

Slippery Rock University

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Frequently Asked Questions

Application FAQs

When can I apply?

Applications will be accepted from July 18, 2019 to January 15, 2020 for the cohort that begins in June 2020. We admit students on a rolling admission basis for the upcoming class. Once all of the seats in the cohort are filled, successful applicants will only have the waitlist option. We encourage students to apply as soon as the cycle opens. To apply, complete the [OTCAS \(Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service\)](#) application.

I am not earning my degree until spring. Can I apply to the OT program before I graduate?

Yes, you can apply to SRU's OT Program before you graduate. The OT program can offer you a contingency seat prior to you earning a bachelor degree. If you do not successfully complete all prerequisite and admission requirements prior to the start of the program, you will automatically forfeit your contingency seat in the program.

Will you review my application before it is complete?

We are happy to answer specific questions, but unfortunately, we are not able to review applications due to the high volume of applicants. Only applications that are complete and verified by OTCAS will be reviewed for admission. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify receipt of all application materials or to inquire about the status of their application.

Does the program require any standardized test?

No, GRE scores or other standardized test scores are not required.

Admission Requirement FAQs

Do I have to complete all prerequisite courses before I can apply?

No, not all prerequisite courses need to be complete before you apply. You can apply to SRU's OT Program with outstanding prerequisite courses. The OT program can offer contingency seats in the program even if you have not completed all pre-requisite courses. There will be a place on the application to indicate your plan to complete prerequisite courses. If you do not successfully complete all prerequisite requirements prior to the start of the OT program, you will automatically forfeit your contingency seat in the OT program.

I took prerequisite courses at a community college. Will you accept these credits?

Yes, you may take your prerequisite courses at any university or college, including a community college. We do not accept on-line courses for Anatomy & Physiology I & II and Physics/Biomechanics/Kinesiology and AP or IB courses used to fulfill the prerequisite requirements will not be accepted.

If I repeated a course, which grade will be considered for GPA calculations?

If a student takes a course more than once, all of the grades for that course will be averaged together.

Will the OT Program require CPR training?

Yes, CPR training is required prior to beginning fieldwork. The program arranges a training to occur prior to fieldwork and it typically costs \$30.

Program FAQs**How many seats are available in the Occupational Therapy Program at Slippery Rock University?**

There are 30 seats in the cohort each year.

If admitted, can I defer my admission?

No, a student cannot defer their admission to the following year if admitted. Due to the nature of the program and the applicant pool, we cannot hold seats.

Can I work while attending the OT program?

It is recommended that students do not work or work only minimal hours while enrolled in the OT Program. If a student chooses to work while enrolled, the work schedule/load must not interfere with class performance, attendance or clinical rotation schedules.

Is the SRU Occupational Therapy Program accredited?

The accreditation process occurs in three-steps. We are finished with steps one and two and the third and final step of accreditation will occur in 2020. This will involve submission of a lengthy self-study report to ACOTE (Spring 2020) followed by an onsite visit from two of ACOTE's accreditation surveyors (Fall 2020). Successful achievement of all three steps in the accreditation process will lead the program to earn *full-accreditation* that will allow graduates from the first class to sit for the certification exam and apply for an OT license(s). Information regarding the program accreditation process and Slippery Rock University's current status can be obtained by contacting ACOTE c/o AOTA at 301-652-AOTA or online at www.acoteonline.org. ACOTE is located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20812-3449.

SRU FAQs**Where are classes in the OT program taught?**

Classes for the OT program are taught at the PA/OT facility in Harrisville, PA. You are welcome to visit during an upcoming [Open House](#).

Is housing available on campus?

Yes, there are options for on-campus and off-campus housing. On campus housing information is available [here](#). The Student Government Association provides [resources](#) for students looking for housing off-campus.