

HOW DO I BECOME AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?

1. Complete a four-year (Honours) undergraduate degree.

Seneca Program: [Any Honours degree](#)

To explore how your Seneca diploma may pathway into a degree, please review the [Degree Transfer Guide](#).

2. Complete a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy.
 - o Complete a minimum of 1000 hours of supervised field-work experience or clinical practicum as part of the education program.
3. Receive licensure from the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) and the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario (COTO).
 - o Pass the National Occupational Therapy Certification Exam (NOTCE)
 - o Complete Suitability to Practice questions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER'S DEGREE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Requirements vary by institution. Common requirements:

- > Four-year (Honours) undergraduate degree.
- > GPA of 3.3 (B+ or 77%) or higher *Note: Minimum GPA requirements vary, and most applicants have GPAs that are significantly higher than the minimum.*
- > Reference letters / Confidential Assessment Forms.
- > Statement of Interest / Statement of Intent / Personal Essay.
- > Resume/ Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- > Admissions Interview.
- > Casper Test.

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

NOTES

- > There is a maximum of three attempts for the National Occupational Therapy Certification Exam. After three failed attempts you are no longer eligible to write the exam.

Note: Based on Ontario requirements.

If you have more questions, book an appointment with a Pathways Advisor:

<https://seneca.mywconline.com>

This tip sheet aims to ensure accuracy; however, it is your responsibility to confirm all requirements.

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