

Plans for Becoming a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

The Parkland College OTA Program provides quality education and over 1400 hours of “hands on” experience through its structured, sequenced curriculum. Courses are taught in a specific order, once per year. Courses in the fall semester function as pre-requisites to courses in the spring semester. Here are two examples of course layout for the OTA Program.

TWO YEAR PLAN

*Acceptance into OTA Program in Spring – CHE 100/CHE 106/HS CHE completed Summer/Semester 1: KIN 186 (Intro to Human Movement) or equivalent for OTA 112	
Fall/Semester 2: BIO 121: Anatomy & Physiology I ENG 101: Composition I PSY 101: Intro to Psychology OTA 111: Intro to OT OTA 112: Therapeutic Media 17 CREDIT HOURS	Spring/Semester 3: BIO 122: Anatomy & Physiology II ENG 102: Composition II OTA 113: Health & Occupation I OTA 114: Therapeutic Process I OTA 115: Fieldwork I/Clinic II 17 CREDIT HOURS
Summer Short/Semester 4: OTA 116: Fieldwork I/Clinic III .5 CREDIT HOURS	Summer/Semester 5: PSY 209: Human Development Through the Life Span SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology 6 CREDIT HOURS
Fall/Semester 6: OTA 211: Health & Occupations II OTA 212: Therapeutic Process II OTA 213: Fieldwork II/Clinic I OTA 214: OT Theory 14 CREDIT HOURS	Spring/Semester 7: OTA 215: Health & Occupations III OTA 216: Therapeutic Process III OTA 217: Fieldwork II/Clinic II OTA 218: Therapeutic Groups and Populations 14 CREDIT HOURS

THREE YEAR PLAN

Fall/Semester 1: ENG 101: Composition I PSY 101: Intro to Psychology Chem 100 or 106: Chem prerequisite for Bio 121 KIN 186: Introduction to Human Movement 14 CREDIT HOURS	Spring/Semester 2: ENG 102: Composition II PSY 209: Human Development thru the Life Span BIO 121: Anatomy and Physiology I SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology *Apply to the OTA program deadline March 1 13 CREDIT HOURS
Fall/Semester 3: OTA 111: Intro to OT OTA 112: Therapeutic Media BIO 122: Anatomy and Physiology II 10 CREDIT HOURS	Spring/Semester 4: OTA 113: Health & Occupation I OTA 114: Therapeutic Process I OTA 115: Fieldwork I/Clinic II 10 CREDIT HOURS
Summer Short/Semester 5: OTA 116: Fieldwork I/Clinic III .5 CREDIT HOURS	
Fall/Semester 6: OTA 211: Health & Occupations II OTA 212: Therapeutic Process II OTA 213: Fieldwork II/Clinic I OTA 214: OT Theory 14 CREDIT HOURS	Spring/Semester 7: OTA 215: Health & Occupations III OTA 216: Therapeutic Process III OTA 217: Fieldwork II/Clinic II OTA 218: Therapeutic Methods 14 CREDIT HOURS

Graduates are required to pass the OTA Certification Examination prepared by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy www.nbcot.org and apply for an OTA license in order to practice in Illinois www.idfpr.org

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