About Occupational Therapy:

Occupational Therapy is a challenging profession whose focus is helping patients regain independence following debilitating diseases, trauma, strokes, heart attacks, and other physical ailments. Occupational Therapists help patients regain the skills to get on with the job of living. The field of Occupational Therapy includes the following additional services:

- Retrain patient in personal care skills.
- Evaluation of work place and home environments to aid the patient.
- Evaluation and recommendation of adaptive equipment for patient.
- Training patients and families in the use of adaptive equipment
- Counseling patients and their families.

Occupational Therapy Degrees:

Kansas currently has only one school that provides training for licensing in Occupational Therapy. The University of Kansas School of Medicine (KUMC) in Kansas City offers the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program. To be licensed, students must complete the national exam for occupational therapists after finishing the MOT. KUMC also offers a Master of Science in OT and a PhD program in OT. These are graduate degrees that involves research in Occupational Therapy.

ESU does not have a degree in OT. Students seeking to enter the KUMC MOT program must complete 90 hrs of required and general education courses prior to starting the program. The MOT program is three years and after the first year, students will have earned a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy and then after the next two years, students earn the MOT. ESU can provide the basic 90 hours of courses towards entry into KUMC. Students applying to KUMC will enter as a degree-seeking student for a Bachelor of Science-Master of Occupational Therapy combination degree. A candidate for entry into the MOT degree will need to (1) achieved a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the pre-requisite 90 hours of classes, (2) have 6 semester hours of classes numbered 300 and above, (3) documentation for 40 hours of volunteer work or paid work involving direct contact with special needs patients, (4) interview a practicing OT or complete an Introduction to OT course, (5) successful completion of an on-site pre-admission interview and writing sample at KUMC, (6) CPR/First aid certification (American Red Cross or American Heart Association) and (7) criminal background check.

Other sources of information

American Occupational Therapy Association
4720 Montgomery Lane
PO Box 31220
Bethesda, MD 20824-1220
http://www.aota.org

KU Occupational Therapy
Robinson Bldg. Room 3033
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160
http://www.kumc.edu/
**OT Pre-requisite classes available at ESU**

GB140-141 Principles of Biology with lab 4 hrs
ZO362-363 Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab 5 hrs
EG101 Composition I 3 hrs
EG102 Composition II 3 hrs
SP101 Public Speaking 3 hrs
OR
SP 100 Interpersonal Communications 3 hrs
PY100 Introductory Psychology 3 hrs
PY427 Abnormal Psychology 3 hrs
PY211 Developmental Psychology 3 hrs
SO101 Introduction to Sociology 3 hrs
OR
AN 201 Cultural Anthropology 3 hrs
MA110 College Algebra (or higher math course) 3 hrs
PY520 Statistics 3 hrs
PI301 Ethics 3 hrs
HL155 First aid (or Am. Red Cross or AHA certification) 1-2 hrs

**Restricted choices**
Additional courses in psychology, sociology, family studies, special education or multicultural focus 9 hrs

**General electives for OT** (to bring total to 90 hrs, no grades lower than a C-)
ZO214-215 Biology of Animals and Lab 4 hrs
PE362 Kinesiology 3 hrs
RE540 Sign Language I 3 hrs
RE541 Sign Language II 3 hrs
SP110 Spanish I 5 hrs
ZO515-516 Vertebrate Structure & Development and Lab 5 hrs
ZO570 Mammalian Physiology 3 hrs
ZO540-541 Neurobiology and Lab 5 hrs
PH140-141 College Physics I and Lab 5 hrs
PH143-144 College Physics II and Lab 5 hrs
RE681 Family Issues in Rehabilitation 1 hr
RE695 Employment Issues in Rehabilitation 3 hrs
RE291 Survey of Disabling Conditions 3 hrs
RE301 Rehabilitation Research and Report Writing 1 hr
AT800 Art Therapy Foundations 3 hrs
IS113 Introduction to Microcomputer Applications 3 hrs
SO261 Marriage and Family 3 hrs
SO350 Adult Development and Aging 3 hrs

Additional biology or physiology course, professional/technical writing, sociology or psychology courses dealing with family issues, art courses, multicultural courses, humanities, foreign languages (Spanish suggested).

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