

# Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate in Health Sciences

**Entrance Requirements:**

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score

**Type of Program:**

Phase I — Day, night, or weekend

Phase II — Full-time or part-time, day only

**Type of Degree:**

Associate degree

**Professional Credentials:**

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)

(subject to passing national exam)

**Program Accreditation:**

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy

Education (ACOTE), 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O.

Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220;

(301) 652-AOTA (2682)

**Employment Opportunities:**

Hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, schools, home health care, mental health facilities, long-term care facilities, private practice, industrial consulting, research

- This program prepares students to work under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist in developing, maintaining, or restoring adaptive skills in individuals whose abilities to cope with daily living tasks are threatened or diminished by injury, illness, developmental deficits, aging, poverty, cultural disadvantage, or physical or psychological disability.
- This program is designed as a One-Plus-One program. Phase I includes all of the general education and related course work and may be completed at Greenville Tech or any articulating college. Upon completion of all Phase I courses, qualified students apply to Phase II, which includes all of the Occupational Therapy course work.
- **Phase II is only available at Greenville Tech's Greer Campus.**
  - Students from articulating colleges must be able to travel to and/or locate accommodations near the Greer Campus.
  - Clinical assignments are required in Phase II and may require travel outside the Greer/Greenville area. Students are expected to be able to travel and arrange accommodations at those assignments. Clinical assignments must be completed within 18 months following the completion of academic preparation.

- Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.
- Weighted admission will begin for the OTA Program Spring of 2009.
- Phase II admission requirements through Fall 2008:
  - Attend OTA Career Talk.
  - Complete all Phase I courses.
  - Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all Phase I courses and have passed all Phase I courses with a minimum grade of “C” or higher on the first or second attempt.
  - Submit a physical exam form (see details in Health Sciences/Nursing admission requirements).
  - Submit documentation of completion of 20 hours of observation in a clinical setting with an OTR or COTA.
  - Current CPR certification (for health care providers).
  - Complete Greenville Tech “preclinical orientation” training.
  - Complete and submit OTA Eligibility form for Phase II by the May 15th deadline. Articulating students need to see their articulating advisors for their colleges’ deadlines.
  - Student must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
  - Have a negative 10-panel drug screen.
  - Have a crime-free criminal background check
- To graduate with an associate degree, candidates must meet the computer competency requirement by taking CPT 101 (EGR 130 may be substituted with departmental approval) or by passing the exemption exam at a cost to be assessed by the college

**Recommended Program Schedule**

***First Semester – Fall***

AHS 102	Medical Terminology*	3.0
ENG 101	English Composition I*	3.0
MAT 109	College Algebra with Modeling*	3.0
	or	
MAT 120	Probability & Statistics*	
PSY 201	General Psychology*	3.0

***Second Semester – Spring***

BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I*	4.0
CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3.0
ENG 102	English Composition II*	3.0
PSY 212	Abnormal Psychology*	3.0

***Third Semester – Summer***

BIO	211	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4.0
SPC	205	Public Speaking*	3.0
	or		
SPC	209	Interpersonal Communications* Humanities **	3.0

***Fourth Semester – Fall***

OTA	103	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	2.0
OTA	130	Therapeutic Media I	1.0
OTA	131	Occupational Performance I	3.0
OTA	153	Clinical Application I	5.0
OTA	203	Kinesiology	3.0

***Fifth Semester - Spring***

OTA	135	Therapeutic Media II	1.0
OTA	136	Occupational Performance II	3.0
OTA	140	Clinical Introduction	1.0
OTA	163	Psycho-Social Aspects of Occupational Therapy	2.0
OTA	245	Occupational Therapy Departmental Management	2.0
OTA	253	Clinical Application II	5.0

***Sixth Semester - Summer***

OTA	260	Clinical V	7.0
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***Seventh Semester - Summer***

OTA	268	Clinical VI	7.0
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**Total credit hours** **77.0**

\* General Education course

\*\*Humanities—recommend SPA 101, PHI 110 or PHI 105

Note: Please contact your advisor for other program options.