Occupational therapy assistants help people of all ages regain, develop, or master everyday skills in order to live independent, productive, and meaningful lives. Occupational therapy practitioners take a holistic perspective, in which the focus is on adapting the environment to fit the person, and the person is an integral part of the therapy team.

Occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) are in daily physical contact with a diverse group of people and a variety of types of machines and technology. The work requires frequent standing, bending, walking, and occasional heavy lifting.

About our program

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Greenville Technical College prepares students for entry-level practice in the field of occupational therapy. This program is designed as a One-Plus-One program. Phase I includes all general education and related coursework and may be completed at Greenville Technical College or any articulating college. Phase II of the OTA program is only available at GTC’s Benson Campus. Fieldwork course assignments during Phase II will require students to travel and arrange temporary accommodations away from home.

Career Talk

Students who are interested in the OTA program must attend one of the monthly Career Talk information session held at GTC’s Benson Campus. Call (864) 250-8195 for dates or check http://gvltc.edu/careertalk/ for the Career Talk schedule.

Program Award

- Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate Degree
Job Outlook

Job opportunities for occupational therapy assistants will increase 41% from 2010 to 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Growth of the occupation, like that of many health-related careers, results from the aging baby boomer generation and the growing elderly population. OTAs work under the supervision of occupational therapists, and many aspects of patient care previously provided by therapists are now delegated to OTAs. The national organization’s website at www.aota.org can provide additional information.

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