

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Pre-professional pathway | Health Professions Advising

PREPARE FOR A CAREER AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Occupational therapy combines science, problem-solving, communication, and hands-on care to help people participate in the activities that matter most in daily life. At Chadron State College, Pre-Occupational Therapy helps students build a strong academic foundation while preparing for advanced study in occupational therapy.

With employment for occupational therapists projected to grow 15 percent nationwide from 2025 to 2035, the field offers strong opportunities for students interested in helping people build independence and participate more fully in everyday life. Occupational therapy may be a good fit for those who are compassionate, patient, creative problem-solvers, strong communicators, and comfortable working closely with people of all ages and abilities.

FAST FACTS

Program Type

Pre-professional pathway

Degree

Complete a CSC bachelor's degree in a major that fits your goals

Why CSC?

Personalized faculty advising and mentoring

Real-World Connections

Connect with health professionals, rehabilitation settings, and rural communities

Next Step

Apply to Chadron State College

WHERE THIS PATHWAY CAN LEAD

CAREERS

Occupational Therapist
Pediatric Occupational Therapist
Hand Therapy Specialist
Geriatric Occupational Therapist
Mental Health Occupational Therapist
School-Based Occupational Therapist

WHERE YOU COULD WORK

Hospitals and medical centers
Rehabilitation facilities
Outpatient clinics
Schools and pediatric settings
Long-term care facilities
Community and home health settings

YOUR CSC EXPERIENCE

Personalized faculty advising
Health professions events
Health Professions Club
Mentoring and peer connections
Professional-school exploration
Rural health experiences

RURAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

For eligible rural Nebraska students, RHOP offers an Occupational Therapy pathway from Chadron State College to UNMC. Students complete four years at CSC followed by three years at UNMC in Omaha or Kearney. Benefits may include full tuition at CSC, early acceptance to the applicable UNMC program upon successful completion of RHOP requirements, faculty advising, professional development, sponsored visits, and meeting entrance requirements.

PLAN YOUR PATH WITH A FACULTY ADVISOR

No single course plan fits every future occupational therapy student. Professional programs establish their own prerequisite courses, admission standards, application requirements, and timelines, and these requirements may change.

Your CSC faculty advisors can help you choose a major that supports your goals, understand prerequisite requirements, explore opportunities, and prepare for your next steps.

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