

CRITERIA FOR ONLINE OCCUPATION PREREQUISITE COURSES (for applicants in the fall of 2020 only):

1. New learning/challenge (not something you already do or know how to do)
2. Formal/structured learning but does not have to be a “for credit” course
 - There is an identified instructor who has some expertise and is qualified to teach the content (e.g., not someone who just decided to do a YouTube video about something they know how to do)
 - There are “lessons” or steps of the learning process that lead you to an end-product or “goal” of some kind.
3. Requires at least 5 hours of instructional time and additional time for practice.
4. You must share your learning process with at least 1 other consistent person over the course of your learning.
 - If you are taking a course that meets regularly, other learners are consistently present, and you are essentially “learning together” at the same time, then you are already sharing your learning process with others.
 - If you are taking an asynchronous class where others generally are NOT in class sessions with you, you can meet this criterion in one of two ways:
 - Others take the course and you confer/share with one another after each lesson.
 - You share your learning, reflections, successes/flops, etc. with another person after each learning session or practice – this must be the same person each time, so that they are essentially sharing your “learning journey” with you.
5. Results in a product or performance (i.e., you must be learning how to do something that can be shown or demonstrated to others)
6. Learners must be active in the learning process, rather than just recipients of information.
7. Course content is not designed to be used to benefit, teach, or communicate with others (sign language and other languages don’t count, nor do “therapeutic” courses such as recreation therapy techniques, massage therapy, etc.)