



Occupational Therapy Assistant A.S. Degree

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 (ACOTE), c/o Accreditation Department, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD, 20814-3449, phone number (301) 652-AOTA and web address is acoteonline.org. 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 Avenue, 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 California Board of Occupational Therapy, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 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 developmental disabilities, across life phases, who need to remediate skills of everyday tasks of self-care, home management, community skills, work, 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 in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), applicants will be asked to answer questions related to the 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) anytime 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 are for purposes of guidance and for establishment that prerequisite skills of 101 and 101L have been met. (Required of all applicants except those that have a baccalaureate degree.):

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 SAC Learning Center.

b. Santa Ana College Test in Math, Level III or successful completion of Intermediate Algebra with a grade of "C" or better.

2. English 101 or 101H (4 units), or equivalent, with a grade of "C" or better.

3. Oral Communication Skill (3 units) - Satisfactory completion of Communication Studies 102, 140, 145, or equivalent, with a grade of "C" or better.

4. Biology 149, Human Anatomy & Physiology (4 units) or equivalent, with grade of "C" or better.

5. Psychology 100 or 100H (3 units), or equivalent, with a grade of "C" or better.

Admission Procedures:

Applications to the OTA program will be accepted 1 time per year - open dates for applications will be posted on the OTA website.

The application must include:

- Official transcripts showing grades for all 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.
- Level III Math placement test score from Santa Ana College or completion of an Intermediate Algebra course with a grade of "C" or better

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 demonstrating TB screening and required immunizations/titers
- Professional liability insurance
- Current CPR - BLS for Healthcare Providers from the American Heart Association (this is the **only** CPR that will be accepted)

Major requirements for the associate degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant.

First Year

First Semester

Units

OTA 100	Medical Terminology and Documentation for the O.T.A.	1
OTA 101	Foundations of Occupation and Occupational Therapy	4
OTA 101L	Exploration of Occupation Through Activity	2
OTA 110	Human Occupation Across Lifespan	3

Second Semester		Units
OTA 102	Psychosocial Function and Dysfunction	4
OTA 102L	Psychosocial Components of Occupation	2.5
OTA 111	Applied Kinesiology	1
OTA 115	Human Disease and Occupation	2
PSYC 250	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	3

Second Year

Third Semester		Units
OTA 103	Physical Function and Dysfunction	4
OTA 103L	Physical Components of Occupation	2.5
OTA 201	Contemporary Models of Occupational Therapy Practice	4

Fourth Semester		Units
OTA 202	Level II Fieldwork - Part I	6
OTA 203	Level II Fieldwork - Part II	6

Required OTA Core Courses - 45 units
 Graduation Requirements for the Associate Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant

Math proficiency for graduation: Successful completion of the Santa Ana College Math Proficiency Exam or Intermediate Algebra

Course		Units
Total Occupational Therapy Assistant units required		45
BIOL 149	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
	and	
CMST 102	Public Speaking	3
	or	
CMST 140	Argumentation and Debate	3
	or	
CMST 145	Group Dynamics	3
	and	
ENGL 101	Freshman Composition	4
	or	
ENGL 101H	Honors Freshman Composition	4
	and	
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
	or	
PSYC 100H	Honors Introduction to Psychology	3
	and	
Humanities per catalog		3
	and	
ENGL 102	Literature and Composition	4
	or	
ENGL 102H	Honors Literature and Composition	4

	or	
PHIL 110	Critical Thinking	4
	or	
PHIL 110H	Honors Critical Thinking	4
	and	
HIST 118	Social and Cultural History of the United States	3
	or	
HIST 120	The United States to 1865	3
	or	
HIST 120H	Honors The United States to 1865	3
	or	
HIST 121	The United States since 1865	3
	or	
HIST 121H	Honors The United States since 1865	3
	or	
POLT 101	Introduction to American Governments	3
	or	
POLT 101H	Honors Introduction to American Governments	3
	and	
CMST 103	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3
	or	
MUS 102	World Music	3
	or	
MUS 102H	Honors World Music	3
	or	
ART 103	Arts of Africa, Oceania, and Indigenous North America	3
	or	
MUS 103	Jazz in America	3
	or	
ART 104	Mexican and Chicano Art History	3
	or	
ART 106	Asian Art History	3
	or	
DNCE 105	World Dance and Cultures	3
	or	
THEA 105	Theatre History 1	3

Total Units

72

PID 779



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COLLEGE

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Program Title: Occupational Therapy Assistant

Program Code: sac.ota.as

Proposal Types: Program Modification

Justification for Proposal: Revise selection of prerequisite and general education courses to meet IGETC for future BS degree Remove CPR requirement from admissions procedure

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