This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a pre-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY program. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Science Degree requirements at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core. Students should obtain a copy of the Associate in Science Degree Worksheet and should visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for additional information.

Occupational therapists are concerned with people’s ability to perform their work, self-care, and play in a competent, self-satisfying manner. When disease, trauma, or stress interferes with performance, the occupational therapist uses various methods of mutual problem-solving, environmental modification, and adaptive devices to support and enhance performance. This program provides the foundation course work necessary for admission to an occupational therapy program. Occupational therapy programs are masters degree level programs which require two years of prerequisite course work followed by four years in an approved occupational therapy program. Admission to occupational therapy programs is very competitive!

**SUGGESTED CURRICULUM**

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

**TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (39-40 credits)**

**Area A: Communications (9 credits)**

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<td>Composition I (Prereq. ENGL 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)</td>
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<td>ENGL 102 (3)</td>
<td>[C1 901R]</td>
<td>Composition II (Prereq. ENGL 101, C or better)</td>
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<td>COMM 101 (3)</td>
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<td>Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENGL 099 or above)</td>
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*Must have a C or better in ENGL 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.

**Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)**

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Science Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

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<td>Statistics (Prereq. MATH 151 with C or better or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)</td>
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<td>OR</td>
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<td>General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 &amp; 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and one year HS geometry with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)</td>
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**Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)**

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

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**Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)**

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Science Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

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<td>PSYCH 101 (3) [S6 900]</td>
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<td>Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENGL 099 or above)</td>
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<td>Human Growth &amp; Development: Life Span (Prereq. Placement in ENGL 099 or above)</td>
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**Pre-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (22-23 credits)**

*(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of courses for this major)*
Select 22-23 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested Pre-Occupational Therapy courses often include:

- **BIOL 221 (4) Human Anatomy & Physiology I** (Prereq. BIOL 111 or CHEM 105 in the past 5 years with C or better)
- **BIOL 222 (4) Human Anatomy & Physiology II** (Prereq. BIOL 221 in the past 5 years with C or better)
- **PSYCH 203 (3) Abnormal Psychology** (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

Other suggested elective courses which satisfy the PSC AA/AS degree requirements may include transfer courses of 100 level or above (see the 2014-16 catalog, pages 49-51 for the list of approved transfer courses):

- **PHYSI 120 (4) College Physics I**
- Additional courses recommended as transferable by the university to which you plan to transfer.
- Up to four credits of physical education courses
- Foreign language courses (Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.)
- For the AA or AS degree, student may use one vocational/technical course (four credits or less) that is not on the approved list if they present documentation (recent written correspondence or transfer/advising guide) that the receiving institution will accept the course for credit. If a student plans to use more than one such course, he/she must obtain approval from the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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**62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE**

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**FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:**
MyCreditsTransfer, formerly known as u.select: [http://www.transferology.com/state/il?all](http://www.transferology.com/state/il?all)
Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org)
Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: [http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf](http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf)
Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

**FOR CAREER INFORMATION:**
American Occupational Therapy Association: [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)

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773-995-2366 or 3987 [www.csu.edu](http://www.csu.edu) e-mail: csu-ot@csu.edu

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY** [OT-professional entry-level master’s]
1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60466-0975
708-534-7293 [www.govst.edu](http://www.govst.edu) e-mail: b-cada@govst.edu

**MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY** [OT - professional entry-level master’s]
555 31st Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515-1235
630-515-6188 [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu) e-mail: kbrzye@midwestern.edu

**RUSH UNIVERSITY** [OT - professional entry-level master’s]
600 S. Paulina, Suite 1011, Chicago, IL 60612-3833
312-942-7100 [www.rushu.rush.edu](http://www.rushu.rush.edu) e-mail: rush_admissions@rush.edu

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS at CHICAGO** [OT - professional entry-level master’s]
1919 West Taylor St, MC 811, Chicago, IL 60612-7250
312-996-7000 [www.ahs.uic.edu/ot](http://www.ahs.uic.edu/ot)

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