

Occupational Therapy Assistant (Associate of Applied Science) - Memphis

Associate of Applied Science

Contact Hours: 1,915

Semester Credits: 81.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 80

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 20 Months

Program offered at: Memphis, Tennessee

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): 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929; ACOTE c/o AOTA: 301-652-AOTA; www.acoteonline.org; email:accred@aota.org

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

Program Delivery

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of

the 1,915 program hours, a maximum of 460 course hours (24.0%) may be offered online (including general education courses). Campuses may have the option to deliver general education courses either online or on-ground depending on local need and availability.

Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
ENGL1310	English Composition I			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1310	General Psychology			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
BIOL1310	Anatomy & Physiology I			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Subtotal				180 (0/180)	0	0	12

Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
MATH1320	College Algebra			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1320	Human Growth & Development			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
SOCI1310	Introduction to Sociology			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
BIOL1320	Anatomy & Physiology II			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
OTAP1210	Foundations of Occupational Therapy			30 (30 / 0)	0	0	2
Subtotal				210 (30/180)	0	0	14

Term 3

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
OTAP1320	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy		OTAP1220	45 (40 / 5)	0	0	3
OTAP1220	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Practice Lab		OTAP1320	0	60 (60 / 0)	0	2
OTAP1330	Applied Kinesiology for OTAs		OTAP1230	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3

OTAP1230	Applied Kinesiology for OTAs Lab		OTAP1330	0	60 (60 / 0)	0	2
Subtotal				90 (70/20)	120 (120/0)	0	10

Term 4

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
OTAP1340	Clinical Conditions I		OTAP1250 OTAP1150	52.5 (40 / 12.5)	0	0	3.5
OTAP1140	Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media		OTAP1145	15 (15 / 0)	0	0	1
OTAP1145	Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media Lab		OTAP1140	0	30 (30 / 0)	0	1
OTAP1250	Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics		OTAP1340 OTAP1150	30 (25 / 5)	0	0	2
OTAP1150	Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics Lab		OTAP1340 OTAP1250	0	30 (30 / 0)	0	1
Subtotal				97.5 (80/17.5)	60 (60/0)	0	8.5

Term 5

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
OTAP1350	Clinical Conditions II		OTAP1360 OTAP1365	52.5 (40 / 12.5)	0	0	3.5
OTAP1360	Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction		OTAP1350 OTAP1365	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
OTAP1365	Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction Lab		OTAP1350 OTAP1360	0	90 (90 / 0)	0	3
Subtotal				97.5 (70/27.5)	90 (90/0)	0	9.5

Term 6

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
OTAP2110	Fieldwork Seminar			30 (25 / 5)	0	0	2
OTAP2310	Occupational Therapy in Emerging and		OTAP2210	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3

	Specialty Areas of Practice					
OTAP2210	Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice Lab	OTAP2310	0	60 (60 / 0)	0	2
OTAP2215	Fieldwork Level I Clinical		0	0	120 (120 / 0)	2.5
Subtotal			75 (55/20)	60 (60/0)	120 (120/0)	9.5

Term 7

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
OTAP2720	Fieldwork Level II Clinical A			0	0	320 (320 / 0)	7
OTAP2120	Occupational Therapy Concepts		OTAP2125	15 (10 / 5)	0	0	1
OTAP2125	Occupational Therapy Concepts Lab		OTAP2120	0	30 (25 / 5)	0	1
Subtotal				15 (10/5)	30 (25/5)	320 (320/0)	9

Term 8

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
OTAP2730	Fieldwork Level II Clinical B			0	0	320 (320 / 0)	7
OTAP2230	Occupational Therapy Transitions			30 (25 / 5)	0	0	2
Subtotal				30 (25/5)	0	320 (320/0)	9

Students who have successfully completed a degree in Kinesiology, Athletic Training, or other Health Sciences area (Associates or higher) may receive a block transfer of seven General Education courses totaling 21 semester credits, upon evaluation of transcript. The block transfer includes the courses: BIOL1310, BIOL1320, ENGL1310, COMM1310, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, MATH1310 (or MATH1320). The remaining credits required to complete the program is 57. Additional courses may be available for transfer based on review of course descriptions from the granting institution.

Block Transfer Courses

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1310	Anatomy & Physiology I			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
BIOL1320	Anatomy & Physiology II			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3

ENGL1310	English Composition I	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1310	General Psychology	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1320	Human Growth & Development	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
MATH Elective	MATH1310 Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320 College Algebra	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Subtotal		315 (0 / 315)	0	0	21