

OT Program Information for Prospective Students

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Definition of OT: Occupational therapy is skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all facets of their lives. It gives people the “skills of the job of living” necessary for independent and satisfying lives. Occupational therapy practitioners are skilled professionals whose education includes the study of human growth and development with specific emphasis on the social, emotional, and physiological effects of illness and injury. www.aota.org	LR’s OT Curriculum: To practice as an occupational therapist, one must obtain a master’s degree in O.T. The Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy includes a curriculum sequence of 2 summer and 2 academic years (24 months). Total graduate credit hours equal 63.
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Two faculty searches in process – Hickory and Columbia

LR’s School of Occupational Therapy received a Certificate of Accreditation for a period of 7 years from academic year 2018/2019 to 2025/2026 by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), mailing address: 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449; 301-652-AOTA; <https://acoteonline.org/>.

The LR School of Occupational Therapy sponsors one OT program with two cohorts located in Hickory, NC and Columbia, SC. The program vision, mission, curriculum, and student learning outcomes are identical for both sites, incorporating strategic use of interactive video networking for dynamic learning to promote achievement of student learning outcomes between cohorts. Full-time faculty on both campuses are licensed occupational therapists.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be eligible for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination. To practice as an occupational therapist, one must obtain a master’s degree in O.T. and pass the national certification examination given by NBCOT.

To inquire into student loans and alternate loans, contact Financial Aid Director, Courtney Thompson-Ballard at (828)328-7182 or at courtney.thompson@lr.edu.

To schedule a visit, please contact Emily Heaberlin, Director of Graduate Admission, at (828) 328-7731 or at emily.heaberlin@lr.edu.

Alumni Advantage: If you are an LR graduate, you may be eligible for a discount toward your tuition. Visit <https://www.lr.edu/admission/undergraduate/financial-aid/alumni-advantage> for further details.

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LR's OT curriculum is **24 MONTHS** long including **63 CREDIT HOURS**. The matriculating cohort of **2022 (Class of 2024)** will begin classes on **AUGUST 22, 2022**. (ACOTE approved 12.15.21)

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Year One	Minimester 1: OCC 506 Applied Body Structure and Function (3) <i>MM1</i> OCC 506L Applied Body Structure and Function Lab (1) <i>MM1</i> OCC 503 Applied Principles of OT (3) <i>MM1</i> OCC 503L Applied Principles of OT Lab (1) <i>MM1</i> Credit hours=8 Minimester 2: OCC 504 Physical Rehabilitation (3) <i>MM2</i> OCC 504L Physical Rehabilitation Lab (1) <i>MM2</i> OCC 514 Mental Health (3) <i>MM2</i> OCC 514L Mental Health Lab (1) <i>MM2</i> Credit hours=8	Minimester 1: OCC 521 Advanced OT Adults (3) <i>MM1</i> OCC 521L Advanced OT Adults Lab (1) <i>MM1</i> OCC 524 Pediatrics (3) <i>MM1</i> OCC 524L Pediatrics Lab (1) <i>MM1</i> Credit hours=8 Minimester 2: OCC 534 Gerontology (3) <i>MM2</i> OCC 534L Gerontology Lab (1) <i>MM2</i> OCC 525 Advanced OT Pediatrics Practice (3) <i>MM2</i> OCC 525L Advanced OT Pediatrics Lab (1) <i>MM2</i> Credit hours=8	OCC 540 Level IA (1) OCC 541 Level IB (1) OCC 542 Level IC (1) Credit hours=3 Level I fieldworks are completed during the first summer following the first academic year. These clinical experiences will include areas of physical disabilities, mental health, geriatrics and/or pediatrics. All students will participate in a minimum of 120 hours of Level I Fieldwork during their occupational therapy education.
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Year Two	Minimester 1: OCC 604 Applied OT Process (2) <i>MM1</i> OCC 505 Health Systems (2) <i>MM1</i> OCC 569 Professional Practice (2) <i>MM1</i> OCC 650 Research I(Methods) (2) <i>MM1</i> Credit hours=8 Minimester 2: OCC 571 FWIIA (3) <i>last 12 weeks of the semester</i> Credit hours=3	Minimester 2: OCC 633 Admin/Prog Devel (3) <i>MM1</i> OCC 651 Research 2 (Applied) (2) <i>MM1</i> OCC 602 Grand Rounds <i>MM1</i> (3) Credit hours=8 Minimester 2: OCC 692 Leadership (2) <i>MM2</i> OCC 691 Professional Reasoning (2) <i>MM2</i> OCC 653 Research 3 (2) (Scholarly Contributions) <i>MM2</i> Credit hours=6	OCC672 FW11B (3) Level II fieldwork is composed of two 12-week, full-time clinical rotations for a required total of 24 weeks of Level II Fieldwork experience. Credit hours=3 This curriculum sequence is subject to change. Revised 11/15/21
	11	14	3

Occupational Therapy Clinical Fieldwork

All OT students are required to complete three Level I and two Level II fieldwork rotations in order to graduate and be eligible to take the National Board Examination. During the student's Level II Fieldwork, s/he may be placed in a site that is not within commuting distance of his/her residence. Very few sites provide free housing. Fieldwork sites can sometimes provide the student information or possible temporary housing. It is the sole responsibility of the student to arrange for their housing prior to the commencement of their FW II experience. Students must budget for related transportation and living expenses for fieldwork experiences as Level II fieldworks can occur anywhere in the United States.

