

University of St. Augustine Faculty,

I am applying for a position in your Master's in Occupational Therapy program because I am passionate about furthering my education and experience towards becoming a full-time Occupational Therapist. I first fell in love with this career while completing a career search project in a Health Sciences course in high school. Upon researching this career, I was immediately drawn in by the hands-on and intimate approach that is taken throughout contact with the patients. Ever since that project, reaching that career has been the end goal for me and I have not stopped trying to reach it.

An important part of my undergrad experience at Longwood University was completing an internship that was either related to my degree or future career interest. I wanted to be able to learn from a direct and in-person experience to further my appreciation and passion for the career. I was ecstatic when I learned there was a Pediatric Occupational Therapy office just down the street from my house in my hometown of Stafford, Virginia. While I was home on my next break, I went into the office to see if they ever have students come into intern or just to shadow. When I learned that they did, I immediately asked for the contact information of the appropriate individual and sent out an email that night. After the paperwork was complete, I was scheduled to shadow the therapists of this office for two weeks that coming summer. That shadowing experience was the most affirming opportunity I have had to date. The knowledge and the lessons that I learned will be carried with me for my entire professional life. Having these therapists be so open and honest about their experiences within Occupational Therapy was more than I ever wished for going into that experience. I came out on the other side a refreshed and reinvigorated scholar who is ready to take on the next step towards that end goal.

Studying to obtain a Master's in Occupational Therapy would not only help me gain the skills I need for my desired role, but will also allow me to follow my devotion for academics. My passion for learning and my determination for my goals make me a great candidate for a position within this class. I recall fond memories of my time at Longwood University and I hope that I can continue making special memories while studying at the University of St. Augustine.

Sincerely,

*Abigail Pack*