

# Occupational Therapy Assistant

## Associate of Applied Science

Entry wage: \$54,216\* Median wage: \$63,639\* Job placement rate: 87%\*\*

### A day in the life

The primary role of occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) is to implement a plan of care established by a supervising occupational therapist. OTAs are creative, flexible, and comfortable interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds. No day is the same because clients' needs are unique.

### Three reasons to consider this program.

1. Graduates can work with a variety of clients and in different areas of practice.
2. Pass rates on the national board exam and job placement rates are high.
3. The demand for OTAs continues to be strong in most areas of the United States.

### Before you sign up, make sure you understand...

1. You will work with clients when they feel vulnerable. You must place clients' needs before your own and provide care while maintaining personal boundaries.
2. Program delivery relies heavily on distance education technology.
3. Admission is competitive. The typical GPA for admitted students exceeds 3.5, and space is limited. Candidates must demonstrate exceptional interpersonal skills.

**Roane State**

ENGL 1010 Composition I  
BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy  
PSYC 2130 Lifespan Development

BIOL 2020 Human Anatomy  
PSYC 2230 Abnormal Psychology  
PHIL 1040 Introduction to Philosophy

OTAP 1110 OTA Program Orientation

ALHS 1211 Terminology for Health Sciences  
OTAP 1210 Foundations of Occupational Therapy  
OTAP 1320 Exploring Occupational Therapy  
OTAP 1220 OT Documentation  
OTAP 1340 Human Movement

OTAP 1520 Theory and Treatment  
OTAP 1240 OT Documentation  
OTAP 1510 Neurological Therapy

OTAP 2510 Physical Dysfunction  
OTAP 2220 Practice Management  
OTAP 2520 Pediatrics  
OTAP 2110 Level I C

OTAP 2610 Level II A  
OTAP 2620 Level II B

1st Fall

1st Spring

1st Summer

2nd Fall

2nd Spring

3rd Fall

3rd Spring

Oct  
See advisor

OTA group  
advising

FAFSA

Nov  
Register  
Apply to OTA

Dec  
Schedule  
observations

Feb  
Submit forms

Mar  
See advisor

Apr  
Register

Aug  
Attend on-  
campus New  
OTA Student  
Orientation

Jun  
Take online  
course

Oct  
FAFSA

Nov  
Register


Apr  
Register

Sept  
Application for  
Graduation

Feb  
Exit exam

May  
Job search  
NBCOT exam  
Apply for  
licensure

 Key Course: program faculty have identified this course as key to your success

 Recommended Elective: check catalog for other acceptable courses

This map assumes completion of course prerequisites

\*Tennessee Department of Labor \*\*Average of 2019 - 2021 graduates