

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program prepares graduates to demonstrate entry level competencies as an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) and provides a strong foundation for continued learning. The Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant functions as a member of the health care team; working under the supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist, the Occupational Therapy Assistant helps disabled people of all ages acquire, improve, or regain the ability to do all activities that have meaning, value or purpose. The OTA curriculum combines biological and behavioral sciences, along with the theory and principles of Occupational Therapy. The program is built to support the standards of the American Occupational Therapy Association and prepares students to sit for the National Board Certification for Occupational Therapy Assistant Exam. 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.

The Occupational Therapy faculty believes all humans learn: the way an individual responds to and uses the stimuli in their environment determines how and what is learned. The Occupational Therapy Assistant curriculum is delivered through the uses of multiple learning styles and a wide variety of teaching methods. The OTA program is a single entry, limited admission program. Students must have and maintain a 2.75 grade point average. Applications for the OTA program are accepted April 15th-August 1st of each year.

Orientation		1 hour	
COLL	101		
		6 hours	
Written Communications (3 hours)		Oral Communications (3 hours)	
ENGL	101	SPCH	101*
Humanities		3 hours	
ART	101	MUSC	10
ENGL	109, 120, 125	PHIL	101, 110, 121, 201, 202
FREN	101	SPAN	101, 111
HIST	101	TA	205
HUM	102, 103	ASL	101, 102
Mathematics		3 hours	
MATH	107*, 111*		
Office Administration		3 hours	
OA	215		
Science		10 hours	
BIOL	152		
BIOL	252*		
Social and Behavioral Science		6 hours	
PSYC	101	Add 3 hours of the following: Missouri Constitution (3 hours)	
		PLSC	103, 104
		HIST	106
OTA Courses		40 hours	
OTA	101	Principles of Occupational Therapy (2)	
OTA	111	Occupational Performance Across the LifeSpan (3)	
OTA	116	Principles of Therapeutic Intervention (2)	
OTA	131	Functional Movement: Occupation and Adaptation (3)*	
OTA	140	Occupational Therapy Trends and Issues (2)*	
OTA	201	Principles of Occupational Therapy Practice: Children and Adolescents (5)*	
OTA	211	Principles of Occupational Therapy Practice: Mental Health (5)*	
OTA	221	Principles of Occupational Therapy Practice: Physical Rehabilitation (5)*	
OTA	236	Occupational Performance Issues in Later Adulthood (3)*	
OTA	240	Fieldwork Level II- A (5)*	
OTA	250	Fieldwork Level II-B (5)*	
Total Hourly Requirement		72 hours	

(*) - These courses have pre-requisite requirements. See catalog description for details.