

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Masters in Occupational Therapy

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the application deadline?

Lenoir-Rhyne is a summer only term start. All components of the application must be submitted no later than January 31st.

Does the program require a specific test score and GPA standards for admission?

We require a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA from your undergraduate coursework and a B- or higher on all required prerequisites. The GRE is required as the standard entrance examination. We require the verbal score to be in the 40th percentile, the quantitative score to be in the 35th percentile, and an analytical writing score of a 3.5.

What prerequisites are required?

We require Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs, Statistics, Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology or a Lifespan Development Course, Cultural Diversity, and Ethics.

What are you looking for with the Cultural Diversity prerequisite?

This course should provide topics that give the student the opportunity to identify and develop awareness, complexity and sensitivity to the variations and interactions of individuals as influenced by their racial, ethnic, and cultural groupings. Students will need this background knowledge as the OT curriculum expects all OT students to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of concepts of human behavior including behavioral and social sciences, and
- demonstrate knowledge and appreciation of the role of sociocultural, socioeconomic, and diversity factors and lifestyle choices in contemporary society.

What are you looking for with the Ethics prerequisite?

This course should provide a critical examination of major ethical theories that will provide the student the opportunity to investigate significant ethical dilemmas regarding individuals and society. Students will need this background knowledge as the OT curriculum will expect all OT students to articulate the influence of social conditions and the ethical context in which humans choose and engage in occupations.

I didn't take all of the required prerequisites at my undergraduate institution. Can I take them elsewhere?

We require that your prerequisites be taken at a regionally accredited institution. It is perfectly fine to take prerequisite coursework at a different institution other than your undergraduate work, including community colleges.

To my prerequisites need to be within a certain time frame to be acceptable?

We would like for all of your prerequisite work to have been completed within 5 years of applying to the program.

I will have some prerequisites I am still taking or need to take when I apply. Is that ok?

All prerequisites must be completed before starting our program. If you are still completing coursework during the spring semester before starting the program in the summer, please indicate this on the prerequisite completion form. We will require a final transcript from the institution to demonstrate successful completion of the coursework.

What is the admission process for determining acceptance into the program?

Lenoir-Rhyne's Office of Enrollment Management will work with you to complete your admissions file. Once your file is complete, it is sent over to the School of Occupational Therapy to be reviewed. Admissions decisions will be mailed to you within 3 weeks of the application deadline.

How long does the program take to complete?

For students with a bachelor's degree choosing to complete our Masters in Science in Occupational Therapy, the program takes 2 years or 27 months.

Can I work and go to school at the same time?

The Occupational Therapy program is designed as a full time day program. Because of the rigorous nature of the program, it is strongly discouraged to maintain full time employment while completing the program.

Is the Occupational Therapy program accredited?

Lenoir-Rhyne University is accredited under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Additionally, our Occupational Therapy program is accredited through the AOTA and are recognized by NBCOT.

What type of aid can I expect as a graduate student?

Loan options are available to assist in financing the OT program. Student must file the FAFSA in order to determine loan eligibility.