

DIRECT ENTRY MASTER OF SCIENCE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) PATHWAY: B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

A Direct Entry opportunity to the Occupational Therapy (OT) Pathway at Le Moyne College was developed to offer early acceptance to exceptional high school students wishing to accelerate their academic and career paths to become licensed occupational therapists. Accepted students will complete a bachelor's degree in psychology and then directly enter the Master of Science Program in Occupational Therapy at Le Moyne College. Students accepted into this pathway will be invited to participate in activities with current OT students and faculty.

Application for the direct entry pathway is made during the senior year of high school and is available only to first-year students. The program is competitive and space is limited.

Eligibility Requirements for Admission into the Direct Entry Pathway

1. Minimum High School Cumulative Average = 92
2. Minimum Test Scores = SAT 1100 (Critical Reading and Math only) or ACT 21
3. Required High School Courses: Applicants must graduate from an accredited high school and must complete a minimum of 16 academic units in the following distribution:
English - 4
Foreign Language - 3
Mathematics - 3-4
Natural Science - 3-4
Social Studies - 3-4
4. 10 hours of documented (link to a form for documentation) patient contact or shadowing hours at the time of application.

Applying to the Direct Entry Pathway

The application and all required documents must be received by the Le Moyne College Office of Admission by January 15.

A completed application includes:

1. **A freshman application**
2. Official high school transcript
3. Recommendations: Applicants are required to submit one letter of recommendation from a guidance or college counselor; or two letters of recommendation from clergy, coaches, employers, teachers, etc.; and one recommendation from a supervisor who can attest to the applicant's demonstrated commitment to the occupational therapy field.
4. Official SAT or ACT score report or official TOEFL or IELTS score report required of non-native English speakers
5. Personal statement
6. Documentation of Observation Hours
7. Required interview by invitation only; invitations will be extended by February 1.

After beginning study as a first-year student in the Direct Entry OT Pathway at Le Moyne College, accepted students have a binding agreement with the institution and may not apply to other OT programs.

Continuation in the Direct Entry Pathway

In order to remain in good standing and continue the program, a participant must meet or exceed the following:

- **Overall GPA** – Must attain or exceed an overall GPA of 3.0. Two successive semesters below 3.0 or a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will constitute grounds for dismissal from the program. However, participants may be allowed to continue in their undergraduate major provided they remain in good academic standing at Le Moyne College; these students would then have the opportunity to apply to the Master of Science program in Occupational Therapy with other students who were not in the direct entry group.
- **Continuous Enrollment** – Students must maintain full-time enrollment status during the entire pathway.
- **Academic Prerequisites** - Participants must complete all requirements for a baccalaureate degree in psychology from Le Moyne College by the end of the spring semester of the fourth year of enrollment. Students must also complete the prerequisite courses for the master's program in that same timeframe and attain at least a 3.0 GPA in those courses with no grade lower than a B.

Academic Prerequisites for the Master of Science Program in Occupational Therapy

- Anatomy & Physiology 1 with lab (BSC 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I at Le Moyne) - 4 credits
- Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab (BSC 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II at Le Moyne) - 4 credits
- Neuroscience OR Brain and Behavior OR Cognition - 3 credits
- Cultural Idea and/or Civilizations (i.e. world literature, world religions, history, American studies, women's studies, sociology, anthropology) - 3 credits
- Lifespan or Human Development - 3 credits
- Abnormal Psychology - 3 credits
- Statistics - 3 credits
- Medical Terminology - 1 credit
- English composition or technical writing - 3 credits
- Humanities (i.e. ethics, philosophy, theology) - 3 credits
- **Clinical Observation Experience** - Participants must also complete an additional 30 hours of clinical observation hours or work experience under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist in multiple settings with multiple clients and submit as part of the OTCAS (Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service) application.
- **OTCAS Application** – Participants will need to file the OTCAS application in their fourth year of study by the February 15 deadline and will be responsible for the application fee.
- **Moral and Ethical Fitness** - During all phases of the program, a student must remain in good moral and ethical standing appropriate to the pursuit of a career as an occupational therapist and eventual professional licensure. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours | Free Electives (21 credits or more until total credits are at least 120 required to graduate) ⁶ | 21 |
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| Core Curriculum (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) ¹ | | | Total Credit Hours | 120 |
| COR 100 | First Year Seminars: Transitions | 3 | | |
| WRT 101 | Critical Writing | 3 | | |
| PHL 110 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 | | |
| HST 110 | World Civilization I | 3 | | |
| HST 111 | World Civilization II | 3 | | |
| ENG 210 | Major Authors | 3 | | |
| PHL 210 | Moral Philosophy | 3 | | |
| Theology (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| EAC Encountering Another Culture/Language (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| ENG 310 | Literature and Culture | 3 | | |
| Mathematics (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| Social Science (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| Natural Science (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| IDS Interdisciplinary Studies (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| Religion (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| COR 400 | Senior Studies: Transformations | 3 | | |
| VPA Visual & Performing Arts (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| DIV Diversity (http://collegecatalog.lemoyne.edu/undergraduate-information/core-curriculum) | | | | |
| Major Requirements ² | | | | |
| PSY 101 | Introductory Psychology | 3 | | |
| PSY 201 | Intro to Research Methods | 4 | | |
| PSY 220 | Human Life Span Development ³ | 3 | | |
| PSY 280 | Abnormal/Normal Psychology | 3 | | |
| PSY 330 | Cross-Cultural Psychology | 3 | | |
| PSY 340 | Brain and Behavior | 3 | | |
| PSY SEM 400 ⁴ | | 3 | | |
| PSY Electives ⁵ | | 9 | | |
| Major Support Requirements | | | | |
| MTH 110 | Introduction to Statistics I (no Computer Lab) | 3 | | |
| MTH 112 | Introduction to Statistics II | 3 | | |
| BSC 201 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 | | |
| BSC 202 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 | | |
| Electives | | | | |
| Natural Science Elective (BIO,BSC,CHM, or PHY) | | | | 4 |
| Science Electives (BIO,BSC,CHM,PSY,MTH,CSC, or MIS) | | | | 3 |

¹ Some Core requirements may or will be fulfilled by the B.S. major and major support courses.

² At least 12 credits of psychology electives must be classroom rather than experiential courses. At least one must be chosen from the following group: PSY 401-449 or PSY 499(SEM 400). At least half of the major requirements must be taken at Le Moyne College. To graduate with a B.S., a student must achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher and have at least 120 total credits. Acceptance into the OT program requires a minimum of 3.0 GPA along with additional application requirements.

³ PSY 220 may be replaced with PSY 215 and PSY 320.

⁴ Select one of the following: PSY 402-449; PSY 499 Departmental Honors in Psychology. PSY 448 Clinical Neuropsychology is recommended to fulfill the PSY SEM 400 requirement.

⁵ PSY 250 Cognition is recommended.

⁶ This must include a Medical Terminology course for at least 1 credit.