Mississippi State University does not provide training in occupational therapy but does offer the background work necessary to transfer to a professional school. In their admission requirements professional schools differ, some requiring three years of pre-professional study, while others require a bachelors degree. Twenty-four hours of observation are also required. Upon successful completion of the pre-professional and professional work, students are awarded the doctorate degree by the professional school. Students wishing to apply to the University of Mississippi Medical Center should do so by January 15 preceding the September they wish to enter. The University of Mississippi Medical Center only accepts Mississippi residents. Consult with your advisor for an appropriate schedule.