Quantitative- 150 Analytical Writing- 4.1</p>
What is the NBCOT pass rate for a Dominican student?	In the past three years, we have had a 95% pass rate of all students who have taken the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy Exam.
Does Dominican provide any additional assistance for students to get them ready to take the NBCOT exam?	Yes. Dominican hosts a commercial prep course for the NBCOT exam during the Spring. Professors also frame questions on their tests in a similar format as the exam to assist in preparation.

International Applicants

Is the MSOT program available for international students?	<p>Yes. Besides meeting the pre-requisite coursework already outlined, please see additional requirements for international students at: http://www.dominican.edu/admissions/graduate/additional-requirements-for-international-applicants The international credentials evaluation form on the international applicants page must be filled out.</p>
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