

Associate in Applied Science Degree

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Occupational therapy is a health care profession that specializes in helping people develop, master or regain the everyday skills necessary to live independent, productive and meaningful lives. Occupational therapy assistants work under the supervision of an occupational therapist to implement treatment interventions and meet the goals of each individual client’s needs. Occupational therapy assistants perform treatment with clients of various diagnoses across the lifespan.

The program curriculum will expose the student to a wide variety of traditional and emerging occupational therapy practices and settings. Fieldwork will provide the student with the opportunity to develop, implement and assess interventions based on the client’s plan of care.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program prepares graduates to attain the essential skills and competencies needed to sit for the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Admissions Information

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is a limited-access program. All applicants must meet weighted Admission requirements by May 15 to advance to the next phase of consideration for admission to the program. However, meeting admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the OTA program. An applicant who receives notification that she/he was not admitted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program must resubmit the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Application by the published application deadline in order to be considered for admission to the next available class. These applicants should check with Admissions to determine if HGTC Admission information requires updating. A waiting list of applicants is not maintained.

- Criminal Background Check 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester beginning in the second semester; felony or misdemeanor convictions could result in applicants being ineligible to complete the program.
- Urine Drug Screening 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester beginning in the second semester.
- Submit a Health Sciences Division Student Health Record Form indicating the candidate can perform the physical tasks required in the program prior to second semester.
- Proof of CPR certification for Health Care Providers prior to second semester.
- Experience Documentation form submitted to Office of Admissions reflecting a minimum of 20 hours with a certified occupational therapist or certified occupational therapy assistant. The applicant is responsible for arranging the observation experience at any site that provides occupational therapy services.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher on all required General Education and support courses, with "C" or higher in each course. These courses include: BIO 210 and BIO 211 (5 year time limit), ENG 101, MAT 120 or MAT 110, PSY 201 and Humanities. Minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA must be maintained with no academic or disciplinary suspension at time of admission or program entry.
- Note: The OTA program does not accept experiential credit for courses with an OTA prefix.
- To be licensed as a Occupational Therapy Assistant in the state of South Carolina the graduate must pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) examination and apply for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure with the Labor and Licensing Regulation Board of South Carolina. The cost of completing the NBCOT examination and application for licensure is not included in the cost of tuition for the program.

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all OTA-prefixed courses for progression and graduation.

Required Courses

Occupational Therapy Assistant Requirements

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Component	Course Title	Semester Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION		
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
BIO 210	Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology II*	4

Select one Mathematics course from the list below:

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MAT 110	College Algebra	3
MAT 120	Probability and Statistics	3
and		
Select one Humanities/Fine Arts course from the list below:		
ART 101	Art History and Appreciation	3
ART 105	Film as Art	3
ENG 201	American Literature I	3
ENG 202	American Literature II	3
ENG 205	English Literature I	3
ENG 206	English Literature II	3
ENG 208	World Literature I	3
ENG 209	World Literature II	3
ENG 230	Women in Literature	3
ENG 236	African American Literature	3
HIS 101	Western Civilization to 1689	3
HIS 102	Western Civilization Post 1689	3
HIS 201	American History: Disc to 1877	3
HIS 202	American History: 1877 to Pres	3
MUS 105	Music Appreciation	3
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI 110	Ethics	3
PHI 201	History of Philosophy	3
PHI 211	Moral Ethics	3
REL 103	Comparative Religion	3
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3
THE 101	Introduction to Theatre	3
CREDITS		20
Required Core Subject Areas		
OTA 105	Therapeutic Analysis in Occupational Therapy	3
OTA 220	Adult Physical Performance I	4
OTA 176	Pediatric Development and Dysfunction	4
OTA 221	Adult Performance II	4
OTA 162	Psychosocial Dysfunction	3
CREDITS		18
OTHER HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION		
OTA 101	Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy	3
OTA 108	Professional Development	1
OTA 142	OTA Clinical Introduction I	1
OTA 144	OTA Clinical Introduction II	1
OTA 155	Gerontology	2

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OTA 200	Introduction to Kinesiology	3
OTA 203	Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy	3
OTA 240	Patient Care Skills for OTA	3
OTA 245	Occupational Therapy Departmental Management	2
OTA 262	OTA Clinical Application I	7
OTA 264	OTA Clinical Application II	7
	CREDITS	33
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	71

*BIO 210 and BIO 211 have 5-year time limits. If a Bachelor's or Master's degree is completed, the courses have 10-year time limits.

**Registration for MAT courses require students to have appropriate test scores and/or pre-req courses; please refer to your advisor to determine your academic qualifications and eligibility for enrolling in MAT courses.