Occupational Therapy Assistant Courses

Award: Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Required number of credits: 82
Program Start: Summer

2017–2018 Suggested Sequence of Study

The following suggested sequence of study is for new full-time students starting the program in the academic year listed.

When registering for classes refer to your Program Evaluation/Degree Audit 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.
◐ Course meets the first 8 weeks of the semester.
◒ Course meets the second 8 weeks of the semester.

Prerequisite Coursework

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for prerequisite courses with no lower than a "C" 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.

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

Prerequisites—Semester 1—Fall

BIO-168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	E	4	◆
CSC-110	Introduction to Computers ▶	O E	3	◆
ENG-105	Composition I ▶	O E	3	◆
HSC-113	Medical Terminology		2	
MAT-110	Math for Liberal Arts ▶	O E	3	◆
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology	O E	3	◆
			Total Credits	**18**

Prerequisites—Semester 2—Spring

BIO-173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ▶	E	4	◆
HSC-108	Introduction to Health Professions		2	
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology	O E	3	◆
PSY-241	Abnormal Psychology ▶	O	3	◆
SOC-110	Introduction to Sociology -OR-	O E	3	◆
SOC-205	Diversity in America	O E	3	◆
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	O E	3	◆
			Total Credits	**18**

Occupational Therapist Assistant Program Coursework

- Program coursework must be completed at full-time status and will take approximately 12 months to complete.

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- 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.

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 & Character 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. See more at www.nbcot.org/character-review-process

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. This must be recorded on the Hawkeye Community College Student Health and Immunization Record form prior to the first day of program courses.

   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.

Semester 3—Summer

OTA-102 Human Movement and Occupation ▶	3
OTA-103 Task Analysis ▶	3
OTA-104 Assistive Tech and EM ▶	2
Total Credits	**8**

Semester 4—Fall

OTA-201 Pediatrics and Occupation ▶ ◐	3
OTA-202 Pediatric OTA Skills ▶ ◐	3
OTA-203 Level I Fieldwork Pediatrics ▶ ◐	2
OTA-204 Pediatric Psychosocial Conditions and Occupations ▶ ◐	1
OTA-311 Adult Psychosocial Conditions and Occupations ▶ ◒	2
OTA-312 Adult Psychosocial OTA Skills ▶ ◒	2
OTA-313 Level I Fieldwork Psychosocial ▶ ◒	1
OTA-501 Professional Practice for OTA ▶ ◒	3
Total Credits	**17**

Semester 5—Spring

OTA-302 Physical OTA Skills ▶ ◐	3
OTA-310 Adult Physical Conditions and Occupations ▶ ◐	3
OTA-401 Elders and Occupation ▶ ◐	2
Total Credits	**16**

Semester 5—Spring

OTA-402 OTA Skills for Elders ▶ ◐	2
OTA-403 Level I Fieldwork Physical Dysfunction ▶ ◐	1
OTA-502 Level II Fieldwork A ▶ ◒	5
	Total Credits 16

Semester 6—Summer

OTA-503 Level II Fieldwork B ▶	5
	Total Credits 5