

The Office of Counseling and Career Services

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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

JOB DESCRIPTION

Occupational Therapists work with individuals whose abilities to cope with tasks of daily living are threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, injury, illness, or disability. Occupational Therapy is based on the use of everyday activities as the means of helping people to achieve independence.

TASKS PERFORMED BY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

- ◆ Aiding the growth and development of premature babies
- ◆ Creating learning environments for physically challenged school children
- ◆ Providing activities to build self-esteem in teens recovering from drug or alcohol abuse
- ◆ Adapting home environments for people dealing with the effects of stroke
- ◆ Analyzing job task requirements for an injured worker
- ◆ Conducting research to measure the effectiveness of treatment activities
- ◆ Teaching occupational therapy skills and methods to students and other health professionals

A PARTIAL LISTING OF SCHOOLS WITH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAMS:

SUNY SCHOOLS: SUNY Downstate Medical Center; SUNY at Buffalo; SUNY Health Science Center at Stony Brook.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS: D'Youville College; Touro College; Mercy College; CUNY York College; Keuka College; Columbia University; New York University; Dominican College; The Sage College; Utica College of Syracuse University.

PREREQUISITES

DCC students should be aware that meeting prerequisites for a program does not guarantee admission, but schools typically require course work concentrating on the biological and behavioral sciences, including biology, psychology and sociology:

BIO 101 & BIO 102 BIO 109 & BIO 110 PSY 111, 203 & 201 BHS 103 OR 203

Students need to be aware of the requirements of each four-year school and that they may differ.

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (SUNY Stony Brook B.S./M.S. degree)

Liberal Arts and Sciences (L.A.X.) is the appropriate program at Dutchess for students to begin their academic preparation for Occupational Therapy. Students need to be aware that each four-year school will provide information on specific requirements and related coursework.

Here is a list of prerequisites from the SUNY Stony Brook, which requires completion of a minimum of 57 college credits for junior year entry.

<u>SEMESTER HOURS</u>	<u>SUNY COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>DCC COURSE</u>
8	2 semesters of General Biology	BIO 101 & 102
8	2 semester of General Chemistry	CHEM 121 & CHEM 122
8	2 semesters of Physics	PHY 121/122 or PHY 151/152
3	1 semester of General Psychology	PSY 111
3	1 semester of Abnormal Psychology	PSY 201
3	1 semesters of Developmental Psychology	PSY 203
3	1 semesters of English	ENG 101
6	* Arts & Humanities (Performing arts not included)	

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Certification in CPR & First aid
- A minimum of 40 hours documented experience observing an Occupational Therapist
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 with preference given to those with a GPA of 3.0 and above

A minimum of 18 additional credits of non-specified course work is also required:

ENG 102, MAT 115 or above, BHS 103, HIS 104 or HIS 108, MAT 118, SCI 100, WFE 101

* Arts & Humanities: (select two) ART 103 or PHI 203 or PHI 201; and MUS 101 or MUS 201, or MUS 202, or DAN 108 or, THE 105

***** Prerequisites as well as admissions requirements are subject to change. Students are encouraged to contact schools of interest directly for current information.**

***DCC students are encouraged to satisfy all requirements to complete an A.S. degree (additional coursework and an Associate degree can only make you a stronger candidate!)