

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, A.A.S.

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The Weatherford College Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program is a two-year curriculum comprised of classroom, laboratory, and clinical learning experiences. It is specifically designed to prepare the OTA graduate to work under the supervision of a registered Occupational Therapist and provide occupational therapy services to people with physical, mental, emotional, and/or developmental disabilities. Occupational Therapy professionals are skilled practitioners who work with every age group and in a wide variety of settings. OT professionals use occupation-based activities to assist their clients in building skills to participate fully in their daily lives.

Individuals applying to the OTA program must complete five prerequisite courses that provide them with the foundational knowledge they need to move successfully through the program and graduate with an Associates in Applied Science degree. Once accepted into the program, the student will complete five semesters of coursework and clinical experiences specifically designed to build the necessary skills to be successful in practice. Students who complete all coursework with a “C” (75%) or better and successfully complete the assigned Level I & II clinical experiences within the required time frame will then be awarded an A.A.S. and be qualified to “sit” for the national certification examination.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Individuals who have completed the five prerequisite courses or who will complete them successfully by the start of the program and who are free of illegal drug use, are encouraged to apply to the OTA program prior to the second Monday in June. Those who successfully complete this process and are accepted into the program will begin their first semester the following August.

Students applying to the program are required to complete a specific number of documented observation hours with a licensed OT clinician as part of the application process. Students must also pass a background check, present evidence of TSI completion or exemption, complete all outlined health screening requirements, and meet all other college admission requirements. Applications may be downloaded from our program web page or an application packet may be requested by calling the program secretary, Rebecca Fryer at 1-817-598-6348.

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60 credit hours required for completion

Prerequisite

ENGL	1301	Composition I.....	3
BIOL	2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
PSYC	2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Elective	X3XX	Language, Philosophy & Culture or Creative Arts	3
Elective	X3XX	College Level Math.....	3
			TOTAL 16

FIRST YEAR**First Semester**

OTHA 1305	Principles of Occupational Therapy.....	3
OTHA 1409	Human Structure & Function in Occupational Therapy ..	4
OTHA 2301	Pathophysiology in Occupational Therapy	3
OTHA 2309	Mental Health in Occupational Therapy	3
	TOTAL	13

Second Semester

OTHA 1166	Practicum-Occupational Therapy Assistant-Level I	1
OTHA 1319	Therapeutic Interventions I	3
OTHA 1315	Therapeutic Use of Occupations or Activities I	3
OTHA 2204	Neurology in Occupational Therapy	2
	TOTAL	9

Third Semester

OTHA 1167	Practicum-Occupational Therapy Assistant-Level I	1
OTHA 2331	Physical Function in Occupational Therapy	3
OTHA 1353	Occupational Performance for Elders.....	3
	TOTAL	7

SECOND YEAR**First Semester**

OTHA 2305	Therapeutic Interventions II	3
OTHA 2266	Practicum - Occupational Therapy Assistant - Level II ...	2
OTHA 1341	Occupational Performance from Birth through	
	Adolescence	3
	TOTAL	7

Second Semester

OTHA 2330	Workplace Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant.....	3
OTHA 2235	Healthcare Management in Occupational Therapy	2
OTHA 2267	Practicum - Occupational Therapy Assistant - Level II ...	2
	TOTAL	7

The occupational therapy assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.