

Occupational Therapy Assistant Admission Information

- Step 1.** Submit your application to the college. After submitting your application to the college, you will receive a “R” number.
- Step 2.** Log into Raidernet using your “R” number to complete the Health Sciences Interest form. Indicate your interest in being admitted to the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program **no later than April 30** of the year you are seeking admission. You may indicate your interest in 3 health science programs but you need to designate which program is first area of interest, second area of interest, etc. You will be considered first for the program you designated as your 1st area of interest. If you are not admitted to that program, you will be considered for the next area of interest unless the application deadline has passed.
- Step 3.** Declare **AS Pre-Allied Health** as your major. If you have not already declared AS Pre-Allied Health as your major, you should change your major. This will best prepare you for admission to a Health Science program.
- Step 4.** Meet **minimum eligibility requirements** to be considered for admission to the **OTA program**. Minimum requirements are met either by Option A or Option B:
- **Option A:** Students with prior college credit must utilize Option A.
 - Achieve a grade of C or higher in required general education/supporting courses
 - Achieve an GPA of 2.5 in required course work
 - Complete a minimum of 8 credit hours of required general education/supporting courses.
 - BIOL 2010 & BIOL 2020 (must be completed before starting OTA courses)
 - **Option B:** Students under 21 years of age who have completed the ACT and have no prior college credit must use Option B.
 - Must attain a composite score of 19 or above on the ACT.

Note: Students admitted based on Option B must complete BIOL 2010 & BIOL 2020 with a grade of C or higher prior to starting OTA program coursework.
- Step 5.** Students meeting minimum eligibility requirements will be ranked using criteria in Option A **OR** the criterion for Option B:

Option A Requirements	Description	Points
GPA in courses required in the major	See required courses listed in the college catalog. -ALHS 1211 or HIMT 1300 -BIOL 2010 & 2020* (5-year limit) -ENGL 1010 -Humanities elective -PSYC 2130 -PSYC 2230	Up to 2.99 = 0 point 3.0-3.25 = 1 point 3.26-3.5 = 2 points 3.51-3.75 = 3 points 3.76-4.0 = 4 points
# required credits completed	Max # of 22-23 general education/supporting credits	Up to 14 credits = 0 point 15-19 credits = 1 point 20-24 credits = 2 points
Grade in required science courses	BIOL 2010* (5-year limit) BIOL 2020* (5-year limit)	A = 4 points B = 3 points C = 0 points
Option A Total Score:		/14 points

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Option B Requirement	Description	Points
Composite ACT Score for students under 21	Composite ACT score obtained within the last 3 years	19-20 = 1 point
		21-22 = 2 points
		23-24 = 3 points
		25-26 = 4 points
		27-28 = 6 points
		29-30 = 8 points
		31-32 = 10 points
		33-34 = 12 points
		35-36 = 14 points
Option B Total Score		/14 points

- Step 6.** The top ranked 40 qualified applicants will be
- offered the opportunity to interview for admission and
 - must submit observation hours/work performance evaluation to the program director at the time of the interview.

There are two (2) options to complete the observation requirement:

- **Option 1** (max of 3 points) – complete 8 hours of Occupational Therapy (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** (max of 2 points) – Review the following informational video approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the information page on the AOTA website. Once you have viewed the videos, provide a summary of what you learned in 750 words or less.
 - [What Can Occupational Therapy Do For You?](#)
 - [Become an occupational therapy practitioner | AOTA](#)

Applicants are evaluated during the interview as exceeding expectations, meeting expectations, or being below expectations on the following criteria:

- Professional appearance
- Knowledge and basic understanding of the profession
- Work ethic including initiative, responsibility, dependability, and punctuality
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Career motivation

Interview scores are averaged to determine the total points awarded.

- Step 7.** Based on total points (Step 5 + Step 6), the top 20 applicants will be offered admission to the program. Applicants offered admission will be notified via an “**Alert**” in Raidernet and must accept or decline their admission within 1 week. After one week, the “Alert” will disappear. Failure to respond may result in the applicant forfeiting their selection for admission. Applicants not offered admission will need to **resubmit the area of interest form the following year.**