



(Anticipated admission requirements for the Professional Phase of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate will be communicated upon approval of program candidacy. For the latest information on accreditation, kindly [visit this link](#).)

Admission Requirements:

1. **Admission into the 3+3 Entry-Level Doctorate Program in Occupational Therapy:** Successful applicants will have met all of the following criteria. Admission to the program is competitive within the criteria below, and space is limited. Upon admission, a student will be in the Exercise Science-Occupational Therapy Track (OT Preprofessional Phase). Progression to the Professional and Advanced Professional Phase is guaranteed if the student meets the progression criteria.
Requirements for admission are:
 - **Test Score Requirements:**
Test Optional but encouraged. Recommended to have received a Composite SAT score (critical reading and math) minimum of 1050 **OR** Composite ACT score of 22 (with a minimum sub score of 22 each in English and Reading)
 - Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.2 or better.
 - Class rank is at least top half, if ranked.
 - Successful completion of at least a 500-word essay that addresses all of the following:
 - a) why you are choosing to major in occupational therapy.
 - b) why you are interested in the occupational therapy program at King's College.
 - c) other information you wish to share which assist the committee in understanding you as a person.
 - Documentation of 5-10 shadowing hours with a registered occupational therapist or a certified occupational therapy assistant. If shadowing is not available, you must complete a free online program offered by King's prior to classes starting. Applications can be reviewed/accepted for admission if documentation is pending.
 - A minimum of two letters of reference. At least one from a previous teacher is highly recommended.
 - A formal interview with an occupational therapy faculty member is not required; however, meeting with a representative of the occupational therapy faculty is recommended at one point in the admissions process.
2. **Admission into the Post Baccalaureate Entry Level Doctoral Program in Occupational Therapy:**
A limited number of competitive openings may exist depending on space availability to enter in 3-year doctorate program post-baccalaureate from an accredited institution. Successful applicants will have met all of the following. Admission to the program is competitive within the criteria below, and space is limited.
Requirements for admission are:
 - **Test Score Requirements:** None
 - Minimum cumulative GPA from bachelor's degree of 3.0 or better.
 - Successful completion of at least a 500-word essay that addresses all of the following:
 - a) why you are choosing to major in occupational therapy.
 - b) why you are interested in the occupational therapy program at King's College.
 - c) other information you wish to share which assist the committee in understanding you as a person.

- Documentation of 5-10 shadowing hours with a registered occupational therapist or a certified occupational therapy assistant. If shadowing is not available, you must complete a free online program offered by King's prior to classes starting. Applications can be reviewed/accepted for admission if documentation is pending.
- A minimum of two letters of reference. At least one from a previous college professor is highly recommended.
- A formal interview with an occupational therapy faculty member is not required; however, meeting with a representative of the occupational therapy faculty is highly recommended at one point in the admissions process.
- Required to have attained a bachelor's degree. Prerequisite classes required within the last seven years with a C- or better:
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II (6 credits)
 - Physics (3 credits)
 - Statistics (3 credits)
 - Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
 - English Composition (3 credits)
 - Psychopathology (3 credits)
 - Sociology (3 credits)
 - Lifespan Human Development (at least 3 credits, suggest 6 credits). The Lifespan Human Development requirement is met by either:
 - Taking a one human development, psychology that covers the entire lifespan of human development from birth to death.
 - OR
 - Completing both a child development course and a adult/gerontology/psychology of aging course.

Graduation Requirements:

Faculty advisers will assist students in planning and implementing the plan of study for the OTD program; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of students to understand and complete this program.

