

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT - A.A.S.

College of Applied and Technical Studies
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About This Program

The Occupational Therapy Assistant A.A.S. program provides you with the skills and experience needed to become a licensed occupational therapy assistant, working with individuals of all ages to help them live meaningful and fulfilling lives. Read more...

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 - East Liverpool Campus
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Program Delivery

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

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Occupational therapy assistants

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

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) located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number, C/O AOTA, is (301) 652-AOTA(2682) and the website is www.acoteonline.org.

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

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.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning a minimum 71 TOEFL iBT score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 47 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive English Program. For more information on international admission visit the admissions website for international students.

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

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C/S grade required in all courses)		
OTA 10000	FOUNDATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	2
OTA 10002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH	4
OTA 10003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERVENTIONS FOR PRACTICE I	1
OTA 10010	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERVENTIONS FOR PRACTICE II	3
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 INTERVENTIONS FOR PRACTICE 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
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) ¹	3

BSCI 11020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) ¹	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (KSS)	3
PSYC 21211 or PSYC 40111	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (KSS) PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	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 (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
- 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

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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
OTA 10000	FOUNDATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	2
OTA 10003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERVENTIONS FOR PRACTICE I	1
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (KSS)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14

Semester Three		
AHS 12005 or NURS 20950	CONCEPTS IN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT or HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	3
AHS 22002	CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY	3
AHS 22003	CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY LABORATORY	1
OTA 10002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH	4
OTA 10010	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERVENTIONS FOR PRACTICE II	3
OTA 10192	FIELDWORK 1A (ELR)	1
PSYC 21211 or PSYC 40111	PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE (KSS) or PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
Credit Hours		18

Semester Four		
OTA 20002	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN PHYSICAL HEALTH	3
OTA 20003	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERVENTIONS FOR PRACTICE III	3
OTA 20392	FIELDWORK 1B (ELR)	1
Credit Hours		7

Semester Five		
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
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Credit Hours		15

Semester Six		
OTA 21092	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS I (ELR)	4
OTA 21192	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS II (ELR)	4
Credit Hours		8
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		65

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
Flashes 101 (UC 10001)		1
	Course is not required for students with 30+ 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 Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Engage in ongoing professional growth and development as an occupational therapy assistant practitioner.
2. Apply clinical reasoning by integrating clinical experiences with evidence-based practice and personal experience to provide best-practice occupational therapy services.
3. Implement occupation-based, client-centered practice to support clients' desired occupational roles and participation.
4. Promote community engagement through connecting resources to identified groups and populations to facilitate healthy, productive and satisfying lives.

Full 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.

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.