

**Application Checklist**

Applications are open 7/15/2025 through 10/15/2025 for Fall 2026 entry

**Step 1: Prepare**

Plan and complete [prerequisites](https://ot.ecu.edu/msot-admissions/#requirements).

* All prerequisites B- or higher, overall GPA 3.0 or higher
* Must complete at least 4 credits of Anatomy/Physiology by application deadline
* 5 of the 8 prerequisites (Anatomy/Physiology with Lab counted as 1) recommended at time of application
* Anatomy/Physiology, Statistics, and Abnormal Psychology must be within 5 years of starting the program (2021 or later).

Take the [Graduate Record Exam (GRE)](https://www.ets.org/gre.html) no later than 9/30/2025. **Use Code 1989 to send scores to OTCAS ECU.**

**Step 2: Complete Virtual Interview**

Create account in [Interviewing app](http://ecu.interviewprep.app)

Click “Conduct: Complete a virtual interview” 🡪 Click “Practice interviews: Take premade interview” 🡪 Select “OT Application 2025.”

Record your responses to a practice question and a question that will be scored.

Take a screenshot of verification that interview was completed (at conclusion of interview or verification e-mail)

* You will upload the screenshot to OTCAS in Step 3.

**Step 3: Complete OTCAS Application AND Create ECU Graduate School Application Account**

Create an account in [OTCAS](https://otcas.liaisoncas.com/) (Centralized Application Service for Occupational Therapy Programs) and complete all required demographic and background information. Choose “East Carolina University” for your application.

* Note your 10-digit OTCAS ID number. You will enter this ID number in Step 4.

Create account for [ECU Graduate School application](https://gradschool.ecu.edu/apply/).

Use the same e-mail account for ECU Graduate School application as you used for OTCAS application. This is CRITICAL.

* Return to the ECU Graduate School application in Step 4.

Complete OTCAS Application by the application deadline on October 15, 2025.

Order official transcripts from ALL colleges / universities attended (this includes college courses taken in high school).

Submit three letters of recommendation.

Upload a document of catalog course descriptions for all completed prerequisites (Documents tab).

Upload essay response to question (Documents tab).

Upload screenshot of virtual interview verification from Step 2 (Documents tab).

Upload a resume (max 2 pages) (Documents tab).

Answer the following questions (Questions tab).

* Input dates of GRE tests.
* Acknowledge submission of official transcripts.
* Acknowledge three letters of recommendation.
* Acknowledge application to Graduate School.

**Step 4: Apply to ECU Graduate School**

Return to the [ECU Graduate School application](https://gradschool.ecu.edu/apply/).

Complete remaining demographic and requested information.

Make sure you pay the ECU Graduate School application fee AND SUBMIT your application by the application deadline on October 15, 2025 (it is NOT automatically submitted ).

After submitting the Graduate School application, monitor your Graduate Student Portal until the ‘Third Party Materials Received’ requirement is completed. Monitoring your portal is important as the Graduate School may add additional requirements if needed.

**You will be notified of application status and next steps by early December 2025**

If you have any questions regarding the process or requirements, please e-mail [**OTADMISSIONS@ECU.EDU**](mailto:OTADMISSIONS@ECU.EDU)