

Occupational Therapy Assistant Courses

Award: Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Required number of credits: 75

Program Start: Spring

2021–2022 Suggested Sequence of Study



The following suggested sequence of study is for new full-time students starting the program Fall 2021, Spring 2022, or Summer 2022. Part-time students should visit with a program advisor for a modified sequence of study.



When registering for classes refer to your Academic Evaluation to see your specific program requirements and ensure proper registration.



Courses are subject to change.

◆ General education course.

▶ Course has a prerequisite and/or corequisite.

O Course meets 100% online.

E Course meets face-to-face after 5:00pm.

8WK1 Course meets the first 8 weeks of the semester.

8KW2 Course meets the second 8 weeks of the semester.

Program Technology Requirements

The prerequisite courses for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program consists of online, hybrid, and face-to-face courses.

Students need to have a working computer, preferably a laptop, **and internet service** to complete assignments and assessments in the prerequisite and Occupational Therapy Assistant professional courses.

Computer requirements:

- Processor: i3 or i5
- RAM: 8 – 16 GB
- Hard drive: 256 – 512 GB SSD. No hybrid drives.

Prerequisite Coursework

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for prerequisite courses with no lower than a "C" grade in any individual prerequisite course except BIO-168 and BIO-173 which require a minimum grade of "B".

BIO-168 and BIO-173 must have been completed within the five years of starting the Occupational Therapy Assistant program coursework unless waived by the program chair.

All coursework must be scheduled to be completed no later than the end of the spring semester prior to the program's summer start.

You are not eligible for the Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant while taking prerequisite courses.

Pre-Program Prerequisites			
BIO-168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	E 4	◆
BIO-173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ►	E 4	◆
ENG-105	Composition I ►	O E 3	◆
HSC-108	Introduction to Health Professions	2	
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology	O E 3	◆
Total Credits 16			

Semester 1 – Spring 2022			
HSC-113	Medical Terminology	2	
MAT-110	Math for Liberal Arts ►	O E 3	◆
OTA-101	Introduction to OT	3	
OTA-120	Neuroanatomy for the OTA ►	3	
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	O E 3	◆
Total Credits 14			

Occupational Therapist Assistant Program Coursework

- Program coursework must be completed at full-time status and will take approximately 20 months to complete.
- Before you can begin program coursework, you must complete the Phase II admissions process.
- You must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all program coursework; less than a "C" is considered failing. You may not progress with other coursework until a failed course is retaken.
- You may only fail one program course; failing more than one course will be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- Personal life can disrupt one's ability to complete the program. If this is occurring, please see the program director.

Clinical Experience Requirements

Clinical experiences are completed off-campus. Sites may be local, in-state, or out-of-state. You are very likely to travel at least 2-3 hours away from campus for at least one placement to complete your fieldwork requirement. **You are responsible for your own transportation to and from clinical education, as well as any associated uniform and housing costs.** You will not be allowed to select specific sites for clinical education, but may make requests for special needs or geographical locations. Placement at sites will be dependent up the availability of supervisors.

Participation in clinical education requires:

1. Passing a criminal background, urinalysis testing, Medicare/Medicaid fraud, sex offender, and adult/dependent abuse background checks prior to the first day of program courses. A negative finding of the background check may limit and/or exclude you from participation in clinical education (fieldwork) component, thus your eligibility for program completion/graduation would be compromised. If you have a negative finding, you can go through the NBCOT Early Determination Review. NBCOT states "To ensure that occupational therapy practitioners meet standards of professional conduct prior to entering the profession, all applicants for certification are required to provide information and documentation related to affirmative responses to character questions on the examination application.
2. Completing CPR, HIPAA, First Aid, Mandatory Reporting, and OSHA training prior to the first day of clinical coursework. This training is part of HSC-108.
3. Current physical exam and updated immunizations are required, including current hepatitis B series (unless signs waiver), MMR, and current tetanus. Polio and meningitis are also recommended. Current two-step TB test results are required. Students will receive a copy of this form in the spring. Students are recommended to be proactive and begin to gather information regarding past immunizations.

Physical and immunizations must be up to date and maintained until the following August and/or completion of all fieldwork. Failure to do so will disrupt fieldwork placement and jeopardize your position in the program.

A dress code for clinical education exists and may be required by the clinical site. Students will find this information in the OTA Program Handbook.

OTA Professional Courses

Semester 2 – Summer 2022

OTA-102 Human Movement and Occupation ► *	3
OTA-103 Task Analysis ► *	3
OTA-105 OTA and Professional Issues I ►	2 ♦
Total Credits 8	

* OTA-102 and OTA-103 are hybrid classes. Lectures are online and labs are on campus.

Semester 3 – Fall 2022

OTA-201 Pediatrics and Occupation ►	8WK1	3
OTA-202 Pediatric OTA Skills ►	8WK1	3
OTA-204 Pediatric Psychosocial Conditions and Occupations ►	8WK1	1
OTA-221 Level I Fieldwork Pediatrics ►	8WK1	1 ♦
OTA-222 OTA and Professional Issues II ►	8WK1	1 ♦
OTA-311 Adult Psychosocial Conditions and Occupations ►	8WK2	2
OTA-312 Adult Psychosocial OTA Skills ►	8WK2	2
OTA-313 Level I Fieldwork Psychosocial ►	8WK2	1
OTA-314 Management and the OTA ►	8WK2	3 ♦
Total Credits 17		

Semester 4 – Spring 2023

OTA-315 Adult Physical Conditions and Occupations ►	8WK1	2 ♦
OTA-316 Physical OTA Skills ►	8WK1	2 ♦
OTA-401 Elders and Occupation ►	8WK1	2
OTA-402 OTA Skills for Elders ►	8WK1	2
OTA-403 Level I Fieldwork Physical Dysfunction ►	8WK1	1
OTA-502 Level II Fieldwork A ►	8WK2	5
Total Credits 14		

Semester 5 – Summer 2023

OTA-503 Level II Fieldwork B ►	5
OTA-504 Student to Clinician ►	1 ♦
Total Credits 6	