

Occupational Therapy Assistant (Associate of Applied Science)

Associate of Applied Science Degree 1,915 Contact Hours 81.50 Semester Credits 80 Instructional Weeks – Full Time	Program offered at: Memphis, Tennessee
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Occupational Therapy Assistant (Associate of Applied Science) Mission Statement

The program provides students theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional attributes that provide graduates with the expertise needed to practice as entry-level occupational therapy assistants in settings where occupational therapy is currently established and where it is emerging as a service. Occupational Therapy Assistant graduates from an educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) are eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) OTA Certification Examination.

Learning Objectives / Instructional Outcomes

The program includes general education courses covering mathematics, written, verbal, and nonverbal communications; interpersonal skills; critical thinking; the sciences; and the humanities. Learning objectives include performing holistic therapeutic interventions to address the physical and mental rehabilitation of the whole person; completing selected components of data collection and assessment of the patients'/clients' daily occupations as well as their safety and response to the intervention; participating with the Occupational Therapist in providing physical and psychosocial support for patients/clients and their families and caregivers with recognition of individual, cultural, and economic differences; and communicating, educating and interacting cooperatively with other healthcare providers.

Career Overview

Occupational Therapy Assistants work with clients of all ages and diagnoses. They provide quality occupational therapy services to assigned individuals under the supervision of a registered Occupational Therapist and work in hospitals, clinics, schools, client homes, community settings, even prisons. Licensure is required within the state where the COTA will practice. In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT (OTA) Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT (OTA) Certification Examination or to attain state licensure.

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE): 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449; ACOTE c/o AOTA: 301-652-AOTA; www.acoteonline.org; email: accred@ota.org

In order to graduate from the Occupational Therapy Assistant (Associate of Applied Science) program, students must successfully complete the following curriculum:

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1310	Anatomy & Physiology I	45			3.00
BIOL1320	Anatomy & Physiology II	45			3.00
ENGL1310	English Composition I	45			3.00
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication	45			3.00
PSYC1310	General Psychology	45			3.00
PSYC1320	Human Growth & Development	45			3.00
MATH1310	Contemporary Mathematics or Elective	45			3.00
	MATH1320 College Algebra				
OTAP1140	Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media	15			1.00
OTAP1145	Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media Lab		30		1.00
OTAP1150	Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics Lab		30		1.00
OTAP1210	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	30			2.00
OTAP1220	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Practice Lab		60		2.00
OTAP1230	Applied Kinesiology for OTAs Lab		60		2.00
OTAP1250	Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics	30			2.00
OTAP1320	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy	45			3.00
OTAP1330	Applied Kinesiology for OTAs	45			3.00
OTAP1340	Clinical Conditions I	52.50			3.50
OTAP1350	Clinical Conditions II	52.50			3.50
OTAP1360	Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction	45			3.00

OTAP1365	Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction Lab		90		3.00
OTAP2110	Fieldwork Seminar	30			2.00
OTAP2120	Occupational Therapy Concepts	15			1.00
OTAP2125	Occupational Therapy Concepts Lab		30		1.00
OTAP2210	Occupational Therapy in Merging and Specialty Areas of Practice Lab		60		2.00
OTAP2215	Fieldwork Level I Clinical			120	2.50
OTAP2230	Occupational Therapy Transitions	30			2.00
OTAP2310	Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice Lab	45			3.00
OTAP2720	Fieldwork Level II Clinical A			320	7.00
OTAP2730	Fieldwork Level II Clinical B			320	7.00
	Subtotals	795	360	760	81.50