



VCU Application Checklist for OTCAS

Transcripts from all college and universities attended

Personal Statement

The Personal Statement to be written as one and a half to one and three-quarters (1 ½-1 ¾) single-spaced pages in 12-point Times-Roman font with 1" page margins and no more than 1200 words. The average file size is about 15 KB vs. the 5 MB file size allowable through OTCAS. The following prompt should be addressed:

Address why you selected occupational therapy as a career and how this degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. We invite you to share how your lived experiences (e.g., personal, professional, cultural, etc.) have influenced your interest in pursuing OT.

Value-Added Essay

Essays are a way for us to learn more about your individuality. It is also a chance for you to highlight what you want us to know about you, that may not be apparent in other aspects of your application. This additional essay should be distinctly different from your Personal Statement. In 1-2 pages, share with us your unique knowledge, qualities, skills, and characteristics that you will bring to the next cohort of VCU OTD students. Please provide examples or relate to your life experiences.

Three (3) references added for Letters of Recommendation

10 – 30 Observation Hours

Complete VCU Graduate School Application via the Applicant Gateway in OTCAS. Link received after application submitted.

Pay application fee to VCU Graduate School