

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

## 2023-24 DEGREE PLAN

Associate of Applied Science: 82 Credits

	DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS	HOURS
	GSTD0383 Pre-Algebra	3
	GSTD0101 College Algebra Lab	1

	DEVELOPMENTAL ENGLISH/READING	HOURS
	GSTD0103 College Reading	3
	GSTD0243 Essential English	3
	GSTD0201 Composition I Lab	1

	OTA PRE-REQUISITES	HOURS
	MED1001 Student Success for MED	1
	ENGL1113 Composition I	3
	ENGL1123 Composition II	3
	MATH1023 College Algebra	3
	SOC2003 Intro to Sociology	3
	PSYC2003 General Psychology	3
	PSYC2033 Developmental Psychology	3
	PSYC2303 Abnormal Psychology	3
	BUS1003 Microcomputer Applications	3
	MED1453 Medical Terminology	3
	BIOL2064 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
	BIOL2074 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	OTA1113 Intro to OTA	3
<b>Total Pre-Requisites</b>		<b>39</b>

	OTA PROGRAM CORE	HOURS
	OTA2103 Therapeutic Activities I	3
	OTA2104 Human Movement in OT	4
	OTA2213 Pathophysiology in OT	3
	OTA2303 Mental Health/Psychosocial OT	3
	OTA2301 Level I Fieldwork A/Mental Health	1
	OTA2203 Therapeutic Activities II	3
	OTA2205 Therapeutic Interventions w/Lab	5
	OTA2313 Management in OT	3
	OTA2223 Physical Dysfunction in OT	3
	OTA2221 Level I Fieldwork B/Physical Dysfunction	1
	OTA2113 Pediatrics in OT	3
	OTA2111 Level I Fieldwork C/Pediatrics	1
	OTA2402 Professional Issues in OT	2
	OTA2404 Level II Fieldwork A (8 weeks)	4
	OTA2414 Level II Fieldwork B (8 weeks)	4
<b>Total Program Core</b>		<b>43</b>

Application deadline for the OTA program is March 1st.

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**Eligible for ARFuture grant**

Grading Scale for OTA: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 76-79 = C; 70-75 = D (failing); 69 or below = F

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a healthcare field that works to help individuals to maximize their function in the performance of their every-day activities. This career allows individuals to make a lasting difference in helping people to regain their independence and get back to enjoying life to the fullest. The Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist, provides rehabilitative services to individuals with physical, mental, emotional, and developmental disabilities.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program at UA Cossatot combines classroom instruction with clinical (fieldwork) experiences. The program consists of two portions which include the general education core and the OTA program courses. Course structure in the curriculum of the OTA program is custom designed to maintain compliance with the standards as established by the American Occupational Therapy Association and ACOTE. The hallmark of the OTA program is the students' ongoing involvement in the experiential and service learning that occurs throughout the program. Students successfully completing the OTA program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) in Occupational Therapy.

The OTA program is limited to 16 students each year. Applicants will be ranked according to required general education course GPA, pre-entrance exam scores, interview score, profession material review score, and three (3) letters of recommendation. UA Cossatot and the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program will not discriminate in the selection of students to the OTA program. Students not accepted into the upcoming class are encouraged to re-apply prior to the next application deadline.

### Accreditation

The associate-degree-level Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at UA Cossatot is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE can be reached by phone c/o AOTA at (301) 652-AOTA or through their webpage [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). The UA Cossatot OTA Program was reaccredited in 2018-2019 for a 10-year accreditation period.

Upon completion of the OTA program, graduates will be 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 a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) and will be eligible to be licensed in the state they desire to practice in. All states require a license to practice as a COTA; state licenses are based at least in part on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Please visit the OTA Program webpage at <https://www.cccua.edu/programs-of-study/medical-education> for additional information on the application requirements, access to application materials, and specifics on the requirements for progression and graduation from the program.

**TRANSFER OPTIONS:**

- Arkansas Tech University (ATU) to complete a Bachelor of Professional Studies.
- ASU Jonesboro to complete Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Studies
- University of Cincinnati to complete Bachelor of Science Health Sciences Pre Occupational Therapy
- Central Methodist University to complete Bachelor of Occupational Therapy