Entry-Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree
Proposed Admission Requirements

I. Application via OTCAS: Information to include but not limited to the following:
   A. Demographic information
   B. Government-issued photo identification validating minimum age of 18 by start of first OTD semester
   C. Personal statement (essay)
   D. Experiences and achievements
   E. Licenses and certifications as applicable
   F. Minimum of bachelor degree or higher conferred by a regionally-accredited institution and completed by the start of the first OTD semester with minimum 3.20 cumulative undergraduate GPA
   G. Official transcript(s) from regionally-accredited institution(s) that shows grades earned in pre-requisite courses
   H. Three letters of recommendation as specified in OTCAS (OTCAS identifies recommendations as Evaluations)
   I. GRE
       - Taken within past five years
       - Writing section score: 3.5 or higher
       - Competitive score on verbal and quantitative sections
   J. Two separate observation or work experiences under direct supervision of a licensed occupational therapy practitioner who has no personal connection to applicant: minimum of 20 hours each at a different type of setting and each with a different population. Supervisors are to complete and submit this form: Verification and Recommendation of Observation or Work Experience in Occupational Therapy Clinic or Work Setting
   K. Three to 3-½ minute self-recorded video responding to three questions:
       - How do you describe yourself?
       - Tell of a time you overcame a challenge and how you did it.
       - Describe one achievement of which you are proud and tell the reason.
   L. Confirmation of review, understanding, and willingness and ability to meet the Department of Occupational Therapy’s Essential Functions for Coursework and Fieldwork with or without accommodations
   M. Documentation on record prior to first semester of OTD Program:
       - Immunizations including measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, varicella (chicken pox), TB test
       - FBI/BCI criminal history record check with no FBI convictions on file
       - CPR certification
       - Student health insurance
       - Documentation of drug-screen per request

II. Pre-requisite course requirements
   A. All courses completed within past 10 years; past 5 years preferred
   B. Minimum grade of B on four-point scale (note, B- is unacceptable)
   C. All pre-requisite coursework earned at regionally-accredited institution(s)*
   D. Courses taken for Advanced Placement (AP) credit are accepted for pre-requisite courses if said courses appear on an official transcript from the degree-awarding institution
   E. Transfer credit accepted by the degree-awarding institution is preferred from regionally accredited baccalaureate degree-granting institutions*
   F. Science lab pre-requisites: traditional course delivery preferred to online.
   G. Anatomy & Physiology: Cadaver lab preferred
   H. No more than two prerequisites incomplete prior to the application deadline.

*Prior determination of equivalency is recommended using the Transfer Equivalency System (TES) through Xavier University.
Pre-requisite Course Requirements

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<td>Statistics (3 cr hr); through Math or Psychology department recommended</td>
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III. Application and Acceptance Process
Application deadline is October 1 during Fall semester immediately preceding the first OTD semester. For accepted students, one course will begin in Summer Session II followed by a full course load in Fall semester. Acceptance into the capped cohort is planned for December prior to the Summer course. Offers of acceptance will be determined by the following: 1). Applications will be reviewed, scored, and rank-ordered; 2). Top candidates will be offered acceptance; 3). Wait-list of remaining applicants who meet criteria listed in rank order, offered acceptance as slots are available until admission close; 4). Applicants whose total admission scores fall below the annually adjusted-predetermined score for placement on a waitlist still receive a letter stating they will not be placed on a waitlist. Note: For students entering Xavier University as freshman, up to fifty percent of slots will be held for those who qualify to apply via a “Direct Admit Pathway.”

IV. Additional Program requirements upon acceptance include but are not limited to the following:
A. The first course in Summer is online and asynchronous. It requires use of a Xavier supported computer and operating system. See Xavier’s Technical Requirements for Online Courses to ensure adequate preparation. Also required is a working knowledge of an online classroom management system, i.e., Blackboard or Canvas, the latter the system used by Xavier.
B. To participate in the required Total Immersion Diversity Experience (TIDE) Fieldwork experience students must have a valid passport, or the ability to obtain a valid passport for travel. For non-US passport holders, students may need to obtain a visa for travel outside the US. Contact the CIE, GSC 230 or studyabroad@xavier.edu with questions around this requirement.
C. Documentation of annual updates without lapse throughout program duration:
   a). TB test and seasonal influenza;
   b). History and physical exam;
   c). FBI/BCI criminal history record check with no FBI convictions on file;
   d). CPR certification;
   e). HIPAA and Universal Precautions/Blood Borne Pathogen training;
   f). Liability insurance through Xavier University;
   g). Student health insurance;
   h). Membership in OOTA and AOTA
D. OTD program continuation including but not limited to the following:
   a). A minimum grade of B in all courses (B- is unacceptable);
   b). Semester and cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
   c). Ethical behavior commensurate of a future health care provider;
   d). Meet Department of Occupational Therapy’s Essential Functions for Coursework and Fieldwork

Note: Graduates of the Program will be eligible to sit for the National Certification Examination for the Occupational Therapist, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the graduate will be an occupational therapist, registered (OTR). In addition, most states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain State Licensure.

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Approved by Xavier University. Pending further approval by the following entities:
Ohio Department of Higher Education, Higher Learning Commission, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education