

Nashville State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant A.A.S. Degree

Course of Study

This sequence can be followed by students who begin in the fall semester. Prerequisites may apply to specific courses; it is the student's responsibility to determine if prerequisites have been met. Additional semesters will be required if prerequisite courses must be completed. Prior to registering each semester, the student is expected to consult with his/her advisor. If required, all [Learning Support](#) coursework must be completed prior to application. List of required pre-requisites for OTA Program can be found on program website: nsc.edu/ota.

NAME: _____ **A#** _____ **CATALOG YR: 2025-2026**

FIRST YEAR- FALL SEMESTER				
OTAP 1310 Occupational Human Development	3			Admission into OTA program
OTAP 1320 Exploring Occupations	3			Admission into OTA program
OTAP 1210 Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2			Admission into OTA program
OTAP 1220 OT Documentation w/Level 1A	2			Admission into OTA program
Total Credit Hours	10			
FIRST YEAR – SPRING SEMESTER				
<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
OTAP 1350 Group Process & Dynamics	3			PSYC 1030, OTAP 1310, OTAP 1210
OTAP 1360 Challenges to Mental Health	3			PSYC 1030, OTAP 1310, OTAP 1210
OTAP 1370 Challenges to Physical Health	3			OTAP 1210, OTAP 1310, OTAP 1320, OTAP 2110, OTAP 1130
OTAP 1340 Human Movement for Occupation	3			Admission to the OTA program
OTAP 1380 AT and Environments	3			OTAP 1210, OTAP 1310, OTAP 1320, OTAP 2110, OTAP 1130
OTAP 1240 OT Documentation w/Level 1B	2			OTAP 1220
Total Credit Hours	17			
SECOND YEAR – FALL SEMESTER				
<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
OTAP 2350 Pediatric Occupational Therapy	3			OTAP 1340, OTAP 1350, OTAP 1360, OTAP 1370, OTAP 1380, OTAP 1240
OTAP 2310 OT Int. and Tx: Mental Health	3			OTAP 1350, OTAP 1360
OTAP 2330 OT Int. and Tx: Adult	3			OTAP 1340, OTAP 1350, OTAP 1360, OTAP 1370, OTAP 1380, OTAP 1240
OTAP 2320 Practical Application of OT	3			OTAP 1240, OTAP 1340, OTAP 1350, OTAP 1360, OTAP 1370, OTAP 1380
OTAP 2220 Practice Management	2			OTAP 1210, OTAP 1220, OTAP 1240, OTAP 1320, OTAP 1340
OTAP 2110 Level 1 C	1			OTAP 1220, OTAP 1240
Total Credit Hours	15			
SECOND YEAR – SPRING SEMESTER				
<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
OTAP 2610 Level II A	6			Completion of all general education and OTAP coursework
OTAP 2620 Level II B	6			Completion of all general education and OTAP coursework
Total Credit Hours	12			
Total Course of Study Hours	54			
Total Degree Hours	71			

The NSCC Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

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Occupational Therapy-a vibrant, growing profession-makes it possible for people to regain independence and to enjoy life to its fullest. By choosing a career in Occupational Therapy, you will make a difference. You will improve the lives of children, adults, and the elderly alike. For more information visit www.aota.org

About Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioners

An Occupational Therapy Assistant works under the direction of an Occupational Therapist in hospitals, school systems, nursing homes, psychiatric programs, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, and in the community. Occupational Therapy Assistants have been trained to use "occupations" or activities of daily life to help people of all ages participate in their activities of choice to their fullest potential.

Admission and Program Requirements

- Complete admission requirements to Nashville State Community College
- Complete online application to NSCC OTA program
- Applicants must have an overall combined GPA of 2.0 or higher to apply to the NSCC OTA Program. NSCC defines overall inclusive GPA as GPA based on all classes taken at NSCC and transferred undergraduate courses including learning support classes.
- Applicants are required to attend an information session before applying to the NSCC OTA Program. The date of the information session attended will be a requirement on the application.

Students must have all pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of "C" or better by the start of the program in the fall semester. Any required course that is accepted by the college for credit with a grade of "pass" will be calculated as a "C" for purposes of the GPA. If a student is accepted into the program, but unable to complete the required pre-requisite course before entering the fall semester of the OTA program, they will lose their seat in the program and will need to reapply for admission next year. The student is not guaranteed program admission upon reapplication. Once admitted, students must receive a "C" or above in all courses to remain in program.

- BIOL 2010 Anatomy and Physiology I - 4 credit hour
- ENGL 1010 English Composition I
- PSYC 1030 Intro to Psychology
- Humanities Elective
- COMM 2025 Fundamentals of Communication or COMM 2045 Public Speaking or PSYC 2130 Lifespan Development Psychology
- Medical Terminology is no longer required in the OTA curriculum.

NOTE: SURG 1304 Basic Anatomy and Physiology 3 credit hour course does not meet the requirements for Anatomy and Physiology

In accordance with our mission as a Tennessee Community College, Nashville State does not award priority or preferential status based on where a student completed General Education coursework. All transferring institutions are treated equally.

Special Information

Criminal Background Check

Admitted students will be required to provide a copy of a background check. NSCC does not use the background check as criteria for admission to the program. Background checks are required by some clinical sites as a condition of participation. Students are required to participate in a variety of clinical experiences to successfully complete the program. If a student is unable to participate in clinical experiences due to the results of the criminal background check, he/she may not be able to complete the degree requirements and would not graduate from the program.

NBCOT Examination

Graduates of our program must successfully complete the NBCOT Examination before they are eligible for licensure in the State of Tennessee. All OTA licensure applicants must have a criminal background check completed before licensure will be granted. If students have questions or concerns regarding criminal history and employment eligibility, please contact NBCOT at 301-990-7979 (www.nbcot.org) and the Tennessee Board of Occupational Therapy at 615-532-3202 or 800-778-4123.

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Level II fieldwork experiences may be in a location outside the Middle Tennessee area, requiring the student to relocate for one (8 weeks) or both (16 week) experiences.

OTA courses are offered Monday-Friday, daytime only. Some courses may have web-based activities, but each semester schedule requires students to be on campus during the **week**. Class schedules will vary from semester to semester.

Level II fieldwork experiences are full-time, un-paid, mostly work-week internships. Some evening or weekend work may be required. Due to the level of student work required during these experiences, students should plan to not work other jobs their last semester in the program.