

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE



College(s): WR

Program Code: 0259

The Associate in Applied Science degree program in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) is the study of occupational therapy as a skilled healthcare service that uses occupation to promote meaningful living. Occupational therapy assistants, under the guidance of occupational therapists, adapt activities, tasks, and the environment in order to enable people of all ages and backgrounds to fulfill their chosen occupations and life roles. Career options can include employment in hospitals, clinics, schools, specialized community care settings, and wellness programs. The program's mission is to prepare competent and effective occupational therapy practitioners who value occupation as both a means and as an end to quality living for self and others through a sound educational experience that includes preparation in:

- The occupational therapy process
- The impact of culture
- Use of self as an agent of change
- Ethical professional practice
- Teaching and learning processes
- Collaborating as a healthcare professional
- Working in a variety of practice environments
- Oral and written communication skills

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the National Certification Exam for Occupational Therapy Assistants administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, an individual becomes a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Determination of exam eligibility for applicants who

have a felony related charge or conviction requires individualized review by NBCOT, Inc. Most states require licensure in order to practice. Illinois license issuance is based upon the results of the NBCOT Certification exam.

This selective admissions program requires students to submit a separate application or to take additional action before enrolling.

For more information on the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Wright College, visit the program webpage (<https://www.ccc.edu/colleges/wright/departments/Pages/Occupational-Therapy-Assistant--.aspx>).

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Coursework		
ENGLISH 101	Composition	3
CIS 120	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
PSYCH 201	General Psychology	3
OTA 106	Foundations of Human Occupation	3
PSYCH 207	Child Psychology	3
	or CHLD DV 101 Human Growth & Development I	
Required Program Core		
BIOLOGY 226	Human Structure and Function I	4
BIOLOGY 227	Human Structure and Function II	4
SOC 201	Intro To the Study Of Society	3
OTA 107	Occupations Of Childhood	5
OTA 108	Practice Skills of OT Assistant I	2
OTA 109	Occupations of Adolescence Early Adulthood	5
OTA 110	Practice Skills of OT Assistant II	2
OTA 209	Occupation of Middle Adulthood	5
OTA 210	Practice Skills of OT Assistant III	2

OTA 211	Special Topics for OT I	3
OTA 212	Occupations of Later Adulthood	5
OTA 213	Practice Skills of OT Assistant IV	2
OTA 214	Special Topics for OTA II	3
Required Work-Based Learning Courses		
OTA 215	Fieldwork Level II	6
OTA 216	Fieldwork Level B	6
Program Electives		
Select one of the following:		3
PSYCH 222	Adult Development And Aging	
SOC SER 102	Introduction To Gerontology	
CHLD DV 102	Human Growth & Development II	
Total Hours		75

Pathway

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in earning a degree in occupational therapy. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA). One course will satisfy the Human Diversity (HD) requirement, and is labeled with an (HD) in the sequence below.

Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

Semester	Hours
Semester 1	
OTA 106	Foundations of Human Occupation ¹
ENGLISH 101	Composition ¹
BIOLOGY 121	Biology I ¹
CIS 120	Introduction to Computer Applications ¹
PSYCH 201	General Psychology ¹
Hours	17
Semester 2	
BIOLOGY 226	Human Structure and Function I ¹
SOC 201	Intro To the Study Of Society ¹
PSYCH 207	Child Psychology ¹
or CHLD DV 101	or Human Growth & Development I
Select one of the following:	3
PSYCH 222	Adult Development And Aging ²
SOC SER 102	Introduction To Gerontology ²
CHLD DV 102	Human Growth & Development II (in semester 3) ²
Hours	13-14
Semester 3	
OTA 107	Occupations Of Childhood
OTA 108	Practice Skills of OT Assistant I
BIOLOGY 227	Human Structure and Function II ¹
Hours	11
Semester 4	
OTA 109	Occupations of Adolescence Early Adulthood
OTA 110	Practice Skills of OT Assistant II
Hours	7
Semester 5	
OTA 209	Occupation of Middle Adulthood
OTA 210	Practice Skills of OT Assistant III

OTA 211	Special Topics for OT I	3
Hours		10
Semester 6		
OTA 212	Occupations of Later Adulthood	5
OTA 213	Practice Skills of OT Assistant IV	2
OTA 214	Special Topics for OTA II	3
Hours		10
Semester 7		
All academic coursework must be completed and an exit exam passed in order for students to proceed to the fieldwork component of the program.		
OTA 215	Fieldwork Level II	6
OTA 216	Fieldwork Level B	6
Hours		12
Total Hours		80-81

- ¹ Program Prerequisite
² Program Elective

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

Program Admission Requirements

Students can make formal application to the program when all pre-admission coursework is completed, or when pre-admission coursework completion will occur before the beginning of Semester I of the program. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each pre-admission and general education course. If more candidates apply than the program can accept, the best qualified will be admitted.

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Prerequisite courses:		
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PSYCH 201	General Psychology	3
PSYCH 207	Child Psychology	3-4
	or CHLD DV 101 Human Growth & Development I	
CIS 120	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
OTA 106	Foundations of Human Occupation	3

NOTE: If you plan to apply for admission prior to completing BIOLOGY 226 Human Structure and Function I and BIOLOGY 227 Human Structure and Function II, you also must complete BIOLOGY 121 Biology I, in order to meet City College Biology Department course requirements.

For more information on admissions requirements and the application process, visit the program webpage (<https://www.ccc.edu/colleges/wright/departments/Pages/Occupational-Therapy-Assistant--.aspx>).

Careers

This program can prepare students for the jobs listed below. Click on each one to learn more, including average earnings, annual job openings, and how much education people in that field have. For additional guidance and resources on career options, current City Colleges students and alumni can contact the Career Services Office (<https://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Career-Services.aspx>).

Occupational Therapy Assistants Job Description

Assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with state laws, assist

in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of treatments. Generally requires formal training.

Salary Based on Experience Level

Take a look at the average hourly/annual earnings for this career in Cook County

Lightcast earnings figures are based on OES data from the BLS and include base rate, cost of living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay (including commissions and bonuses), on-call pay, and tips.

Annual Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$47,867
Median 50 th Percentile	\$63,428
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$82,200

Hourly Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$23
Median 50 th Percentile	\$30
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$40

Annual Job Openings

146 annual openings in Cook County

National Education Attainment

Here, you can see the level of education that people in this career complete.

Degree Program	% of Jobs
A high school diploma or less	0.00%
A certificate	0.00%
Some college	5.07%
An Associate degree	91.74%
A Bachelor's degree	3.19%
A Master's or Professional degree	0.00%
A Doctoral degree or more	0.00%

3.19% continue their education beyond an associate degree

Occupational Therapy Aides

Job Description

Under close supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, perform only delegated, selected, or routine tasks in specific situations. These duties include preparing patient and treatment room.

Salary Based on Experience Level

Take a look at the average hourly/annual earnings for this career in Cook County

Lightcast earnings figures are based on OES data from the BLS and include base rate, cost of living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-

duty pay, incentive pay (including commissions and bonuses), on-call pay, and tips.

Annual Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$30,883
Median 50 th Percentile	\$57,957
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$65,810

Hourly Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$15
Median 50 th Percentile	\$28
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$32

Annual Job Openings

4 annual openings in Cook County

National Education Attainment

Here, you can see the level of education that people in this career complete.

Degree Program	% of Jobs
A high school diploma or less	36.76%
A certificate	8.72%
Some college	24.32%
An Associate degree	28.40%
A Bachelor's degree	0.00%
A Master's or Professional degree	1.80%
A Doctoral degree or more	0.00%

1.80% continue their education beyond an associate degree