

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 2.5 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.

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
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 (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 and Populations	3

Required General Education Courses (16 hours)

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