

**Where does my path start?**

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

**Use the AA -DTA Degree Planning Guide, with this sheet, to understand the requirements for graduation.**

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn Bachelor of Arts or Science degree. Occupational Therapy is a post baccalaureate, graduate level professional program leading to a Master’s degree. Students must complete graduate course work, supervised, clinical fieldwork and be licensed in the state to practice. Provided students meet program prerequisites, they are encouraged to major in any liberal arts degree of interest. For more information:

<http://www.shoreline.edu/science/prehealth/>

<http://prehealthblog.shoreline.edu>

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**What is Occupational Therapy?**

Occupational Therapy helps people with injuries, illness or disabilities to live better, fuller and productive lives. Occupational Therapists analyze and assess human movement, neurological development, performance, motivation and human environments to develop therapeutic goals and treatment plans for individuals. They often specialize in working with children and adolescents or in the fields of geriatrics, mental health, disabilities and/or physical rehabilitation.

**Areas of study in Occupational Therapy:** Neuroscience, Kinesiology, Exercise Physiology, Physical and Industrial Rehabilitation, Human Behavior, Therapeutic Communication, Performance Analysis, Mental Health Care, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Community Based Health Care, Leadership and Management, Health Care Policy, Professional and Medical Ethics.

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**Where can I go for help?**

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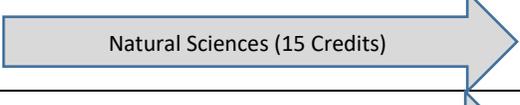
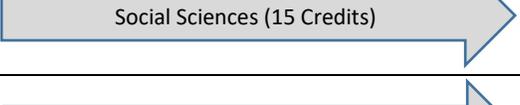
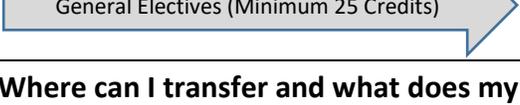
**What can I do with a Master’s Degree in Occupational Therapy?**

Occupational Therapists develop strong critical thinking, assessment, problem solving, communication and technical skills that can be applied to a number of health care settings. Occupational Therapists provide direct patient care, conduct research, develop health care policies, teach, promote wellness, and provide leadership in the health care field.

**Potential employers include:** Hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, mental health facilities, nursing homes, home health care, colleges and universities, government agencies, non-profit organizations, business, industry and private practice. For more, please visit career information and resources at <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

## Occupational Therapy – Major Preparation Sheet —2017–2018

### What courses should I take?\*

 <p>General Education Requirements (20 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Required:</b> ENGL&amp; 101; ENGL&amp; 102; One course in Multicultural Understanding; One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning</p> <p><b>Strongly Recommended:</b> MATH&amp; 146 (Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning)</p>
 <p>Humanities (15 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Strongly Recommended:</b> CMST&amp; 220; World language if required for university admission or graduation.</p>
 <p>Natural Sciences (15 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Strongly Recommended:</b> CHEM&amp; 121 or CHEM 171/181; BIOL&amp; 211, 241, 242</p>
 <p>Social Sciences (15 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Strongly Recommended:</b> PSYC&amp; 200, 220, SOC&amp; 110 or ANTH&amp; 206</p>
 <p>General Electives (Minimum 25 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Recommended:</b> HIIM 134, PSYC&amp; 100, 206, 208; take courses that apply toward an academic major for your bachelor degree</p>

### Where can I transfer and what does my chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. While completing the Bachelor degree in a major of your choice, continue to take remaining prerequisite courses and pursue health care and other experiences to become a strong candidate. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.) For more information contact The American Occupational Therapy Association at [www.aota.org/](http://www.aota.org/)

School	Transfer Information	School	Transfer Information
<a href="#">Eastern Washington University</a>	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/gqpzhnq">http://tinyurl.com/gqpzhnq</a>	<a href="#">University of Washington - Seattle</a>	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/hm3uecl">http://tinyurl.com/hm3uecl</a>
<a href="#">University of Puget Sound</a>	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/h7yqx8s">http://tinyurl.com/h7yqx8s</a>		

**\*\* This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**