

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Health Career Admissions  
Program Code: G.OTA.AAS

## Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Graduation requirement — 71.5 semester hours

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program prepares the student to practice occupational therapy at the assistant level. OT assistants work with clients who have physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments to improve and support functional performance in daily living activities. Employment opportunities are located in hospitals, clinics, extended care facilities, school systems, day-care centers, and home health care. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the certification examination given by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to become a certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA). A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT exam or attain state licensure. Licensure for COTAs is also required for practice by the state of Illinois. This program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD, 20852-4929, 301/652-AOTA, www.acoteonline.org.

### Program Notes

- This program prepares students to meet the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. Parkland College has not yet determined that this program meets the requirements for licensure of any other state.
- This is a selective admissions program — students must be admitted into the program before taking OTA courses. See the selective admissions page for more information regarding admission, progression, and graduation.
- OTA 111 Introduction to Occupational Therapy is open to students who have not been admitted into the OT program on a limited basis. Such students must have passed at least one course (100-level or greater) with grade of B or higher and must seek approval from the program director.
- To be admitted to the program, students must have current placement out of MAT 072 and must place into ENG 101 and college level reading.
- A selective admission score of 2.4 or above must be attained to be considered for admission.
- Students who are non-native speakers of English must establish English proficiency through:
  - Minimum TOEFL iBT scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 18-18-20-18; or
  - Minimum IELTS scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 6-6-6.5-5.5.
- The OTA program uses a rubric with the selective admission score that gives additional admission points for completion of BIO 121.
- For progression and graduation, students are required to maintain a 2.0 minimum GPA, a C or higher in all program courses, and a passing clinical grade in all OTA courses, and

maintain Parkland College Code of Conduct and the OT Code of Ethics.

- A history of felony conviction may limit clinical placement and license to practice. Contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation at 217/785-0800.
- All Level II fieldwork requirements for OTA 213 or OTA 217 must be completed by the end of the following semester in order to progress and/or graduate from the program. Fieldwork II alternates may be required to take OTA 213 and OTA 217 in a different sequence.

### Suggested Full-time Sequence

| SUMMER       | FALL         | SPRING       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st Semester | 2nd Semester | 3rd Semester |
| KIN 186      | OTA 111      | OTA 113      |
|              | OTA 112      | OTA 114      |
|              | BIO 121      | OTA 115      |
|              | PSY 101      | BIO 122      |
|              | ENG 101      | PSY 209      |
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| SUMMER       | FALL         | SPRING       |
| 4th Semester | 5th Semester | 6th Semester |
| OTA 116      | OTA 211      | OTA 215      |
| SOC 101      | OTA 212      | OTA 216      |
|              | OTA 213      | OTA 217      |
|              | OTA 214      | OTA 218      |
|              | ENG 102      |              |

### Required Program Courses (55.5 hours) Cr. Hrs.

|         |   |     |
|---------|---|-----|
| BIO 121 | Anatomy and Physiology I                      | 4   |
| BIO 122 | Anatomy and Physiology II                     | 4   |
| KIN 186 | Introduction to Human Movement                | 3   |
| OTA 111 | Introduction to Occupational Therapy          | 3   |
| OTA 112 | Therapeutic Media<br>(Fieldwork I Experience) | 3   |
| OTA 113 | Health and Occupation I                       | 3   |
| OTA 114 | Therapeutic Process I                         | 3   |
| OTA 115 | Fieldwork I/Clinic II                         | 4   |
| OTA 116 | Fieldwork I/Clinic III                        | 0.5 |
| OTA 211 | Health and Occupation II                      | 3   |
| OTA 212 | Therapeutic Process II                        | 3   |
| OTA 213 | Fieldwork II/Clinic I                         | 5   |
| OTA 214 | Occupational Therapy Theory                   | 3   |
| OTA 215 | Health and Occupation III                     | 3   |
| OTA 216 | Therapeutic Process III                       | 3   |
| OTA 217 | Fieldwork II/Clinic II                        | 5   |
| OTA 218 | Therapeutic Groups                            | 3   |

### Required General Education Courses (16 hours)

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|---------|------------------------------|---|
| ENG 101 | Composition I                | 3 |
| ENG 102 | Composition II               | 3 |
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology   | 4 |
| PSY 209 | Human Growth and Development | 3 |
| SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology    | 3 |

Total Semester Credit Hours

71.5