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 2020-2021 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 at this point. Observation hours are recommended but not required for application. Applicants who cannot complete hours are encouraged to review the websites below to better familiarize themselves with the profession.
  - Overview of OT - [https://www.aota.org/Conference-Events/OTMonth/what-is-OT.aspx](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](https://www.aota.org/~/media/Corporate/Files/Practice/Manage/Presentation-Resources/Brochure/What-Is-OT-brochure.pdf)

Pass or Satisfactory Grades
- While letter grades are still encouraged, a grade of pass or satisfactory will be accepted for spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms.

The Graduate Record Exam (General GRE – submit via code 1216)
- GRE Test at Home, [https://www.ets.org/s/cv/gre/at-home/](https://www.ets.org/s/cv/gre/at-home/), scores will be accepted. Please visit the link to determine eligibility and how to register.

Letters of recommendation
- One recommendation from an occupational therapist is encouraged but not required. A total of three letters of recommendation are still required.

Interviews
- All interviews will be conducted via Zoom. All aspects of the in-person interview will be completed via Zoom. In-person visits/tours will be arranged as requested.

More information about the USD OT Program can be found at [www.usd.edu/ot](http://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](https://otcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login).

Additional information regarding this program or general questions about application status can be directed to:
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