

■ OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM (OCTA)

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE

Occupational Title: Occupational Therapy Assistant
Newport County Campus only
Evening/Weekend Program (Fieldwork Days)

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at CCRI is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). You may contact ACOTE at 4720 Montgomery Lane, PO Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220 or call (800) 792-2682.

Occupational Therapy is the use of purposeful activity and interventions to promote health and achieve functional outcomes in performance areas such as activities of daily living, work and productive activities, and play or leisure activities. Achieving functional outcomes means to develop, improve or restore the highest level of independence to any individual who is limited by physical injury or illness, a cognitive impairment, a psychosocial dysfunction, a mental illness, a development or learning disability or an adverse environmental condition. Occupational therapy helps people of all ages lead productive satisfying lives.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is offered at the Newport County Campus. It is an evening/weekend program, however, fieldwork experiences are offered during the day. Although Occupational Therapy Assistant courses are offered at the Newport Campus, the required general education courses may be taken at other CCRI campuses or sites prior to acceptance. All fieldwork courses shall be completed within 18 months following completion of the academic preparation.

Students successfully completing an accredited Occupational Therapy Assistant program earn an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy assistants, which is administered by the National Certification Board for Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). An individual must successfully pass the certification examination in order to apply for licensure to practice as a certified occupational therapy assistant in the state of Rhode Island.

Technical standards: The physical activity level for occupational therapy assistants is classified as “medium” by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

GENERAL POLICIES

See important general policies in beginning of this section on academic progress, advanced standing, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms and equipment.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the admissions application.
 - Provide proof of a high school diploma or GED.
 - Reading Comprehension standardized test (ACCUPLACER) must show competency at 75 or above or completion of ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of “B” or better.
 - Successfully complete the following courses with a grade of “C” or better prior to acceptance into the program:
 - OCTA 1000: Introduction to Occupational Therapy
 - RHAB 1010: Medical Terminology
 - BIOL 1010: Human Anatomy
 - MATH 1420: Introduction to College Math
 - BIOL 1020: Human Physiology
 - ENGL 1010: Composition I (may not substitute ENGL 1300)
 - SPCH 1100: Oral Communication I
 - PSYC 2010: General Psychology
 - PSYC 2030: Developmental Psychology
 - Cumulative average of at least 2.0 for all previous college courses.
- Completing health requirements established by the College and the prior to beginning OCTA 1030: Fundamentals of Treatment II.
 - Program faculty reserve the right to require withdrawal of any student from the program or to refuse reinstatement based on the student’s academic, clinical or behavioral performance.



This course has a prerequisite. See Course Descriptions section for class hours, prerequisites and corequisites.

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PREADMISSION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: THESE COURSES MUST BE TAKEN PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1000	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	2
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1010	Medical Terminology	1
Total Preadmission Major Credits		3

PREADMISSION GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1010	Human Anatomy	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1020 P	Human Physiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1420*	Introduction to College Math*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1010*	Composition I*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1100	Oral Communication I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2010	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2030 P	Developmental Psychology	3
Total Preadmission/General Education Requirements		23

*Placement test required

Full-Time students should take courses as follows:

First semester take: RHAB 1110; OCTA 1010, 1020, 1070

Second semester take: OCTA 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1080

Third semester take: OCTA 2010, 2020 (Summer)

Fourth semester take: OCTA 2030, 2035, 2040

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - NOTE: STUDENTS MUST BE ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE TAKING ANY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1110 P	Kinesiology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1010 P	Fundamentals of Treatment I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1020 P	Wellness and Pathology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1070 P	Test and Measurements for Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1030 P	Fundamentals of Treatment II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1040 P	Gerontologic Occupational Therapy	3
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1050 P	Pediatric Occupational Therapy	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1060 P	Level I Fieldwork	1
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 1080 P	Therapeutic Activity Group Skills	2
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 2010 P	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 2020 P	Physical Rehabilitation and Health	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 2030 P	Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork IIA (8 wks. x 40 hours)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 2035 P	Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork IIB (8 wks. x 40 hours)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> OCTA 2040 P	Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork Seminar	2
Total Major Requirements		44

Total General Education Requirements 26

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Total Program Credits 70

C Corequisites:
Take during the same semester

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