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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### A.A.S., Major in Occupational Therapy Assistant

Occupational Therapy is a health sciences specialty that employs the use of purposeful activity, occupations and exercise for individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, cognitive dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, or the aging process, in order to maximize independence in Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), prevent disability and maintain health. Occupational therapy assistants' work closely with occupational therapists to provide services that encompass evaluation, treatment and consultation.

#### Accreditation

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. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA (2682) and its Web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). Graduates 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). Successful completion of this exam entitles the individual to practice as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist. In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. To learn more about the ACOTE standards, visit [www.ptc.edu/ACOTE](http://www.ptc.edu/ACOTE).

Initial steps toward accreditation have been completed. The program is awaiting final accreditation status.

The sponsoring institution (Piedmont Technical College) assumes primary responsibility for appointment of faculty, admission of students, and curriculum planning at all locations where the program is offered. This would include course content, satisfactory completion of the educational program, and granting of the degree. The sponsoring institution(s) must also be responsible for the coordination of classroom teaching and supervised fieldwork practice and for providing assurance that the practice activities assigned to students in a fieldwork setting are appropriate to the program.

**Admissions:** Health Science programs have special program admission criteria which must be completed prior to applying for the clinical phase of the program. For more detailed information, please go to [www.ptc.edu/hsnis](http://www.ptc.edu/hsnis).

To become eligible to apply for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, applicants must complete the following:

1. Complete the following courses (minimum "C" grade required):
  - AHS 102
  - BIO 210
  - ENG 101
  - MAT 120
  - PSY 201
  - PSY 203 or PSY 212
2. Minimum grade point average for the above coursework of 2.5. A GPA calculator can be found on the college website.
3. Completion of a minimum of 40 hours of observations in two different occupational settings.
4. Good academic standing at the college.

<b>GENERAL EDUCATION</b>	
<b>COURSES</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
AHS 102 Medical Terminology .....	3.0
BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4.0
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4.0
CPT 101 Introduction to Computers .....	3.0
ENG 101 English Composition I.....	3.0
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics .....	3.0
PSY 201 General Psychology.....	3.0
PSY 203 Human Growth and Development.....	3.0
or PSY 212 <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	
SPC 205 Public Speaking .....	3.0
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts .....	3.0

\*All general education coursework must be completed prior to the first semester of Occupational Therapy Assistant coursework. This program is located on the Newberry Campus.

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
OTA 101 Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy .....	3.0
OTA 105 Therapeutic Analysis in Occupational Therapy .....	3.0
OTA 155 Gerontology.....	2.0
OTA 203 Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy .....	3.0
AHS 106 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).....	1.0

<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	
OTA 142 OTA Clinical Introduction I .....	1.0
OTA 162 Psychosocial Dysfunction .....	3.0
OTA 213 Group Process and Dynamics .....	2.0
OTA 245 Occupational Therapy Departmental Management .....	2.0

<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
OTA 144 OTA Clinical Introduction II (FW Level - II) .....	1.0
OTA 164 Physical Dysfunction .....	6.0
OTA 176 Pediatric Development and Dysfunction .....	4.0

<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>	
OTA 262 OTA Clinical Introduction I (FW Level - II) .....	7.0
OTA 264 OTA Clinical Introduction II (FW Level - II) .....	7.0

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 77**

*\*Each fieldwork is completed in an 8 week interval.*

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