ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE

PRE-PROFESSIONAL (OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY)

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	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
First Year	•NPD 1000: Dialogue I	4	•Fine Arts Option	2
	•Foreign Language 1010 Option	4	•Foreign Language 1020 Option	4
	•#BIOL 1250: Introduction to Human Anatomy	4	•Personal Development Option	2
	•BTS 1850: Introduction to the Bible	4	#PSYC 1000: Introduction to Psychology	4
			#BIOL 1260: Introduction to Cell Biology	4
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	**16**	**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS**	**16**
Second Year	•Culture and Society Option (#BSE 2211)	4	•NPD 2000: Dialogue II	4
	•#STAT 1490: Introductory Statistics	4	•Biblical Studies Option	4
	•#CHEM 1150: Introductory Chemistry I	4	#BIOL Elective with laboratory	4
	#PSYC 2700: Human Life Span Development	4	Major Option	4
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	**16**	**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS**	**16**
Third Year	•NPD 3000: Dialogue III	4	#PSYC 3600: Abnormal Psychology	4
	#PSYC 3200: Personality	4	#BIOL 2930: Advanced Human Physiology	4
	Major Option	4	Major Option	4
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	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	**16**	**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS**	**16**
Four Year	#BIOL 2100: Medical Terminology	2	#CSIS 1010: Introduction to Personal Computing & the Internet	4
	#Internship in Occupational Therapy	4		
	Major Option	4	Major Option	4
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			Major Option	4
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	**14**	**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS**	**16**

• Course meets a general education requirement.

Course meets prerequisite for the occupational therapy clinical program.

Occupational Therapy generally demands a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy as the minimal professional degree. North Park University offers a pre-occupational therapy concentration that prepares students for entry into clinical master's degree programs in Occupational Therapy. Students may select any major [Biology and Psychology are the two majors most commonly selected by pre-OT students]; in addition to meeting the major requirements and general education requirements, students should complete the courses listed in the pre-OT program. The pre-occupational therapy program meets the prerequisite requirements of most clinical master's degree programs in Occupational Therapy, however students are urged to investigate programs that they are interested in to determine specific requirements for these programs. Entrance into clinical programs is competitive and selective. Acceptance to North Park or into a particular undergraduate major does not guarantee acceptance into any clinical program. Students must make separate application to clinical programs, usually late in their junior year. The application must include evidence that the student has completed all prerequisites, has obtained appropriate letters of recommendation, taken the GRE test, and has had experience in the clinical field [students are strongly encouraged to complete an occupational therapy internship during their study at North Park], and attained an acceptable GPA.

A student who desires to pursue Occupational Therapy should contact Dr. Linda Vick, Professor of Biology, for further information regarding Occupational Therapy early in their educational career.

Through affiliation with the Program in Occupational Therapy of the School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, a student can earn both a baccalaureate degree from North Park University and a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Washington University. This cooperative education program is a 5 year program. Students spend three years in residence at North Park, followed by two years in residence at Washington University. This is an especially focused and concentrated program that is suited for highly motivated, well-prepared, and academically strong students. Students who choose this program should plan to complete a biology major. Because this program requires a rigid academic program with no room for elective courses, any student interested in the 3/2 program should meet with Dr. Linda Vick early in their first semester at North Park.

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Graduation Requirement:

120 semester hours, minimum

General Education Requirements:

44 semester hours

- ☐ The North Park Dialogue (12)
  - ☐ Dialogue I (4)
  - ☐ Dialogue II (4)
  - ☐ Dialogue III (4)
- ☐ Culture and Society (4) Met by BSE 2211 requirement option
- ☐ Personal Development (2)
- ☐ Biblical Studies (8)
  - ☐ BTS 1850 (4)
  - ☐ BTS option (4)
- ☐ Foreign Language (8)
  - ☐ 1010 Level (4)
  - ☐ 1020 Level (4)
- ☐ Mathematics (4) Met by STAT 1490 requirement
- ☐ Fine Arts (2)
- ☐ Natural Science (4)
  - ☐ Biology (2) Met by BIOL 1250 requirement
  - ☐ Chemistry/Physics (2) Met by CHEM 1150 requirement

See General Education checklist for specific courses that will fulfill each requirement. http://www.northpark.edu/generaleducation

Some general education courses may meet course requirements for your major.

Pre-Professional Requirements: (Occupational Therapy)

***Required Semester Hours*: 64 semester hours, minimum**

***Required Core Courses*:**

- ☐ BIOL 1250: Introduction to Human Anatomy (4)
- ☐ BIOL 1260: Introduction to Cell Biology (4)
- ☐ BIOL 2930: Advanced Human Physiology (4)
- ☐ BIOL class with laboratory (4)
- ☐ BSE 2211: Principles of Microeconomics (4)
- ☐ CHEM 1150: Introductory Chemistry I (4)
- ☐ CSIS 1010: Introduction to Personal Computing & the Internet (4)
- ☐ Internship in Occupational Therapy
- ☐ Medical Terminology (BIOL 2100 topics or independent study) (4)
- ☐ Philosophy class (4) •
- ☐ PHYS 1210: Introductory Physics I (4) •
- ☐ PSYC 1000: Introductory Psychology (4)
- ☐ PSYC 2700: Human Life Span Development (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3200: Personality (4)
- ☐ PSYC 4100: Abnormal Psychology (4)
- ☐ STAT 1490: Introductory Statistics (4)

One of the following

- ☐ POGO 1600: American Government (4) •
- ☐ BSE 2211: Principles of Macroeconomics (4) •

• Not on class schedule grid

It is possible that summer school courses would need to be taken to complete the prerequisites and the general education requirements before entering the clinical program.

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Recommended majors are:

- Biology
- Psychology
- Constructed Major

Additional Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Total of 120 semester hours, minimum. Additional courses may need to be taken to meet this requirement.
- ☐ Grade Point Average for a North Park University Bachelors degree
  - ☐ Overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00
  - ☐ Cumulative grade point average in major of 2.00
- ☐ A Grade Point Average of at least a 3.0 is recommended to be a competitive applicant in the for entrance into a Masters of Science in occupational therapy program.
- ☐ Last 30 semester hours must be taken at North Park
- ☐ Acceptance into a major.

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