

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree (0583)

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program provides a strong foundation in the skills and knowledge necessary for entry-level occupational therapy assistant competencies. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, American Occupational Therapy Association, 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD, 20824-1220, phone number (301) 652-2682. Graduates of the program are qualified to sit for the national certification examination, administered by the National Board of Certification for Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), 12 South Summit Ave. Suite 100, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, phone number (301) 990-7979. Students who have completed all requirements will also need to apply for a license to practice in the state of California through the Board of Occupational Therapy, 2005 Evergreen Street Ste 2250, Sacramento, CA 95815, phone number (916) 263-2294.

Occupational therapy is a discipline, which focuses on function as well as quality of life. Occupational therapy assistants provide service to individuals with physical, mental or environmental disabilities, across life phases, who need to remediate skills of everyday tasks of work, self care and leisure. The major requires general education courses including: biological, social, and behavioral science, in addition to, occupational therapy courses. The program utilizes classroom instruction and fieldwork experiences to prepare the student to meet certification and employment standards.



When applying for the certification examination with the National Board of Certification (NBCOT)

applicants will be

asked to answer questions related to topic of felonies.

Application for state licensure with the Board of Occupational Therapy (BOT) requires fingerprinting. For information about limitations based on felonies applicants are advised to call

NBCOT and BOT (address and

phone numbers above) any time prior to the application process. Further, there is a high probability that students will be required to be fingerprinted (at the student's cost) and/or have a drug test and criminal background check at a fieldwork

site. Problems with fingerprinting and background could result in a delay or failure of program completion.

These requirements are required prerequisites for Occupational Therapy 101, Foundations of Occupation and Occupational Therapy or 101L, Exploration of Occupation through Activity or Occupational Therapy 100, Medical Terminology and Documentation for Occupational Therapy.

1. Completion of the following tests is required of all applicants except those that have a baccalaureate degree. *These tests are for purposes of guidance and for establishment that prerequisite skills of 101 and 101L have been met.*
 - a. College Test of English Placement (reading section only) with a minimum score of 25 or above. Students scoring below 25 will be referred to Student Success Center.
 - b. Santa Ana College Test in Math, Level III, showing a total score at 18 or above or completion of Intermediate Algebra 080 or 081 with a grade of "C" or better.
2. English 101 or 101 H, with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Oral Communication Skill (3 units) – Satisfactory completion of Communication Studies 101 or 101H, 102, 140, 145, 152, with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Biology 149, Human Anatomy & Physiology (4 units) or equivalent. *This is a prerequisite for Occupational Therapy Assistant 100.*
5. Psychology 100 or 100H with a grade of "C" or better. *This is a prerequisite for Psychology 250.*
6. Evidence of a physical examination and appropriate immunizations must be submitted verifying the applicants ability to perform the fieldwork requirement of an Occupational Therapy Assistant (O.T.A.)

ADMISSION PROCEDURES:

Applications to the OTA program will be accepted for period of two months twice per year. The application must include:

- Official transcripts showing grades for all of the prerequisite classes
- Completion of 12th grade verified by transcripts or GED score validated by appropriate testing institution (students who have an Associate's or Bachelor's degree from an accredited United States institution do not need to provide high school transcripts or GED scores)

Program Clearance

One month before starting classes in the OTA program, students must submit documentation of the following:

- Registration with specified agency for background check
- Current health information
- Current CPR (*which must be BLS for Healthcare Providers through the American Heart Association*)

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Informational sessions about the program are scheduled throughout the year. Please visit our website for more specific information regarding dates, times, and location. No RSVP is necessary and any interested student is welcomed to attend!

Major Requirements for the Associate Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant:

FIRST YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER	UNITS
O.T.A. 100	Medical Terminology and Documentation	1
O.T.A. 101	Foundations of Occupation and Occupational Therapy	4
O.T.A. 101L	Exploration of Occupation	2
O.T.A. 110	Human Occupation Across Lifespan	3

FIRST YEAR	SECOND SEMESTER	UNITS
O.T.A. 102	Psychosocial Function and Dysfunction	4
O.T.A. 102L	Psychosocial Components of Occupation	2.5
O.T.A. 111	Applied Kinesiology	1
O.T.A. 115	Human Disease and Occupation	2
Psychology 250	Abnormal Psychology	3

SECOND YEAR	THIRD SEMESTER	UNITS
O.T.A. 103	Physical Function and Dysfunction	4
O.T.A. 103L	Physical Components of Occupation	2.5
O.T.A. 201	Contemporary Models of Occupational Therapy Practice	4

SECOND YEAR	FOURTH SEMESTER	UNITS
O.T.A. 202	Level II Fieldwork – Part I	6
O.T.A. 203	Level II Fieldwork – Part II	6

REQUIRED FOR MAJOR

UNITS 45

Please Note: Psychology 250 is the only core course that may be taken prior to starting the program.

Graduation Requirements for the Associate Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant:

COURSES	UNITS
Total Occupational Therapy Assistant units required	45
Biology 149 or equivalent	4
Communication Studies 101 or 101H, 102, 140, 145, 152	3
English 101 or 101H	4
Psychology 100 or 100H	3
U.S. History or Political Science (American Institutions)	3
Humanities	3
Cultural Breadth	3
Communication and Analytical Thinking	3
Mathematics 080, Intermediate Algebra or Mathematics 081, Intermediate Algebra with Lab	4
❖ Above or score on the SAC math placement test indicating placement in a course higher than Mathematics 080/081	
TOTAL UNITS	75



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