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**USA MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
**Mobile, Alabama**

**APPLICATION TO USA MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

The USA Department of Occupational Therapy offers a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (USA OT) degree that prepares graduates for professional practice. They are seeking applicants who have a strong academic record and scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), as well as documented observation hours. Thirty-six (36) students matriculate into the USA OT each August.

Students apply July – December in the year prior to their planned start date. Applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, minimum GRE total (verbal + quantitative) of 290, and minimum 3.0 GRE analytical writing score. Students must complete a bachelor's degree by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the admission year. The application process is completed electronically through the Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service (OTCAS). Students must also complete a Supplemental Application to submit to the Department of Occupational Therapy. The Supplemental Application can be downloaded from the Department of Occupational Therapy w

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### **GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE)**

In addition to maintaining a strong GPA, completing required coursework, and observing a registered occupational therapist, students will need to take the GRE. Students should plan on taking the GRE during the third year. The GRE is composed of three sections: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing. The Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning sections are each scored on 130-170 scales in one-point increments. The Analytical Writing section is scored on a 0-6 scale in half-point increments.

### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST CENTRALIZED APPLICATION SERVICE**

All applicants must apply to the Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Services (OTCAS). Applications are available each July. Students must enter all coursework and observation hours into OTCAS for verification. Students must also send all transcripts and GRE scores to OTCAS. Students are encouraged to begin the process early. Applications are not complete unless they are verified by OTCAS by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Acceptance to the USA OT is based on academic ability and aptitude for a career as an occupational therapist. A limited number of applicants are invited to interview with the occupational therapy faculty and clinicians from the community.

### **PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM**