Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree Map

Health Sciences and Wellness

● **CAREER DEGREE**   Ⓜ **MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS**

A Day in the Life ...

Occupational Therapy Assistants work with people throughout their lifespan helping to promote health, and teach life skills so individuals can function as independently as they can in their own environment after an injury, illness, or disability.

Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to sit for a National Examination and will become licensed in the state of New York to practice.

Three Reasons to Consider Occupational Therapy Assistant

1. Occupational therapy is a profession that helps people of all ages. It is a rewarding and satisfying career. As an OT practitioner you will have a strong heartfelt feeling when you see the positive impact you will have on a person's life.
2. The program prepares students with the education and clinical skills to work with people of all ages across their lifespan and at all levels of functioning.
3. Forecasted job outlook for this healthcare profession is strong.

Keep This in Mind

After completing the required coursework, you will be assigned two eight-week affiliations where your education continues and you work side by side with a practitioner in that setting

After taking and successfully completing the national examination you become a certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA). You will be licensed to practice in New York State

You can be a part of a professional organization and participate in continuing education, advocacy, and many other activities with others in the field.

Occupational Therapy Assistant Gateway Courses:

Course sequences for Occupational Therapy Assistant have been thoughtfully developed to include all necessary gateway courses and key electives, and to meet all accrediting standards.

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1 (G10A [w] & G11A)	P	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology (G3A)		3
BIO 111	Anatomy and Physiology 1 (G2A)	P	4
OTA 101	Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy 1	P, C, P/C	3
OTA 103	Occupational Performance 1	P, C, P/C	1
OTA 105	OTA Skills Practice Lab	P, C	0.5
OTA 107	Principles of OT in Geriatrics and Gerontology	P/C	2
COM 100*	Oral Communication (G10A [o])*	P	1
	Total Semester Credits		17.5

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Meet with OTA advisor and faculty for a one-on-one session

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2 (G7A & G12A)	P	3
PSY 220	Developmental Psychology (G3A & G6A)	P	3
BIO 112	Anatomy and Physiology 2 (G2A)	P	4
OTA 102	Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy 2	P, C, P/C	3
OTA 104	Occupational Performance 2	P, C, P/C	1
OTA 106	Medical Conditions	P, C, P/C	3
Either MAT 102	Intermediate Algebra (G1A)	P	3
Or MAT 120 or higher	Introduction to Statistics or higher (G1A)	P	

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Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
	Total Semester Credits		20

Milestones
During this semester, students should:

- Register for classes
- Meet with OTA advisor and faculty one-on-one for professional behavior assessment meetings

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PSY 230	Abnormal Psychology (G3A)		3
OTA 110	Introduction to Assistive Technology		3
OTA 201	Principles of Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics and Developmental Disabilities	P, C, P/C	3
OTA 203	Clinical Reasoning Skills	P, C, P/C	1
OTA 205	Principles of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health	P, C, P/C	3
OTA 207	Principles of Occupational Therapy in Physical Disabilities	P, C, P/C	3
OTA 209	Documentation in Occupational Therapy	P, C, P/C	1
	Total Semester Credits		17

Milestones
During this semester, students should:

- Prepare for fieldwork
- Register for classes

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
OTA 217	Clinical Practice 1	P	7.5
OTA 218	Clinical Practice 2	P	7.5
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones
During this semester, students should:

- Participate in fieldwork: two eight week internships-with two workshops at college
- Apply for graduation
- Apply for NYS license
- Apply and prepare to take the national certification exam
- Attend pinning ceremony

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 69.5

Notes:
*COM 101 satisfies the requirement of COM 100