



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate **of** Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Advising Guide

The field of Occupational Therapy is exciting, diverse, and rewarding. COTAs work under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist to provide patient care to individuals with varying physical and/or psychosocial disabilities to obtain their maximum level of independence with self-care and daily living skills. OT practitioners help people to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health, and prevent and/or live better with injury, illness, or disability. A variety of work settings are available such as acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, nursing homes, school systems, home health care and community agencies. The OTA Program leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree.

****This program is a selective admissions program and requires prerequisite testing and coursework. Please see an academic advisor to review admission requirements and program timelines.***

Semester 1		
Course	Credits	Action Steps
OTHA 100 (Program Prerequisite Requirement)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with academic advisor to build a degree plan in Starfish and discuss admissions requirements.
^ENGL 101 (Program Prerequisite Requirement)	3	
^BIOL 110 (Program Requirement-Alternatively can take HLSC 108 or BIOL 109 in Semester 2)	6	
BIOL 150 (Program Prerequisite Requirement)	2	
**BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, PHYS - any biological or physical sciences course in one of these disciplines (Program Prerequisite Requirement)	4 – 6*	
Total Credits	17 - 19	
Semester 2		
^COMM 100, ^COMM 102, ^COMM 223, or ^COMM 233 (General Education Requirement)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for admission to OTA program.
PSYC 140 (General Education Requirement)	3	
HIST 120, 121, or POLS 136 (General Education Requirement/Civics)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Civics Exam with 70% or higher score
^BIOL 110 or ^BIOL 210 or ^HLSC 108 (Program Requirement-Take BIOL 210 if Already Completed BIO 109)	4 – 5*	
Total Credits	13 - 14	
Semester 3		
^OTHA 102 (Program Requirement)	2	
^OTHA 103 (Program Requirement)	2	
^OTHA 106 (Program Requirement)	4	
^OTHA 114 (Program Requirement)	1	
^OTHA 116 (Program Requirement)	0.5	
Total Credits	9.5	



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Semester 4		
^OTHA 118 (Program Requirement)	3	
^OTHA 120 (Program Requirement)	2	
^OTHA 121 (Program Requirement)	1	
^OTHA 130 (Program Requirement)	4	
^OTHA 154 (Program Requirement)	2	
Total Credits	14	
Semester 5		
^OTHA 201 (Program Requirement)	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Career Services to develop a resume
^OTHA 202 (Program Requirement)	3	
^OTHA 203 (Program Requirement)	2	
^OTHA 208 (Program Requirement)	4	
^OTHA 212 (Program Requirement)	2	
^OTHA 217 (Program Requirement)	2	
Total Credits	15.5	
Semester 6		
^OTHA 222 Level II Fieldwork (Program Requirement)	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for jobs • Apply for graduation
Total Credits	12	
Credits Required	81*	
<i>*The A.A.S. degree requires a minimum of 81 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.</i>		

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students on this A.A.S. degree and identifies the course taking recommendations for timely degree completion. Please be aware that all pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. Degree requirements and prerequisites information can be found here: <https://mccckc.edu/programs/occupational-therapy/>

All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interest, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information.

**Students should choose CHEM 105 in Semester 1 if taking BIOL 109 or BIOL 210.