

2024- 2025

## Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate in Science

Completion of the following courses listed satisfy the prerequisites for program application as well as general education courses to obtain an Associate in Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Course Prerequisites

#### Core Prerequisites

Course	Course Description	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
<b>BIOL 5 or BIOL 25</b>	Human Biology or Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	4			
<b>COMM 10</b>	Intercultural Communication	3			
<b>ENGL 1A</b>	Reading and Composition	4			
<b>PSY 38 or ECE 14</b> <small>formerly CHDEV 38</small>	Lifespan Development	3			
<b>HCA 5</b>	Introduction to Health Care and Careers	3			
<b>OT 10</b>	Medical Terminology	3			
<b>PSY 2 or PSY 16 or SOC 1A</b>	General Psychology or Abnormal Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3			
<b>MATH 11 or STAT 7 or MATH 45</b>	Elementary Statistics or Elementary Statistics or Contemporary Mathematics	3 - 4			

#### Additional Prerequisites

Course	Course Description	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
<b>General Ed</b>	Additional General Education Requirements to satisfy the GE Pattern to complete the AS degree (Local GE, CSU-GE, IGETC)**	varied			

#### Notes:

Core prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “c” or better.

General education and specified OTA Program Pre-requisite coursework must be completed prior to beginning the OTA program\*

\*Courses may be “in-progress” during the application process; official transcripts must demonstrate successful completion prior to starting the OTA program.

\*\*Contact Counselor for details regarding General Education Pattern that meets your individualized educational and career goals.

Important: Please contact CTE counselor for specific information regarding application process, updates, and specific details for OTA program application and admittance.

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Complete the following program of study. (Major C.4502.AS) Major requirements (70 units minimum).

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants are licensed health care professionals that work in variety of settings, such as hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, home health settings, school-based settings, psychiatric hospitals, outpatient clinics, private-practice settings, and emerging areas of practice (e.g. jails, recreational/leisure, or community benefit organizations). The Associate in Science Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program is designed to prepare each student for competent entry-level practice, be prepared to take and successfully pass the national certification examination and become a licensed as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Students completing the OTA Program will develop an understanding of the scope of practice for COTA under the practice framework of Occupational Therapy, in order to develop, restore, or maintain physical, cognitive, developmental and/or psychosocial aspects of functioning that impact participation in activities of daily living. The 16-month OTA program is designed as a cohort model, with a new cohort beginning each Spring semester.

### Course Overview and Selection

#### OTA Program Core Coursework:

##### Year 1 Spring Semester *12 Units*

Course	Course Description	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
OTA 1	Structural Foundations and Theory of Occupational Therapy	3			
OTA 5	Documenting the Occupational Therapy Process	1			
OTA 10	Functional Biomechanics and Applied Kinesiology	3			
OTA 11	Functional Biomechanics and Applied Kinesiology Lab	1			
OTA 30	Theory and Process in Developmental Disabilities and Pediatric Conditions	3			
OTA 32	Introduction to Clinical Practice in Developmental Disabilities and Pediatric Conditions (Fieldwork Level I for OTA)	1			

##### Year 1 Summer Semester *7 Units*

Course	Course Description	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
OTA 2	Conceptual Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy	3			
OTA 20	Theory and Process in Psychosocial Dysfunction	3			
OTA 21	Theory and Process in Psychosocial Dysfunction Lab	.5			
OTA 22	Introduction to Clinical Practice in Psychosocial Dysfunction (Fieldwork Level I for OTA)	.5			

##### Year 1 Fall Semester *11 Units*

Course	Course Description	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
OTA 3	Management of Occupational Therapy Services	3			
OTA 4	Contemporary Models and Emerging Practice in Occupational Therapy	1			
OTA 6	Clinical Reasoning and Electronic Documentation in Occupational Therapy	1			
OTA 40	Theory and Process in Physical Dysfunction	4			
OTA 41	Theory and Process in Physical Dysfunction Lab	1			
OTA 42	Introduction to Clinical Practice in Physical Dysfunction and Emerging Practice (Fieldwork Level I for OTA)	1			

Year 2 Fall Semester 13 Units

Course	Course Description	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
OTA 50	Fieldwork Level II for the OTA #1	6.5			
OTA 51	Fieldwork Level II for the OTA #2	6.5			

**Note: All OTA courses must be completed with a "C" grade or better per OTA program grading guidelines.  
All required and core courses must be completed prior to going on to fieldwork II.**

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students demonstrate ability to respond and react appropriately in various Occupational Therapy practice environments where Occupational Therapy could be utilized, to prepare them to obtain an entry-level position as an Occupational Therapy Assistant.
2. Students will demonstrate ability to utilize preparatory, purposeful, and occupation- based activities to maximize independence for all age groups, disabilities and occupational roles.
3. Student will be eligible to take the National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

**Notes:**

Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant students are required to complete the 16 weeks of Level II fieldwork within 18 months following the completion of the didactic portion of the program.

**Important Note:** *Individuals considering entering the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program who have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime will be unable to complete course and program objectives. Applicants with a history of any matters that may flag a background check and/or drug screening should contact the OTA program director for confidential advisement and planning prior to applying to the program.*

**Comments:**