

Curriculum Change Form

Part I

(Check one)	Department Name	Occupational Therapy	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Course (Parts II, IV)	College	Health Sciences	
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (Parts II, IV)	*Course Prefix & Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid Course ("S," "W")	*Course Title (30 characters)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Dropped (Part II)	*Program Title	Occupational Therapy	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Program (Part III)		(Major ____, Option __X__; Minor ____, or Certificate __)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Revision (Part III)	*Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspended (Part III)			
Proposal Approved by:	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
Departmental Committee	12/2/09	Graduate Council*	3/2/09
<i>Is this a SACS Substantive Change?</i>	Yes**** <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council on Academic Affairs	03/19/09
College Curriculum Committee	2/18/09	Approved x Disapproved	
General Education Committee*	NA	Faculty Senate**	
Teacher Education Committee*	NA	Board of Regents**	
		Council on Postsecondary Edu.***	

*If Applicable (Type NA if not applicable.)
 **Approval needed for new, revised, or suspended programs
 ***Approval/Posting needed for new degree program or certificate program
 ****If "yes", SACS must be notified before implementation. Please contact EKU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)

A. 1. Specific action requested: Change the *Graduate Catalog* description of the admission process for option 2

A. 2. Effective date: Fall 2009

A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students: (if applicable)

B. The justification for this action: The interest in the Option 2 program has increased substantially over the past two years. The department now finds itself in a difficult position as we are unable to accommodate all persons who are interested in taking the transition year classes and subsequently applying to the Master of Science Program in OT. In order to address this issue, the faculty has decided to modify the application process for persons interested in the Option 2 program and provide a more structured admission process.

C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows:

Personnel Impact: NA

Operating Expenses Impact: NA

Equipment/Physical Facility Needs: NA

Library Resources: NA

Part III. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Suspended Program**DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION The Department of Occupational Therapy offers the Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. This program allows the opportunity for professional and post-professional study. The program is designed to allow students three routes of entry: (Option 1) the individual with a baccalaureate degree in occupational science, (Option 2) the individual with a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than occupational science or occupational therapy, or (Option 3) the individual with a baccalaureate degree or post-baccalaureate certificate from an accredited occupational therapy program.

The graduates of the Master of Science degree program in Occupational Therapy will demonstrate the ability to:

- (1) Design, provide and analyze evidence-based occupational therapy services that engage people in occupation to support their participation in context.
- (2) Collaborate with others to promote the health and well-being of diverse persons and communities.
- (3) Contribute to occupational therapy practice, education and research through the ethical application of reasoning abilities.
- (4) Reflect the profession's values, principles and beliefs in carrying out professional responsibilities.
- (5) Inform, negotiate, advocate, and consult with diverse persons, disciplines, and communities to facilitate and promote health

II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Bachelors degree in Occupational Science (Option 1) or other baccalaureate degree (Option 2).
- 2 "C" or better in all prerequisite coursework.
- 3 3.0 GPA on the most recent 60 hours of coursework (program prerequisites not included in the most recent 60 hours will be added in the calculation of GPA) or a 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA (all hours attempted in the semester in which the 60th hour occurs will be counted) determined by February 1/program application deadline.
- 4 GRE combined score (verbal and quantitative reasoning) of at least 750 and a minimum score of 3.0 on the analytical writing score.
- 5 Three letters of recommendation.

Selection Criteria — Students will be admitted on a competitive basis using a weighted matrix.

OPTION 1

Specific Criteria — Students with a baccalaureate degree in occupational science should apply to the Graduate School by February 1 of their senior year for admission into the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy.

OPTION 2

Specific Criteria — An undergraduate degree in a discipline other than occupational science or occupational therapy and course work in Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Psychology, and Statistics. Students may be requested to submit a course description of prerequisite course work with the application.

~~Students must successfully complete all required prerequisite course work with a "C" or better prior to beginning the Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Students interested in completing the transition prerequisites course work must contact the Occupational Therapy Department by May 1st to assure a place in the program for fall. Students enter the transition prerequisite course work once a year as an undergraduate student. Option 2 students will apply to the Graduate School for the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy by February 1st of the transition course work year.~~

Students accepted into the Option 2 program are required to take a year of transition courses prior to beginning Master of Science course work. The deadline for applications for the Option 2 program is May 1st. Students who are accepted into the Option 2 program must be enrolled in Fall semester transition year courses by July 1st and may continue on into the Master of Science program after completing the transition year courses, if they maintain a GPA of 3.0, complete all prerequisite courses with a "C" or better and are accepted by the Graduate School. Students will apply to the Graduate School during the transition year of course work.

Transition Prerequisite Year Course Work — The following undergraduate courses are completed as undergraduate: BIO 271, 371, OTS 362, 402, 422, 430, 478, and 499. ~~Students will apply to the Graduate School during the transition year of course work. If admitted to the MS program, S~~students will complete the curriculum requirements presented in Option 1.

OPTION 3

Specific Criteria — An undergraduate degree or postbaccalaureate certificate from an accredited occupational therapy program. Students with a baccalaureate degree or a certificate in occupational therapy may apply at any time.

Certification in occupational therapy is considered equivalent to the core professional courses (OTS 820, 822, 830, 832).