

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT - A.A.S.

College of Applied and Technical Studies  
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## Examples of Possible Careers\*

### Occupational therapy assistants

- 34.6% much faster than the average
- 47,100 number of jobs
- \$62,940 potential earnings

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## Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
  - Mostly online
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Ashtabula Campus (mostly online)
  - East Liverpool Campus (in person)

### \*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Description

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant prepares students for a career as an occupational therapy assistant. Occupational therapy services are provided for habilitation, rehabilitation and promotion of health and wellness, while emphasizing participation in meaningful occupations for clients and groups in a variety of settings. Occupational therapy assistants work under the direction of and in partnership with occupational therapists.

The degree program prepares students with a sequential curriculum, including lectures, labs and a variety of fieldwork experiences. Graduates are eligible to take the national certification exam and obtain state licensure.

## Accreditation

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

## 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 Twinsburg Academic Center, 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. Utilize professional behaviors when interacting with clients, peers and other professionals when providing occupational therapy services
2. Apply clinical reasoning by integrating clinical experiences with evidence-based practice and personal experience to provide best-practice occupational therapy services
3. Utilize a creative, holistic approach to support 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. Evaluate and support at-risk individuals, groups and populations who are in the community to identify resources and opportunities for improving engagement in occupations

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

## 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 (KCOMP)	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
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C/S grade required in all courses)</b>		
OTA 10000	FOUNDATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	2
OTA 10001	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS II	3
OTA 10002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH	4
OTA 10003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY	1
OTA 10192	FIELDWORK 1A (ELR)	1
OTA 20001	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS	2
OTA 20002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PHYSICAL HEALTH	3
OTA 20003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS III	3
OTA 20004	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS	3
OTA 20006	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PHYSICAL HEALTH II	3
OTA 20392	FIELDWORK 1B (ELR)	1
OTA 20492	FIELDWORK 1C (ELR)	1
OTA 21092	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS I (ELR)	4
OTA 21192	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS II (ELR)	4
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)</b>		
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) <sup>1</sup>	3
BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>65</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 (OTA) 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 observation hours 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 are 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
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
Semester Two		Credits
AHS 12010	PROFESSIONALISM IN HEALTHCARE	1
! BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB)	3
OTA 10000	FOUNDATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	2
OTA 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
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

<b>Semester Three</b>		
AHS 12005	CONCEPTS IN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	3
or	or HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	
NURS 20950	FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	
!	AHS 22002	CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY 3
!	AHS 22003	CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY LABORATORY 1
	OTA 10001	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS II 3
	OTA 10002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH 4
	OTA 10192	FIELDWORK 1A (ELR) 1
	PSYC 21211	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (DIVD) (KSS) 3
or	or ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	
	PSYC 40111	
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>		
	OTA 20002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PHYSICAL HEALTH 3
	OTA 20003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE SKILLS III 3
	OTA 20392	FIELDWORK 1B (ELR) 1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>		
	OTA 20001	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS 2
	OTA 20004	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS 3
	OTA 20006	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PHYSICAL HEALTH II 3
	OTA 20492	FIELDWORK 1C (ELR) 1
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>		
	OTA 21092	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS I (ELR) 4
	OTA 21192	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS II (ELR) 4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>65</b>