

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant is a 71-credit program. Course work includes a combination of general education courses, occupational therapy theory and skill building courses, and on-the-job experiences at various fieldwork sites. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the fieldwork sites. All academic coursework must be completed before students are placed on their Level 2 fieldwork experience. The Level 2 fieldwork must be completed within 12 months of completing the required coursework. Enrollment in the fieldwork classes may be limited due to the availability of fieldwork sites.

Accreditation/Certification

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449, phone 301-652-AOTA or 301-652-2682.

Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of the exam, the individual is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Most states require licensure in order to practice. However, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or attain state licensure.

Prerequisites

Test requirements must be completed before admission into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

1. A score of 86 or higher in Sentence Skills on the new student assessment within the past 2 years OR successful completion with a grade of B or better in Basic English 0101 within the past two years.
2. A score of 78 or higher in Reading Comprehension on the new student assessment within the past 2 years OR successful completion with a grade of B or better in Basic Reading 0900 within the past two years.
3. A score of 81 or higher in Arithmetic Skills on the new student assessment within the past two years OR successful completion with a grade of B or better in Basic Math 0801 within the past two years.
4. Successfully complete Test of Essential Academic Skills, (TEAS V)- Score of 70% or higher on the TEAS test version only (TEAS V). There is a cost associated with the test. It is the responsibility of that applicant to pay this fee.

COTA 1000, Introduction to Occupational Therapy, is a pre-requisite for all other OTA program courses. All required coursework must be successfully completed before participating in Level 2 Fieldwork experiences.

Background Study

Minnesota state law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and/or residents at a health care facility have a background study conducted by the state. A student who is disqualified as a result of a background check will not be allowed to enter the program major. A student must receive a "Background Study Clearance" within 90 days preceding the start of clinical or fieldwork courses to be placed at a partnering facility. Any student failing to receive clearance will be disqualified from enrollment in the course. Arrests, charges, or convictions of criminal offenses may cause a student to fail a background study. If a

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Technical Education

52 Credits

<input type="checkbox"/> ADSC 1055	Electronic Health Records	2
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 1000	Introduction to Occupational Therapy.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 1100	Therapeutic Modalities I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 1150	Therapeutic Modalities II ⁽¹⁾	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 1220	Pediatric Principles & Techniques ⁽¹⁾	4
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 1255	Physical Dysfunction Principles & Techniques I ⁽¹⁾	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 1370	Special Topics in Occupational Therapy.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2001	Organization & Administration of Activity Program.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2010	Level 1 Fieldwork ⁽⁴⁾	2
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2011	Fieldwork Seminar I	1
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2205	Psychosocial Principles & Techniques ⁽²⁾	5
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2255	Physical Dysfunction Principles & Techniques II ⁽³⁾	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2410	Level 2 Fieldwork in Psychosocial Setting.....	6
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2420	Level 2 Fieldwork in Rehab Setting.....	6
<input type="checkbox"/> COTA 2450	Fieldwork Seminar II.....	1
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1005	Anatomy and Physiology.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1010	Medical Terminology.....	1

General Education/MnTC Requirements 19 Credits

Nineteen general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1105	Composition I	4
OR		
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 2105	English and Technical Writing	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1405	Lifespan Development.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1505	General Psychology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1605	Abnormal Psychology.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1200	Interpersonal Communication	3
OR		
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1500	Intercultural Communication	3
OR		

⁽¹⁾⁻⁽⁴⁾ See Sample Program Sequence for course prerequisites and notes.

student is disqualified, the student has the right to request reconsideration of the disqualification. It is the responsibility of the student to request consideration by the MN Department of Health Commissioner if he or she chooses to do so. An applicant is considered to be disqualified while in the reconsideration process.

Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate in Applied Science (AAS), diploma, or certification must meet the Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Please contact your advisor for any further program graduation requirements.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how this program transfers to other programs, review the Anoka Tech articulation agreements at [Minnesota Transfer](#). Articulation agreements are transfer agreements with specific programs and partnering schools. These agreements detail how specific courses transfer to a specific program at the partnering school. For a complete list of Anoka Tech's articulation agreements

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Industry Information

Young or old, we all have a job to do – the job of living. Learning, growing, playing, working, managing our homes, and caring for our families and ourselves are among the occupations of life.

Sometimes physical, emotional, or other challenges prevent people from participating fully in the job of living. Stroke, injury, depression, and developmental disabilities, for example, can make it difficult for people to do everyday tasks or be as active and as independent as they'd like.

Occupational therapy – a vibrant, growing profession – makes it possible for people to regain independence and to enjoy life to its fullest. By choosing a career in occupational therapy, you will make a difference. You will improve the lives of children, young people, and adults alike.

Occupational therapy assistants work with the supervision of registered occupational therapists to provide hands-on services to children and adults who are learning new ways to succeed in the occupations of life. Students today can look forward to dynamic careers working in varied settings with people of all ages. Many practitioners help children thrive in the “occupations” of childhood – learning, playing, and growing. Some work in schools with students who have learning disabilities or behavioral problems. Others work with children who have cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, and other disabilities.

Practitioners also work with individuals in their homes, community centers, rehabilitation hospitals, and nursing homes. In these settings, they may support people with traumatic injuries, strokes, Alzheimer’s disease, or mental health problems.

Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Occupational therapy assistants may become occupational therapists. Assistants must get a master’s degree to become a therapist.

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Start Dates

Fall SemesterAugust

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Sample Program Sequence

Full-Time

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
FIRST YEAR	COTA 1000.....4	⁽¹⁾ COTA 1150.....3	ENGL 1105.....4
	COTA 1100.....3	COTA 1220.....4	OR ENGL 2105
	HLTH 1005.....4	⁽¹⁾ COTA 1255.....3	ADSC 1055.....2
	HLTH 1010.....1	COTA 2001.....2	PSYC 1505.....4
	TOTAL.....12	PSYC 1405.....4	SPCH 1200.....3
		TOTAL.....16	OR SPCH 1500
			TOTAL.....13
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
	⁽⁴⁾ COTA 2010.....2	COTA 2410.....6	
	COTA 2011.....1	COTA 2420.....6	
	⁽²⁾ COTA 2205.....5	COTA 2450.....1	
	COTA 2255.....3	TOTAL.....13	
	⁽³⁾ COTA 1370.....2		
PSYC 1605.....4			
TOTAL.....17			

Although the general education courses are listed in the sequence above, the courses may be taken any semester and in any order.

COTA 1000, Introduction to Occupational Therapy, is a pre-requisite for all other OTA program courses. All required coursework must be successfully completed before participating in Level 2 Fieldwork experiences.

- ⁽¹⁾ The prerequisite to this course is HLTH 1005, Anatomy and Physiology
- ⁽²⁾ The prerequisite to this course is PSYC 1605, Abnormal Psychology or taken concurrently
- ⁽³⁾ The prerequisite to this course is COTA 1220, Pediatric Principles
- ⁽³⁾ The prerequisite to this course is COTA 1220, Pediatric Principles & Techniques and COTA 1255, Physical Dysfunction Principles & Techniques I

⁽⁴⁾ Requires a current CPR for the Healthcare Worker Card

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