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MINIMAL CRITERIA FOR OT APPLICATION REVIEW:

Completion of ALL of the following is required for review by the Program's Admission Committee:

1. Lenoir-Rhyne University will take applications for the OT program's 2022 cohort (Class of 2024) through the Centralized Application Service for Occupational Therapy programs (OTCAS). The application window opens in July 2021 and closes on January 15, 2022. All applications must be verified by the closing date. *Per OTCAS: Once all required application materials are received, your application's status changes to Complete and your application is placed in line to be verified. Verifications occur in chronological order and on average take two weeks to complete. Prospective students should visit the OTCAS Applicant Help Center within OTCAS to familiarize themselves with the application.
2. Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, prior to matriculation
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
4. Completion of all the prerequisite coursework with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
5. Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of **B-** or better:
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs
 - Intro Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Statistics (includes Intro to Statistics)
 - Sociology (includes Intro to Sociology) OR Anthropology (includes Intro to Anthropology)
 - Medical Terminology

Note: Prerequisite course completion must be within 5 years of application date unless waived following approval of prerequisite course waiver form. **

6. Submit three letters of reference. One letter of reference must come from a practicing OTR. Other letters of reference must come from an OT, employer, supervisor or professor.
7. Essay (Reflective Statement): Submit a reflective statement (between 750 and 1000 words) in addition to the required general OTCAS essay, to convey your understanding of the Occupational Therapy profession. Using your observational/shadowing experiences and knowledge of OT as a foundation, respond to the following questions:
 - a. Why OT? What did you learn about OT through your experiences? How do you define OT? What personal attributes make you a good fit for OT?
 - b. What is evidenced-based practice? How did you see it applied in service delivery? Why is it important for OT practice?
 - c. How do you maintain your positive well-being in times of stress?
 - d. What kinds of experiences have you had with people of cultural and diverse backgrounds different than your own that will prepare you for working with clients?
 - e. How would you encourage clients and honor their uniqueness when providing OT services?
8. National Background Check:
 - a. Candidates for admission must satisfy a background check before enrolling in summer courses.
 - b. Applicants convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as an occupational therapist. For information regarding eligibility, contact appropriate credentialing boards (i.e. NBCOT). Fieldwork education sites may not permit participation in the clinical experience. Serious consideration by the candidate must occur prior to application and matriculation.
9. Priority consideration given to applicants who attend an OT Visit Day or OT Information Session (in person or virtually).
10. Priority consideration given to LR undergraduates who meet admission criteria.
11. Although an interview may not be required, all applicants must be available to interview upon request.
12. Recommend minimum 40 hours of observational hours.

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Estimate of Costs while in OT School 2022-2024 (Subject to change)

Overall

University & Tuition Fees

These are available from Enrollment Management and are updated each year

Deposit (counts toward tuition)	\$970.00
Tuition fees (970*62)	\$60,140.00
CastleBranch Background Check	\$62.00
	\$59,912.00

Fall 1

AOTA Membership	\$75.00
Books	\$600.00
Supplies for courses	\$80.00
*TYPHON Fee (one-time fee)	\$90.00
*CPR (FW required) may be scheduled on campus	\$45.00
*Liability Ins. (FW required)	\$86.00
*TB Test (FW required) 2 step	\$60.00
*Name Badge (FW required) we will order for you	\$7.00
Replacement Name Badge (if needed)	\$14.00
SOTA Membership	\$10.00
	\$1067.00

Spring 1

Books	\$600.00
Printing of Research & Evidence Based Practice Poster	\$35.00
	\$635.00

2nd Summer

CastleBranch Background Check & Drug Screening (if FW requires update)	\$95.00
	\$95.00

Fall 2

Books	\$366.00
NBCOT Practice Test (OCC 602 required)	\$30.00
Liability Ins. (FW required)	\$38.00
AOTA Membership	\$75.00
SOTA Membership	\$10.00
	\$519.00

Spring 2

Books	\$380.00
NBCOT Practice Test (OCC 691 required)	\$30.00
Printing T&A Poster	\$35.00
Cap, Gown & Hood (Grad. Hooding ceremony in May only)	\$90.00
	\$535.00

3rd Summer

CastleBranch Background check (if FW requires update)	\$62.00
	\$62.00

Post-Graduation

IER Study Course (optional)	\$215.00
Certification Exam Online Application Fee (NBCOT)	\$515.00
State Reporting Fee with Application	\$50.00
	\$780.00

	\$63,605.00
Remove University Tuition & Fees:	\$59,912.00
Misc. expenses total to:	\$3,693.00

* MUST PURCHASE 1ST WEEK OF CLASS

Note: Tuition costs updated annually through Enrollment Management