Occupational Therapy Assistant (Degree) Associate of Applied Science Program (TH)

Objective

The program objective is to prepare the student to enter practice as an entry-level, generalist occupational therapy assistant practitioner working under the supervision of an occupational therapist. This 10-month program, exclusive of Level II Fieldwork, begins after the student has satisfied the program's general education requirements. The entire duration of the program, including Level II Fieldwork, is 14 months. The curriculum is focused on occupation-based practice, evidenced-based practice, and healthcare humanities to ensure the student has the knowledge and skills needed to meet the occupational needs of individuals, groups, and organizations as well as contribute to the OT process and emerge as a life-long learner.

Length of Program: OTA Distance Education (exclusive of gen education) is 56 weeks of classes exclusive of breaks

PREREQUISITES MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ENTERING PROGRAM AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL COST OR LENGTH

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

COURSE	TITLE	Credit Hours	CONTACT HOURS		
			Lecture	Lab	Clinical
ENG200	College English I	3	45	0	0
BHS200	Behavioral Science	3	45	0	0
MATH200	College Mathematics	3	45	0	0
BIO200	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	45	30	0
BIO108	Kinesiology with Lab	3	30	30	0
HUM215	Humanities for Healthcare Professionals *	3	45	0	0
TRM105	Medical Terminology	1	15		
	GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES TOTALS	**20**	**270**	**60**	**0**

(Term 1: ENG200, BHS200, MATH200, BIO200; Term 2: BIO108, HUM215, TRM105)

* Course must be taken through EVCC

CORE PROGRAM COURSES
Semester 1

COURSE	TITLE	Credit Hours	CONTACT HOURS		
			Lecture	Lab	Clinical
OTA232	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	2	30	0	0
OTA238	Analysis of Occupational Performance	2	30	0	0
OTA240	Professional Documentation	1	15	0	0
OTA242	Professional Seminar I	1	15	0	0
OTA247	Therapeutic Techniques I	4	0	120	0
OTA248	Movement for Occupations	2	30	0	0
	TERM 3 TOTALS	**12**	**120**	**120**	**0**
	SEMESTER TOTALS	**12**	**120**	**120**	**0**

(TERM 3)

Semester 2

COURSE	TITLE	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab	Clinical
			CONTACT HOURS		
OTA252	Professional Seminar II	1	15	0	0
OTA254	Concepts in Aging	2	30	0	0
OTA256	Concepts in Mental Health	2	30	0	0
OTA257	Therapeutics Techniques II	3	0	90	0
	TERM 4 TOTALS	8	75	90	0
OTA262	Professional Seminar III	1	15	0	0
OTA264	Concepts in Rehabilitation: Orthopedics	2	30	0	0
OTA267	Therapeutic Techniques III	3	0	90	0
OTA269	Level I FW A	1	0	0	45
	TERM 5 TOTALS	7	45	90	45
	SEMESTER TOTALS	15	120	180	45

TERM 4 (rows OTA252–OTA257)
TERM 5 (rows OTA262–OTA269)

Semester 3

COURSE	TITLE	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab	Clinical
			CONTACT HOURS		
OTA312	Professional Seminar IV	1	15	0	0
OTA314	Concepts in Rehabilitation: Neurorehabilitation	2	30	0	0
OTA317	Therapeutic Techniques IV	3	0	90	0
OTA319	Level I FW B	1	0	0	45
	TERM 6 TOTALS	7	45	90	45
OTA322	Professional Seminar V	1	15	0	0
OTA324	Concepts in Children and Youth	2	30	0	0
OTA327	Therapeutic Techniques V	3	0	90	0
OTA329	Level I FW C	1	0	0	45
	TERM 7 TOTALS	7	45	90	45
	SEMESTER TOTALS	14	90	180	90

TERM 6 (rows OTA312–OTA319)
TERM 7 (rows OTA322–OTA329)

Semester 4

COURSE	TITLE	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab	Clinical
			CONTACT HOURS		
OTA429	Level II FW A	7	0	0	315
OTA430	Level II FW A Seminar	1	15	0	0
	TERM 7 TOTALS	8	15	0	315
OTA439	Level II FW B	7	0	0	315
OTA440	Level II FW B Seminar	1	15	0	0
	TERM 8 TOTALS	8	15	0	315
	SEMESTER TOTALS	16	30	0	630
	OTA Program Totals (Core Program Courses)	57	Hours	1605	
	Entire Program (Including Prerequisites)	77		1935	

TERM 8 (rows OTA429–OTA430)
Term 9 (rows OTA439–OTA440)

Occupational Therapy Assistant (Degree) Associate of Applied Science program, cont.

