

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **G#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Status:** \_\_\_ High School \_\_\_ GVSU Student \_\_\_ GVSU Alumni \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prerequisite Courses	School	Course Title/Code	Year	Grade	Credits
<b>BMS 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology and <b>BMS 208</b> Human Anatomy (GV Prereq BIO 120 or BMS 202) and <b>BMS 309</b> Human Anatomy Lab (B- or better in BMS 208) <u>OR</u> <b>BMS 208</b> Human Anatomy (GV Prereq BIO 120 or BMS 202) and <b>BMS 290</b> Human Phys.(GV Prereq BMS 208 & 2 sem. chm) and <b>BMS 309</b> Human Anatomy Lab (B- or better in BMS 208) <u>OR</u> <b>BMS 250 and 251</b> Anatomy & Physiology I & II *(see below)					
<b>BMS 427</b> Neuroanatomy (GV Prereq BMS 309) <u>OR</u> <b>PSY 431</b> Intro. Neuropsych (GV Prereq STA 215 & PSY 300) <u>OR</u> <b>PSY 430</b> Physiological Psych (GV Prereq STA 215 & PSY 300)					
<b>MOV 300</b> Kinesiology (GV Prereq BMS 202 or 208 or 250 & 251)					
<b>PSY 303</b> Psychopathology (GV Prereq PSY 101)					
<b>PSY 364</b> Life Span Development Psych. (GV Prereq PSY 101)					
<b>1 Elective in:</b> Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Public Health, <b>or</b> related field (200 level or higher)					

\*BMS 250 & 251 at GVSU are for AT and NUR majors only

**Application Requirements** ~ detailed information available on-line at: [www.gvsu.edu/ot](http://www.gvsu.edu/ot)

- GVSU Graduate Application / deadline: **January 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Substantial completion of prerequisite coursework
  - Provide a written plan detailing degree and prerequisite completion by year of admission start
- Minimum grade of “C” must be attained in all prerequisite coursework
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in prerequisites, and last 60 hours
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (except GVSU)
- Min. 50 hours of volunteer experience under the supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist
  - Document experiences on “Documentation of Experience Form”
- Completion of the Achievement Summary Form detailing accomplishments
- Two recommendations submitted electronically with the graduate application:
  - One from a registered Occupational Therapist
  - One from an academic professor who can comment on your academic performance.  
(*Non-traditional students may use an employer instead of a professor*)
- Must meet all technical standards as indicated on the OT website

*Notes:*

Visit the Occupational Therapy website at: [www.gvsu.edu/ot](http://www.gvsu.edu/ot)

## Occupational Therapy at GVSU

**Program Information** ~ For the most complete and up to date information regarding the GVSU OT Program go to the webpage, [www.gvsu.edu/ot/](http://www.gvsu.edu/ot/). Once on the home page click on **Prospective Students**. This has information about the program, the prerequisites, application process, course equivalencies, tuition/financial aid, and housing. This area has all of the forms needed for application to the program. In addition, it is recommended that interested candidates also review the other areas on the web site as it contains important information about the program and the profession of occupational therapy. In the interest of time, please consult the webpage before you contact the OT Program, as you will find the answers to many of your questions.

Many students who are admitted to the program are psychology majors. However, we have many students who have degrees in behavioral sciences, health sciences, sociology, social work, anthropology, therapeutic recreation, and kinesiology. These are all excellent degrees, which provide a solid background for occupational therapy. As long as the prerequisite courses are completed, the undergraduate degree may be in any field. We have had students with business, art, and information technology degrees, to name a few others. For a full list of majors please visit the GVSU website at: <http://catalog.gvsu.edu/> and select the tab at the top for **Majors and Programs**.

**Key Point** ~ The application deadline is January 15 of the year you will be starting the program. Applications must be received no later than January 15. You **do not** have to have your degree completed, all of the prerequisites completed or all of the 50 minimum volunteer hours with an OT completed to apply for the program. As stated above there are two phases to the admission process. The first phase includes the preliminary screening, which is done after January 15. All eligible candidates are then invited to the second phase, which consists of an individual interview with a faculty member and a community-based OT professional, a group interview activity, and a 1 ½ - hour writing exercise. This phase usually is conducted in February and March; and all candidates are notified of the admission decision in late March.

A new class enters each year in late August. The program has an admission limit of 30 students per year. This group must pass the first phase which includes grades (prerequisite GPA and last 60 hour GPA), Letters of Recommendation (two; one from a professor or employer if degree is already completed and one from an OT you have volunteered with) and the Achievement Summary Form (minimum score of 8.0). **GVSU does not require the GRE.**

At a minimum each candidate must have at least a 3.0 gpa average in the last 60 hours of coursework completed prior to the application. Additionally, each candidate must have at least a 3.0 gpa average in the prerequisite coursework with no individual course below a "C". To be most competitive for admission a candidate should have a prereq gpa in the 3.6 - 3.8 range and a last 60 hour gpa in the 3.5 - 3.7 range. It is more difficult to gain admission to the program with a last 60 hour gpa and prereq gpa between 3.0 -3.2. Grades account for approximately 27% of the total consideration for admission to the program. The GVSU admissions process looks at multiple factors besides grades for admission as outlined earlier.

If you have any further questions or you would like to schedule an appointment with an Academic Advisor please call the College of Health Professions Student Services Office at **616-331-5900** or visit us online at: [www.gvsu.edu/chpss](http://www.gvsu.edu/chpss)

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