TUN Occupational Therapy Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am interested in pursuing a degree in occupational therapy. How do I determine which option is best to gain entry into the program?
Applicants have four options to select when applying for admission into the occupational therapy program. Applicants are recommended to review the options found on our website and determine which one of those will be best suited to you in applying into the OT program.

2. What is the duration of the OT degree program?
The occupational therapy curriculum is comprised of six semesters over a two-year period including six months of full-time field work experience. Students are not recommended to hold employment while enrolled in the OT program.

3. When do classes start for the program?
The program begins July of every year.

4. How many applications do you receive per year?
Annually, the OT program receives more than 350 applications.

5. Do all of my pre-requisite courses need to be completed before I can submit my primary application?
Yes. In order to be eligible for admission, all pre-requisite courses should reflect in your OTCAS primary application as complete. Students who are currently enrolled in one or two pre-requisite courses will be considered on a case-by-case for eligibility.

6. I’ve submitted my OTCAS application but have not heard anything from the admissions office. When can I expect to be notified about the status of my application?
OTCAS takes about 4 to 6 weeks to validate verified applications. TUN will not process any application until it has been verified by OTCAS. Applicants are encouraged to contact OTCAS to confirm the status of their application.

7. I submitted my supplemental application and all supporting documents. When can I expect to be notified of an interview?
After we receive all your supplemental application materials, your application will be submitted to the OT Admissions Committee for review. The OT Admissions Committee will determine which applicants will be invited for a campus interview. Please keep in mind submission of the supplemental application materials does not guarantee an
interview for the OT program. The Office of Admissions will contact you via email if you are selected.

Students who are selected for an interview must compete for the 34 slots available in the OT program.

8. When will applicant interviews be conducted?
The OT program will interview candidates from November to March. Please be advised that the interview spots are on a first-come, first-basis. The selection of interview slots is determined by the OT Admissions Committee. Students are required to attend the on-campus interview as part of the admissions process.

9. How many students do you interview?
Approximately 100 applicants will be invited for a campus interview. Applicants selected will be contacted by email to schedule their campus interview.

10. When will I learn about my admission status?
The Admissions Committee will provide decisions on applicants at regular intervals throughout the interview process. Applicants will be notified when they can obtain their final decision at the day of their campus interview. Accepted students will be required to submit a deposit of $500 within two weeks of notification of their admission status. Deposits will be applied to the first semester bill.

11. Does the program operate on a rolling admission?
Yes. All students are encouraged to apply early as the program operates on a rolling admission.

12. Is a GRE score required for admission into the OT program?
No, the GRE score is not required for admission into the OT program.

13. Do all my volunteer hours need to be completed prior to applying?
Yes. All the volunteer requirements need to be completed prior to applying and should be reflected in your OTCAS primary application.

14. I am wondering if there is a pre-approved list of places to volunteer or if we can choose where we would like to go. I have several places in mind and want to be sure before I start the process.
The Office of Admissions does not provide recommendations on where you should obtain your volunteer experience. Students are encouraged to contact the volunteer setting directly to inquire about a potential volunteer opportunity. Some settings where
volunteer opportunities may be available include large research hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, private pediatric OT clinics, hand clinics, and school systems.

15. Would I be able to request a transcript evaluation by the school?
Applicants into the Occupational Therapy program are encouraged to submit their official transcripts through OTCAS for official evaluation. All the pre-requisite courses are listed on the website and applicants are encouraged to determine eligibility based on the information posted. The Admissions Counselor will provide you with recommendations and answer your questions about appropriate coursework and which selection to choose for entry into the OT program. However, evaluations will not be conducted by the institution and/or admissions staff.

16. I am a Foreign Graduate and/or took courses outside of the United States. Can I apply to the OT program?
As long as the applicant is a United States Citizen or Permanent Resident, the applicant can submit foreign transcripts as part of their application into the OT program. Students who attended foreign institutions must apply directly to OTCAS and must have their foreign transcript be evaluated to determine United States educational credit and/or degree equivalency. We recommend this evaluation be performed by World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org. The evaluation of the foreign transcript must be sent to OTCAS prior to completing the OTCAS application.

17. Who should write my letters of recommendation?
The program requires two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must come from a practicing Occupational Therapist Registered/Licensed. The second letter of recommendation should come from a professor or supervisor. Letters of recommendation must include the contact information of the recommender.

18. Is it necessary to be a Nevada resident to apply to your program?
No, students are accepted from throughout the United States. Our tuition is the same whether you are an in-state or out-of-state student.

19. What housing is available to me?
There is no on campus housing but we provide all of our incoming students with a list of apartment communities that are close to the university.

20. What should I add to the personal statement on the OTCAS?
Applicants should reflect on their desire to become an occupational therapist and include specific examples leading toward the decision for the profession.