Graduation from the entry-level OTD program is based on student fulfillment of satisfactory grade point average, satisfactory professional conduct, successful completion of fieldwork, and successful completion of the 2-part Doctoral Capstone. Specific graduation requirements include:

1. Successful completion of all didactic and level I fieldwork course credits before progression to level II fieldwork.
2. Successful completion of all coursework and full-time level II fieldwork (24 weeks), and preparatory activities (as defined by ACOTE standard D.1.3) before progression to the 14-week Doctoral Capstone Experience.
3. Successful completion of the 2-part Doctoral Capstone (capstone project and capstone experience). Students are allowed a maximum of 2 total attempts to complete Level II Fieldwork. Students have a maximum time frame of 4 years from date of matriculation to complete the didactic, fieldwork, and doctoral experiential components of the program.

Course Sequence: Entry, Progression, and Completion Criteria

A. Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program Pre-Professional Phase

1. King's Undergraduate Phase Pre-Professional Phase Entry Criteria

Students are accepted into the Pre-Professional Phase of the 3+3 OTD Program by being accepted at King's College into the Exercise Science- Occupational Therapy Track with a minor in Neuroscience and Psychology. There are no other requirements.

Progression and Completion Criteria

1. Pre-Professional Phase (Undergraduate year 1-3 requirements)

- A. Students must meet with their academic advisor at least once per semester. It is the responsibility of the student to complete this meeting.
- B. At the **completion of undergraduate Year 3**, a student's cumulative GPA will be calculated and reviewed.
 - Students must receive a grade of C- or better in any OT or prerequisite courses required or will need to repeat the course.

- Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.8 will receive a letter that they ***WILL NOT be able to progress*** into the Professional Phase of the OT program until they have a cumulative GPA of ***at least a 2.8***. Students will also be counseled by their academic advisor as to other majors or options if the GPA, or pre-requisite course(s), do not meet the progression criteria

B. OTD Program Professional Phase

Professional Phase OTD Year 1 Entry Criteria-

- A. ***Post Baccalaureate Professional Phase Entry Criteria*** Students will be admitted directly into the professional phase after acceptance into the OTD program. Completion of a baccalaureate degree and all prerequisites prior to entering King's College Professional Phase of the OTD is required.
- B. ***3+3 OTD*** Students must have completed the pre-professional phase and all prerequisites with a C- or better and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 to begin the Professional Phase.
- C. All students must be in good Professional Behaviors standing to continue into this phase.

Progression and Completion Criteria

- A. Students must meet with their academic advisor at least once per semester. It is the responsibility of the student to complete this meeting.
- B. All students entering the 1st year of the professional Phase must have an overall GPA of 2.8. At the **completion of the FALL semester of OTD Year 1** a student's cumulative GPA will be calculated and reviewed.
 - i. Students must receive a grade of C- or better in any OT or pre-req course or be required to repeat and grade replace the course. No more than 2 OT courses can be grade replaced for the entirety of the OT program.
 - ii. Cumulative GPA below 2.9 will receive a probation letter and be counseled by their academic advisor. No more than 2 probations for the entirety of the OT program will be allowed.
 - iii. Students must be in good Professional Behaviors standing to progress to the Advanced Professional Phase.
 - iv. **A student with a cumulative GPA below 2.9 be placed on probation. No more than 2 probations in total will be allowed for the entirety of the OT program.**
 1. Students on probation will need to attain a 2.9 GPA within the next semester or they will be dismissed for the OT program.
 2. If the probationary semester results in a GPA increase to 2.9 or better, the student will be removed from probationary status.
 3. Two consecutive probations will not be allowed, and the student will be dismissed from the OT Program.
 4. After a second probationary semester, the student must attain a 2.9 overall GPA or be dismissed from the OT program.
 - v. If dismissal or voluntary change of major occurs, the student is encouraged to remain at King's College and choose one of the following options:
 1. Undergraduate King's Students: Remain in the Exercise Science major and complete the four-year bachelor's degree and pursue employment or graduate studies.
 2. All Students: Apply to the MSAT Program (two-year graduate component). Students must meet all MSAT Program entrance criteria for admission.
www.kings.edu/applyMSAT
 3. Select another major with the assistance of their academic advisor, the Office of Academic Advisement, and the Office of Career Planning and Placement.
- C. At the **completion of the SPRING semester of OTD Year 1** a student's cumulative GPA will be calculated and reviewed.
 - i. Students must receive a grade of C- or better in any OT or pre req course or be required to repeat and grade replace the course. No more than 2 OT courses can be grade replaced for the entirety of the OT program.

