Occupational Therapy Assistant - East TN Alliance

Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program

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Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) use purposeful activities to help a person maintain or restore the highest level of independence possible in activities meaningful to that person. Occupational therapy assistants work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, outpatient centers, school systems, skilled nursing facilities, community programs, home health agencies, and mental health agencies. For more information and detailed admission procedures - http://www.roanestate.edu (keyword “OTA”) Up to five qualified applicants will be admitted to the distance cohort from each participating college in the Alliance.

Class Location
Face-to-face classes are held on the Oak Ridge Branch Campus (ORBC). Distance students admitted through the East TN Alliance will use distance education technologies to engage with the instructor and on-campus students. All labs are held on the ORBC. Clinical assignments will be made at agencies and institutions in proximity to either Cleveland State or Chattanooga State when possible.

Length of Training
The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program is a 2-year program after completing prerequisites and acceptance into the program.

Average Salary
The Tennessee Department of Labor, 2010 Occupational Employment and Wages, statewide or Knoxville Metropolitan Area lists the average earnings of Occupational Therapy Assistants as $43,885.

Tuition/Fees/Cost
$1690.50 per semester (12 credit hours) and a $25 per credit hour Specialized Allied Health Sciences fee.
Supplemental equipment and supplies will cost approximately $615.
All tuition and fees are subject to change by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Books
Visit the RSCC Bookstore website www.roanestate.edu/bookstore for titles and costs of required and recommended texts.

Program Application Deadline
May 15.

Accreditation
The OTA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

ACOTE
C/o Accreditation Department
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814-3449
Occupational Therapy Assistance (OTA) Degree Plan
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General Education Requirements*

**Communication – 1 course (3 credits)**
- ENGL 1010  Composition I*

**Humanities/Fine Arts – 1 course* (3 credits)**
- ARTH 2010  Survey of Art History I
- ARTH 2020  Survey of Art History II
- ARTH 1030  Art Appreciation
- ENGL 2110  American Literature I
- ENGL 2120  American Literature II
- ENGL 2210  British Literature I
- ENGL 2220  British Literature II
- ENGL 2310  World Literature I
- ENGL 2320  World Literature II
- MUS 1030  Music Appreciation
- THEA 1030  Introduction to Theater
- PHIL 1030  Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 121  Elementary Ethics
- PHIL 201  Introduction to Religions of World

**Natural Science – 2 courses (8 credits)**
- BIOL 2010  Human Anatomy and Physiology I*
- BIOL 2020  Human Anatomy and Physiology II*

**Psychology – 2 courses (6 credits)**
- PSYC 2130  Life Span Psychology*
- PSYC 2230  Abnormal Psychology*

OTA Courses
(admission to OTA program is required)

**FIRST YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- ALH 118  Terminology for Medical Comm. – 2 credits
- OTA 102  Introduction to OT – 2 credits
- OTA 107  Therapeutic Activities – 3 credits
- OTA 124  Human Movement Occupation – 3 credits
- OTA 121  Level I Physical Dis. Fieldwork – 2 credits

**Spring Semester**
- OTA 110  Theory & Trtm Psychosocial Dys. – 5 credits
- OTA 115  Level I Psychosocial Fieldwork – 2 credits
- OTA 117  Neurological Theory & Trtm – 5 credits

**SECOND YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- OTA 210  Theory & Trtm Physical Dys. – 5 credits
- OTA 212  Practice Management – 2 credits
- OTA 216  Pediatric Theory & Treatment – 5 credits

**Spring Semester**
- OTA 221  Life Development Fieldwork II – 6 credits
- OTA 226  Medically Based Fieldwork II – 6 credits

Total Degree Credits=68

*Recommend completion of General Education Requirements prior to entering OTA program

The Intent to Graduate form needs to be submitted to the Office of Graduation during the fall term of the second year.

For admissions information, please contact:

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