

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Duration 2 years

Format In-Seat

Location UC-Beckley

Program Overview

The mission of the OTA program at University of Charleston – Beckley is to prepare its graduates to enter the global workforce as highly educated, productive individuals, to have the knowledge and ability to embrace enlightened living, through therapeutic use of self, along with the technical skills and professional behaviors to be an involved member of the occupational therapy community. The OTA program seeks to maintain the highest ethical standards and to ensure dynamic curriculum development by thorough and ongoing assessment programs.

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200,
North Bethesda, MD. 20852-4929.
1-301-652-6611 / www.acote.org
Certification Exam: www.nbcot.org

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More Information

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Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston

UC Provides

- A strong foundation in the marketable skills and knowledge needed for entry level OTA practice competencies
- Assistance in understanding occupational therapy practice
- A supportive learning environment that encourages and motivates students
- An atmosphere that teaches respect for human life
- The opportunity to become an involved member of the occupational therapy community

Occupational Therapy services typically include:

- An individualized evaluation, during which the client/ family and Occupational Therapy determine the person's goals
- Customized intervention to improve the person's ability to perform daily activities and reach their goals
- An outcome evaluation to ensure that the goals are being met and/or make changes to the intervention plan
- Occupational Therapy practitioners have a holistic perspective, in which the focus is on adapting the environment to fit the person, and the person is an integral part of the therapy team.

**Learn more about the OTA program at
www.ucwv.edu/academics/majors-degrees/occupational-therapy-assistant/**



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Core Curriculum

Application & Admission

Admission to the program is selective. Acceptance to the University of Charleston and meeting program admission requirements do not guarantee admission to the program. The program accepts one class per year for fall semester only.

It is strongly suggested that application be received no later than March 15th. Qualifying applications who apply before that date may be given preference over other applicants at the discretion of the university. Those who apply after that date may apply until the class is full.

You must meet the following criteria to be eligible for admission to the University of Charleston's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program:

1. High school graduate or equivalent
2. General admission to the university
3. Submission/registration fee to the university
4. Successful completion of all general education courses with a minimum grade of C.
5. Minimal GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all general education courses

Submit to program before March 15th of the year you are applying to the program

1. Submit a completed OTA Program application
2. 2 Letters of recommendation from someone other than family members

Please consult the university catalog and website for more detailed information on program admission requirements.

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 throughout the entire course of study. Program progress requires a grade of C in all required courses. Failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the program.

Courses taken in conjunction with University requirements

Coursework is based on a structure of 1 contact hour per credit hour for lecture courses and 8 contact hours per credit hour for clinical courses.

General Education Requirements
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Program Total

19
44
63

Typical Schedule

FIRST YEAR FALL

BIOL 212	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 212L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
COMM 101	Freshman Writing I	3
MATH 120	Mathematics	3
OTA 201	Intro to Occupational Therapy	3
Total Credit Hours		13

FIRST YEAR SPRING

COMM 102	Freshman Writing II	3
SSCI 105	Issues in Social Science	3
PSYC 212	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
OTA 203	Clinical Kinesiology	3
Total Credit Hours		12

SECOND YEAR FALL

OTA 202	Principles of Performance in OT	3
OTA 204	OT In Adult Physical Performance I	4
OTA 205	Level I Fieldwork I	1
OTA 208	OT in Adult Psychosocial Perf & Lab	3
OTA 209	Modalities & Methods for Occupational Performance & Lab	3
Total Credit Hours		14

SECOND YEAR SPRING

OTA 206	Level I Fieldwork II	1
OTA 207	OT in Adult Physical Perf. II	4
OTA 210	Occupational Perf. of Children	3
OTA 215	Occupational Perf. of Elderly	3
OTA 216	Capstone Seminar I (Additional fees may apply)	1
Total Credit Hours		14

SECOND YEAR SUMMER

OTA 211	Level II Fieldwork I	5
OTA 212	Level II Fieldwork II	5
OTA 217	Capstone Seminar II (Additional fees may apply)	2
Total Credit Hours		12

OTA 201 and OTA 203 can be taken within the program requirement year.

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Application Information

How to Apply

1. Complete an application for admission to the University of Charleston online
<https://ucwv.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Admissions/pages/welcome.aspx>
2. Submit official transcripts and additional information as UC requests
3. Contact OTA faculty/staff for advising appointment at 04-352-0060 or
dremataylor@ucwv.edu

Additional Requirements for the OTA program Application Process

- *or 8 Credit hours of Anatomy and Physiology with lab
- 2 Letters of recommendation from someone other than family members
- GPA of 2.5 or higher- must complete all General Education with a C or better before starting the OTA program.
- Complete all OTA courses with “C” or higher
- Students must demonstrate basic computer proficiency or will have to participate in a UC computer seminar
- This worksheet is an estimate based upon your unofficial transcripts. The approved transfer credit are subject to change with the registrar’s office evaluates your official transcripts.
- Total Program Credit Hours 63
- *An additional semester may be added to the program year depending on fieldwork rotation

Financial Aid Information

Our students Solutions Center staff are ready to guide you through the financial aid process. Options may include UC scholarships, federal work – study jobs, loans and federal and state grant programs. We encourage you to apply for financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

UC offers financial aid for students who demonstrated financial need, or exceptional academic athletic or leadership achievement.

For more information, visit the UC website at <http://www.ucwv.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/>

Graduates of the program will be 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 this exam, the graduate will be a certified occupational therapy assistant (cota). In addition, all states require licensure 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 examination or attain state licensure.
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Cost of Attendance 2020 - 2021

ITEM	APPROX. COST	SEMESTER	TOTAL COST
Pre-Clinical Year Tuition	\$380 x 19	Pre-Clinical	\$7220
Clinical Year Tuition	\$380 x 44	Clinical	\$16,720
UC Student Fees*	\$1000	Throughout	\$1000
Course Fees**	\$280	Throughout	\$280
Semester Fees***	\$185	Each OTA program specific semester	\$555
Clinical Supplies	\$200	Pre-OTA	\$200
Physical Exam/Immunization Fees ****	\$300	Pre-OTA	\$300
CPR	\$25	Pre-OTA	\$25 (Renew Yearly)
Criminal Background Check	\$75	Pre-OTA	\$75
Drug Testing	\$45	Fall	\$45
State Conference Activities	\$50	Fall	\$50
Books	\$800	Throughout	\$800
American Therapy Association (Membership Fee)	\$75	Fall	\$75
State OTA (Membership Fee)	\$15	Fall	\$15
Graduation Fee	\$200	Spring	\$200
Pins	\$50	Throughout	\$50
Transportation*****	\$1500		\$1500
TOTAL			\$28,910

Fees are subject to change

*Stated fees are an estimate of student fees for parking, laboratory fees, and charges noted in individual course listings. Fees for individual students will vary. The Student Solutions Center is the best source for information about charges, payments and student accounts.

**Course Fees are included in your tuition for OTA 209, OTA 210, OTA 211/212, and OTA 215 to offset the cost associated with AOTA Digital Badging Program, fieldwork cost, and additional materials needed for class projects.

***Semester Fees are included in your tuition to offset the cost of the NBCOT exam

****Approximate cost with no insurance.

*****Depending on geographical location.

On Campus Living

CHARLESTON CAMPUS

ROOM	\$5,270
BOARD*	\$4,240
FEES**	\$1000

*Board charges are based on our most popular meal plan. Other meal plans are available.

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