- ii. Cumulative GPA below 3.0 will receive a probation letter and be counseled by their academic advisor. No more than 2 probations for the entirety of the OT program will be allowed.
- iii. Students must be in good Professional Behavior standing to progress to the Advanced Professional Phase.
- iv. **A student with a cumulative GPA below 3.0 be placed on Probation. No more than 2 probations in total will be allowed for the entirety of the OT program.**
 - 1. Students on probation will need to attain a 3.0 GPA within the next semester or they will be dismissed from the OT program.
 - 2. If the probationary semester results in a GPA increase to 3.0 or better, the student will be removed from probationary status.
 - 3. Two consecutive probations will not be allowed.
 - 4. After a second probationary semester, the student must attain a 3.0 overall GPA or be dismissed from the OT program.
- v. If dismissal or voluntary change of major occurs, the student is encouraged to remain at King's College and choose one of the following options:
 - 1. Undergraduate King's Students: Complete the four-year bachelor's degree and pursue employment or graduate studies.
 - 2. All Students: Apply to the MSAT Program (two-year graduate component). Students must meet all MSAT Program entrance criteria for admission.
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 - 3. Select another major with the assistance of their academic advisor, the Office of Academic Advisement, and the Office of Career Planning and Placement.

C. OTD Program Advanced Professional Phase

1. Advanced Professional Phase OTD Year 2 and 3 Entry Criteria (All Students)-

- A. Students must have completed the professional phase with a C- or better in all courses and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 to begin the Advanced Professional Phase.
- B. Students must be in good Professional Behavior standing to continue into this phase.

2. Progression and Completion Criteria

- A. Students must meet with their academic advisor at least once per semester. It is the responsibility of the student to complete this meeting.
- B. All students entering years 2 and 3 of the Advanced Professional Phase must have an overall GPA of 3.0.
- C. At the **completion of OTD Year 2 and every semester thereafter** a student's cumulative GPA will be calculated and reviewed.
 - i. Students must receive a grade of C- or better in any OT or pre req course or be required to repeat and grade replace the course. No more than 2 OT courses can be grade replaced for the entirety of the OT program.
 - ii. Cumulative GPA below 3.0 will receive a probation letter and be counseled by their academic advisor. No more than 2 probations for the entirety of the OT program will be allowed.
- iii. Students must be in good Professional Behavior standing
- iv. **A student with a cumulative GPA and below 3.0 be placed on Probation. No more than 2 probations in total will be allowed for the entirety of the OT program.**
 - 1. Students on probation will need to attain a 3.0 GPA within the next semester or they will be dismissed from the OT program.
 - 2. If the probationary semester results in a GPA increase to 3.0 or better, the student will be removed from probationary status.
 - 3. Two consecutive probations will not be allowed.
 - 4. After a second probationary semester, the student must attain a 3.0 overall GPA or be dismissed from the OT program.
- v. If dismissal or voluntary change of major occurs, the student is encouraged to remain at King's College and choose one of the following options:

1. All Students: Apply to the MSAT Program (two-year graduate component). Students must meet all MSAT Program entrance criteria for admission.
www.kings.edu/applyMSAT
 2. Select another major with the assistance of their academic advisor, the Office of Academic Advisement, and the Office of Career Planning and Placement.
- D. Students must complete Level II fieldwork successfully before moving on to the 14-week Doctoral Experience. Level II fieldwork must be successfully completed with no more than 2 total attempts.
- E. Students must successfully complete the 2-part Doctoral Capstone in order to graduate with the OTD degree. No more than 2 attempts at the capstone experience will be allowed.

A student who has not completed *ALL* these requirements will not be able to graduate and will not be allowed to remain in the OT Program