

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGY - A.A.S.

College of Applied and Technical Studies

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Description

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology prepares students to be occupational therapy assistants who work under the direction of an occupational therapist to provide rehabilitative services to persons with mental, physical, emotional or developmental disabilities.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy assistants administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

Fully Offered At:

- Ashtabula Campus (Hybrid- online/on-ground)
- East Liverpool Campus (on-ground only)

Accreditation

The A.A.S. degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, and the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate professional behaviors when interacting with clients, peers and other professionals when providing occupational therapy services.
2. Demonstrate clinical reasoning by integrating clinical experiences with evidence-based practice and personal experience to provide best-practice occupational therapy services.
3. Demonstrate support for the client's desired occupational roles and participation in occupations through a creative, holistic approach.

4. Collaborate with inter-professional team members to provide distinct valued services to each client based on individual needs.
5. Demonstrate support for at-risk individuals, groups and populations who are in the community to identify resources and opportunities for improving engagement in occupations.

University Requirements

All students in an applied or technical associate degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements, please see Program Requirements for details.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Destination Kent State: First Year Experience		1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.		
Kent Core (see table below)		15
Total Credit Hour Requirement		60
Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.		

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA)	3
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS)	3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB)	3
Total Credit Hours:	15

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
OCAT 10000	FOUNDATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (min C grade)	2
OCAT 10001	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS II (min C grade)	3
OCAT 10002	THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES I - PSYCHOSOCIAL (min C grade)	4
OCAT 10003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY (min C grade)	1
OCAT 10092	THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES - FIELDWORK 1A (ELR)	1
OCAT 20000	THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES II - PHYSICAL DYSFUNCTION I (min C grade)	4
OCAT 20001	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS (min C grade)	2
OCAT 20003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS III (min C grade)	3
OCAT 20004	THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES III - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (min C grade)	3
OCAT 20006	THERAPY TECHNIQUES IV-PHYSICAL DYSFUNCTION II (min C grade)	3
OCAT 20092	THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES - FIELDWORK 1B (ELR)	1

OCAT 20192	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS I (ELR)	4
OCAT 20292	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS II (ELR)	4
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)		
AHS 12005 or NURS 20950	CONCEPTS IN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	3
AHS 12010	PROFESSIONALISM IN HEALTHCARE	1
AHS 22002	CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY	3
AHS 22003	CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY LABORATORY	1
BSCI 11010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) ²	3
BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) ²	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
PSYC 21211 or PSYC 40111	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS) ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Composition		3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		65

¹ Students who have successfully completed ATTR 25057 and ATTR 25058 (or EXSC 25057 and EXSC 25058 or BSCI 21010 and BSCI 21020) may use those courses in place of BSCI 11010 and BSCI 11020.

Progression Requirements

To be able to register for occupational therapy assistant technology (OCAT) courses, students must be accepted to technical study. Acceptance to technical study is a selective process. Criteria for acceptance are the following:

- Completion of prescribed developmental coursework
- Completion of high school or college-level courses in algebra and general biology
- Minimum 16 hours of volunteer time in two different occupational therapy settings
- Minimum 2.700 overall GPA

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Clinical education must be successfully completed within 18 months of the didactic coursework.
- Portions of the program's courses incorporate the use of technology and/or may be offered in a distance learning format. Under certain circumstances, students are required to attend clinicals on days outside of the academic calendar. These circumstances may occur on scheduled or unscheduled campus closures or on days when classes are cancelled, but the campus remains open. Examples include certain holidays, spring recess and/or prior to the start of semesters. Students will be notified in advance of these dates.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	BSCI 11010 FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	3
Credit Hours		3
Semester Two		
	AHS 12010 PROFESSIONALISM IN HEALTHCARE	1
!	BSCI 11020 FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB)	3
!	OCAT 10000 FOUNDATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	2
!	OCAT 10003 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY	1
	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Three		
	AHS 12005 CONCEPTS IN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT or NURS 20950 or HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	3
!	AHS 22002 CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY	3
!	AHS 22003 CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY LABORATORY	1
!	OCAT 10001 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS II	3
!	OCAT 10002 THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES I - PSYCHOSOCIAL	4
!	OCAT 10092 THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES - FIELDWORK 1A (ELR)	1
	PSYC 21211 PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS) or PSYC 40111 or ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
Credit Hours		18
Semester Four		
!	OCAT 20000 THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES II - PHYSICAL DYSFUNCTION I	4
!	OCAT 20003 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS III	3
!	OCAT 20092 THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES - FIELDWORK 1B (ELR)	1
Credit Hours		8
Semester Five		
	OCAT 20001 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS	2
!	OCAT 20004 THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES III - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	3
!	OCAT 20006 THERAPY TECHNIQUES IV-PHYSICAL DYSFUNCTION II	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
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Credit Hours		14
Semester Six		
!	OCAT 20192 CLINICAL APPLICATIONS I (ELR)	4
!	OCAT 20292 CLINICAL APPLICATIONS II (ELR)	4
Credit Hours		8
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		65