Tuition:	$28,670
Books:	1,100
Student Fees:	830
Application:	100
Technology/Facilities Fee:	100
Program Cost After Prerequisites are Completed:	$30,800

Uniforms, immunizations, a watch with a second hand, and other additional supplies are the student's responsibility. *General Education Courses are prerequisites to admission into this program, including College English, Anatomy and Physiology, Humanities, Behavioral Science, and College Mathematics. For more information, see General Education/ OTA program pre-requisites in this catalog.

Graduate Employment Rate

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
100%	75%	72%	89%	100%	83%

OTA is a 14-month program offered in Distance Education/ hybrid format. Refer to Attendance for Distance Education or Hybrid Courses for attendance requirements.

10 months of Lecture (synchronous & asynchronous learning online), on-campus lab, and Level I fieldwork.
- Synchronous learning uses Teams for mandatory evening lectures.
- Students meet via Teams for interactive lectures 2-3 times a week for 1-2 hours per course.
- Asynchronous learning uses online resources to deliver learning content and complete weekly assignments in each course.
- Level I Fieldwork A, B, & C take place in the student's community at clinical sites (30-40 hours each semester) and in simulated environments (approximately 5-15 hours each semester).
- OTA on-campus lab meets on the EVCC campus weeks 2, 5, 8 (Thursday, Friday, Sat) for 8-10 hours per day.
- OTA virtual lab meets online weeks 1, 3, 4, 6, 7.

4 months of Level II fieldwork (After satisfactory completion of OTA core course work)
- Two 8-week full-time clinical experiences in the student's community.
- Synchronous and asynchronous weekly meeting, learning, and reflection activities to support fieldwork.

DISTANCE EDUCATION (*Definitions Adapted from Virginia State Law: Chapter 31*)

Distance Education is defined as an educational delivery method that uses one or more technologies to provide instruction to students who are separated from faculty and support regular and substantive instruction between students and faculty, synchronously or asynchronously.

Technologies used may include the internet, print-based media, email, one-way and two-way transmissions through open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite, or wireless communications devices; audio conferencing, POD casts and TED talk.

EVCC's Course Management System (CMS) is Blackboard. This integrated system creates a personalized learning environment for occupational therapy education, especially for the occupational therapy assistant. Blackboard creates and manages assignments and communication between instructors and students.

On-campus courses provide an environment where teaching and learning takes place in a physical environment with the instructor and student in the same place.

Synchronous distance education occurs when the instructor and students interact in different places but at the same time via virtual environments.

Asynchronous distance education occurs when students go online [*in Blackboard*] anytime day or night, 7 days a week, at their convenience, to **complete** the required weekly assignments.

Hybrid Asynchronous is any course that meets both online *[as outlined in the course syllabus]* and in a traditional classroom setting (*OT LAB*).

Computer technology is integrated throughout the OTA program.

- Both curricular options use online resources which requires that all OTA students have access to a computer that is internet and camera enabled
- Students are required to research and access online information; therefore, computer literacy skills that use web browsers, search engines, and other applications are essential.
- Students should also have abilities/skills to create, edit, save, and retrieve documents and presentations through word processing and Microsoft Office programs.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (Degree) Associate of Applied Science program has been granted Continuing Accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 510 E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-6611 and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. The next onsite visit will be scheduled within the academic year 2029/2030. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be certified and eligible for license as an Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

When you apply to sit for the certification exam, you will be asked to answer questions related to the topic of felonies. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

For further information contact NBCOT at www.nbcot.org
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