

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

Occupational therapy assistants help individuals learn (or re-learn) many “ordinary” tasks performed every day at home, at work, at school, and in the community. Under the supervision of an occupational therapist, the occupational therapy assistant helps patients establish a lifestyle that is as independent, productive, and satisfying as possible.

This limited entry program trains students to work at rehabilitation centers, hospitals, long term care facilities, other patient care facilities, and in community settings. Students are required to complete a series of clinical experiences at clinics affiliated with the program. Level I clinical experiences are completed during the OTA course work and require 40 daytime hours for each clinical experience. Fieldwork Level II is assigned after course work is completed, scheduled for full time days, and requires the completion of 640 clinical hours. Fieldwork Level II must be completed within 18 months of academic preparation.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220, (301) 652-5782. Graduates of the program can sit for the national examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) and eligible for state licensure.

Students must attend a health programs orientation and meet with a health programs advisor.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate the ability to respond to request for services in accordance with policies and procedures of the service agency.
- Demonstrate the ability to assist with data collection and evaluation under the supervision of an OTR.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop treatment goals under the supervision of an OTR.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (25 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: ENG 102, 107, 114	3	_____
ENGLISH: ENG 100, 101, 113	3-5	_____
HUMAN RELATIONS: OTA 122B and 123B	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 116, 124 or above	3	_____
SCIENCE: BIOL 223, 224 or HHP 123B and 124B and OTA 119B	6	_____
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES: PSY 101 or 102	3	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217	4-6	_____

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	CR	SEMESTER
OTA 130B Occupational Therapy Theory and Application Through the Life Span	2	_____
OTA 131B Occupational Therapy Fieldwork I B	1	_____
OTA 132B Treatment Techniques I	1	_____
OTA 133B Assessments and Measurement	2	_____
OTA 210B Principles of Psychosocial Dysfunction	2	_____
OTA 211B Occupational Therapy Fieldwork I C	1	_____
OTA 212B Treatment Techniques III	1	_____
OTA 215B Activities I	2	_____
OTA 216B Occupational Tasks I	1	_____
OTA 217B Activities II	2	_____
OTA 218B Occupational Tasks II	1	_____
OTA 220B Principles of Physical Dysfunction	3	_____
OTA 221B Occupational Therapy Fieldwork I D	1	_____
OTA 222B Occupational Therapy in Geriatric Practice	2	_____
OTA 223B Treatment Techniques II	3	_____
OTA 224B Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology	3	_____
OTA 225B Fabrication and Use of Splints and Assistive Devices	3	_____
OTA 235B Occupational Therapy Seminar	3	_____
OTA 240B Level II Fieldwork in Physical Disabilities	3	_____
OTA 250B Level II Fieldwork in Psychosocial Dysfunction	3	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (50 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
OTA 100B Science and Occupation: Introduction to Occupational Therapy	3	_____
OTA 118B Neuroanatomy and Sensorimotor Treatment	2	_____
OTA 119B Musculoskeletal Anatomy	1	_____
OTA 120B Principles of Occupational Therapy	3	_____
OTA 121B Occupational Therapy Fieldwork I A	1	_____

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This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

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Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.