

Roane State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTAP)

NOTE: PLEASE SEE HIGHLIGHTED UPDATES

General Admissions Information

All applicants must follow the procedures below to be considered for admission to the OTA program (OTAP).

1. Apply and be admitted to Roane State Community College
2. Meet the minimum academic requirements for Allied Health Science degree programs as outlined below:
 - Students under 21 years of age must attain a composite score of 20 or above on the ACT taken within the last 3 years OR attain a GPA of 2.50 or better after completion of at least 9 semester hours of general education courses required for the OTA program prior to the published application deadline.
 - Students 21 years of age or older must attain a GPA of 2.50 or better after completion of 9 hours of general education courses required for the OTA program prior to the published application deadline. These requirements are listed in the college catalog under the OTA program.
 - Complete any required learning support courses
3. Complete the electronic AHS application located under the Student tab in RaiderNet by the published application deadline.
4. Complete observation/volunteer hours. NOTE: On November 17, 2020, the Tennessee Board of Regents approved a temporary change in this requirement in response to the Covid pandemic. There are two options to meet this requirement:
 - Option 1 - complete 8 hours of OT observation. Observations may be either of in-person/face-to-face OT treatment OR observations of OT services delivered through telehealth technology.
 - Option 2 - complete 8 hours of volunteer work for any group/agency/organization. The volunteer work may be either in-person/face-to-face OR remote.
5. Complete Part 1 of the Recommendation form for the option selected. Part 2 of the form should be completed by the supervising OT/OTA (Option 1) or the group/agency/organization representative (Option 2). Submit the recommendation according to the instructions printed on the form.

6. Applicants must be able to meet the Core Performance Standards outlined on the Occupational Therapy Assistant program website.
7. Up to 60 total applicants* will be invited to interview based on preliminary point rankings. Final rankings following the interview component will determine the class selection.
8. Notification of status (acceptance or denial) will be sent through RaiderNet email only.
9. Status emails are expected to be sent by the end of the week following May graduation..
10. Applicants selected for the OTA program must confirm their acceptance per directions in the status email. Failure to respond by the published deadline will result in forfeiture of position in the incoming class.
11. Applicants who are not admitted and choose to reapply for the next academic year must resubmit all program applicant materials.

Occupational Therapy Assistant Admissions Point System – Part 1 of 2

For students over 21 or students under 21 with 9 or more completed college hours for general education requirements listed in the OTA Degree Plan: There are 30 possible preliminary points. Preliminary points are awarded for:

- the number of general education hours completed toward the OTA degree plan BEFORE the application deadline
 - 17 or more hours - 2 points
 - 9-16 hours - 1 point
- the applicants' GPA for the completed general education courses required in the OTA degree plan that are completed BEFORE the application deadline
 - 3.75-4.0 – 12 points
 - 3.5-3.74 – 10 points
 - 3.25-3.49 – 8 points
 - 3.0-3.24 – 6 points
 - 2.75-2.99 – 4 points
 - 2.5-2.74 – 2 points
 - Below 2.5 - ineligible
- Earned grades of a B or an A in BIOL 2010 and BIOL 2020 on first attempt. Repeating BIOL 2010 and/or BIOL 2020 may increase the student's GPA standing, but will not result in new or additional bonus points UNLESS the course was repeated to meet program requirements (required general education science courses must be taken within 5 years of program admission):
 - A – 2 points

- B – 1 point
- Recommendation. Consideration is given to time management/dependability, dress/grooming/hygiene and professional demeanor, written and/or verbal communication skills, understanding of the profession (Option 1) or ability to follow directions (Option 2)
 - Strongly recommend -12 points
 - Recommend - 6 points
 - Recommend with reservations - 0 points
 - Do not recommend - 0 points

For students under 21 with fewer than 9 or more completed college hours for general education requirements listed in the OTA Degree Plan:

There are 30 possible preliminary points. Preliminary points are awarded for:

- ACT scores:
 - 28 or higher – 18 points
 - 26-27 – 15 points
 - 24-25 – 12 points
 - 22-23 – 9 points
 - 20-21 – 6 points
 - Below 20 - ineligible
- Recommendation form from OT observation OR volunteer hours
 - 0-12 points

Occupational Therapy Assistant Admissions Point System – Part 2 of 2

Up to 60 qualified and eligible applicants* may be invited to interview based on preliminary point rankings. Please review the following information carefully about the interview process:

- Invitations to interview will be sent through RaiderNet email only
- Interview invitation emails are expected to be sent on or before April 15th
- Candidates must confirm the interview per directions in the invitation email
- Interviews are expected to be held during the third and/or fourth weeks of April
- Interviews will require participation in a virtual meeting at a designated date/time
- Interviews will require completion of a series of activities in an online environment
- Interview points will be added to preliminary points
- The class will be selected from applicants who participate in all interview components

There are 60 possible interview points:

- Virtual activity and group discussion

- 0-10 points (averaged)
- Online questionnaire/quizzes
 - 0-10 points (averaged)
- Written reflection
 - 0-20 points
- Overall faculty recommendation
 - 0-20 points (averaged)

*Note: Program enrollment caps may vary based on internal and external factors