

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

2024-25 DEGREE PLAN

Associate of Applied Science: 77 Credits

DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS	HOURS
MATH 03873 Pre-Algebra	3
MATH 01071 College Algebra Lab	1

DEVELOPMENTAL ENGLISH/READING	HOURS
READ 01043 College Reading	3
ENGL 02493 Essential English	3
ENGL 02091 Composition I Lab	1

OTA PRE-REQUISITES	HOURS
UNIV 10061 Student Success for MED	1
ENGL 10103 Composition I	3
MATH 11003 College Algebra	3
CPSI 10003 Microcomputer Applications	3
SOCI 10103 Intro to Sociology	3
PSYC 21003 Developmental Psychology	3
ALHE 10503 Medical Terminology	3
BIOL 24004 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 24104 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
OTAP 11153 Intro to OTA	3
Total Pre-Requisites	30

OTA PROGRAM CORE	HOURS
OTAP 21104 Therapeutic Activities I	4
OTAP 21004 Human Movement in OT	4
OTAP 22103 Pathophysiology in OT	3
OTAP 23003 Psychosocial OT/Mental Health	3
OTAP 23031 Level I Fieldwork A/Mental Health	1
OTAP 22004 Therapeutic Activities II	4
OTA 22005 Therapeutic Interventions w/Lab	5
OTAP 23133 Management in OT	3
OTAP 23003 Physical Dysfunction in OT	3
OTAP 22201 Level I Fieldwork B/Physical Dysfunction	1
OTAP 21103 Pediatrics in OT	3
OTAP 21101 Level I Fieldwork C/Pediatrics	1
OTAP 24042 Professional Issues in OT	2
OTAP 24004 Level II Fieldwork A (8 weeks)	4
OTAP 24134 Level II Fieldwork B (8 weeks)	4
OTAP 22202 Special Procedures (Summer)	2
Total Program Core	47

Application deadline for the OTA program is March 1st.

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Eligible for ARFuture grant

Grading Scale for OTA: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 76-79 = C; 70-75 = D (failing); 69 or below = F

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a healthcare field that works to help individuals to maximize their function in the performance of their every-day activities. This career allows individuals to make a lasting difference in helping people to regain their independence and get back to enjoying life to the fullest. The Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist, provides rehabilitative services to individuals with physical, mental, emotional, and developmental disabilities.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program at UA Cossatot combines classroom instruction with clinical (fieldwork) experiences. The program consists of two portions which include the general education core and the OTA program courses. Course structure in the curriculum of the OTA program is custom designed to maintain compliance with the standards as established by the American Occupational Therapy Association and ACOTE. The hallmark of the OTA program is the students' ongoing involvement in the experiential and service learning that occurs throughout the program. Students successfully completing the OTA program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) in Occupational Therapy.

The OTA program is limited to 16 students each year. Applicants will be ranked according to required general education course GPA, pre-entrance exam scores, interview score, profession material review score, and three (3) letters of recommendation. UA Cossatot and the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program will not discriminate in the selection of students to the OTA program. Students not accepted into the upcoming class are encouraged to re-apply prior to the next application deadline.

Accreditation

The associate-degree-level Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at UA Cossatot is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE can be reached by phone c/o AOTA at (301) 652-AOTA or through their webpage www.acoteonline.org. The UA Cossatot OTA Program was reaccredited in 2018-2019 for a 10-year accreditation period.

Upon completion of the OTA program, graduates 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) and will be eligible to be licensed in the state they desire to practice in. All states require a license to practice as a COTA; state licenses are based at least in part 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.

Please visit the OTA Program webpage at <https://www.cccua.edu/programs-of-study/medical-education> for additional information on the application requirements, access to application materials, and specifics on the requirements for progression and graduation from the program.

TRANSFER OPTIONS:

- Arkansas Tech University (ATU) to complete a Bachelor of Professional Studies.
- ASU Jonesboro to complete Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Studies
- University of Cincinnati to complete Bachelor of Science Health Sciences Pre Occupational Therapy
- Central Methodist University to complete Bachelor of Occupational Therapy