SRU has an excellent Occupational Therapy (OT) program

At SRU, you can earn your Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD). This entry-level program offers a unique curriculum, practical hands-on experience, faculty-student research groups and leadership and advocacy opportunities. To learn more about the SRU OTD program, visit: www.sru.edu/OT

SRU provides outstanding undergraduate preparation for OTD school

- Earn a bachelor’s degree with any major in a specific discipline
- Excellent reputation in sciences and health sciences
- Faculty who get to know and interact with their students
- Classes taught by faculty ONLY
- Advisors who partner with students to plan for graduate studies and careers
- Practical, hands-on education
- Modern classrooms and laboratories

Before you begin SRU’s OTD program, you must complete the pre-requisite courses including:

- Anatomy and Physiology I & II / Labs
- Elements of Physics I/ Lab or Biomechanics
- Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Sociology or Anthropology Course
- Research Methods
- Medical Terminology

SRU has options for Pre-OT

At SRU, we have strong undergraduate majors that will provide you with excellent preparation for OTD school. You can select any undergraduate major that matches your interests. SRU offers both traditional and accelerated options:

Traditional
Complete the requirements for your chosen major and the pre-requisites for the SRU OTD program and apply to the SRU OTD program in your senior year.

Accelerated 3+3
Earn a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree at SRU in six years rather than seven. In the first three years, you complete your undergraduate major courses and pre-requisites for the SRU OTD program. During your third undergraduate year, you apply for admission into the SRU OTD program. If accepted, your first year in the SRU OTD program meets the remaining requirements for your undergraduate degree. If not accepted, you continue to complete your undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program. The accelerated option is for incoming freshmen only.

These majors provide an accelerated option:

- Psychology
- Public Health
- Exercise Science
- Health Care Administration and Management
- Recreational Therapy
Accelerated Options

**Exercise Science** – This major provides a strong science base including anatomy, exercise physiology, and biomechanics, which then allows students to apply this knowledge while working with “real” people using exercise as medicine. Students develop expertise in utilizing the newest technologies and hands-on learning experiences under the careful supervision of a student-centered faculty. The SRU Exercise Science Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP), (http://www.caahep.org).

**Health Care Administration and Management** – This major provides knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders within the health care industry. There is a greater demand than ever for medical practitioners with administration and management skills. Students take courses to develop expertise in health care quality and continuous improvement, health care legal and regulatory environment, managed care and insurance, information systems, financial management, and learn to lead others in a professional health care setting.

**Psychology** – This major provides a base of scientific knowledge and skills for understanding human behavior and functioning. Students learn foundations of psychological processes, including interpersonal, developmental, cognitive, emotional, and neurobiological, which prepare students for careers focused on promoting well-being and addressing psychological problems.

**Public Health** – This major provides a broad-based health curriculum with a focus on keeping the population healthy. Students take courses in the five core areas of study: health behavior, biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, and health administration.

**Recreational Therapy** – This major provides a clinical approach to preparing students to work as recreational therapists in a variety of healthcare and human service settings. Direct experiences working with individuals with disabilities are embedded into a majority of recreational therapy courses. The SRU Recreational Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), (http://www.caahep.org). At the completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the national certification exam (www.nctrc.org).

How many SRU students get accepted to the OTD program?

The SRU OTD program admits 30 students per year, and of those 30, does not limit the number of highly qualified applicants it will accept from SRU undergraduate programs.

What can I do in high school to prepare?

You could take courses in biology, anatomy and physiology, physics, psychology and statistics. While you are highly encouraged to take advanced placement courses in these areas to enhance learning opportunities, you will have to take these courses as an undergraduate at SRU.

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