

GRADUATE STUDY IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COVID-19 APPLICATION UPDATES

As we closely monitor the evolving impact of COVID-19, we are implementing updates to the application requirements which are likely to be impacted by recommendations for social distancing and quarantines.

APPLICATION UPDATES FOR 2021-2022 APPLICATION CYCLE

Observation hours:

- While 30 hours of occupational therapy clinical observation/experience are still preferred we understand that this may be impossible for some applicants. Applicants who cannot complete face-to-face observation hours are encouraged to review and track content which demonstrates knowledge of occupational therapy. Recommended websites below can be used to better familiarize themselves with the profession.
 - Overview of OT - <https://www.aota.org/Conference-Events/OTMonth/what-is-OT.aspx>
 - What is OT - <https://www.aota.org/~media/Corporate/Files/Practice/Manage/Presentation-Resources/Brochure/What-Is-OT-brochure.pdf>
 - OT Job Outlook - <https://www.aota.org/Education-Careers/Considering-OT-Career/JobOutlook.aspx>

Letters of recommendation

- A total of three letters of recommendation are required. One recommendation from an occupational therapist is encouraged.

Interviews

- Format for interviews will be determined in the summer of 2021. Individual visits and tours can be arranged as requested.

More information about the USD OT Program can be found at www.usd.edu/ot.

The USD Department of Occupational Therapy subscribes to the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service, known as OTCAS. Applicants need to apply online using the OTCAS application, which is available at <https://otcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.

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