Occupational Therapy Assistant
Associate in Applied Science
Health Sciences Division
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The program prepares students as entry level Occupational Therapy Assistant practitioners. The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) works under the direction of the Occupational Therapist (OT) in providing specific patient services to improve health and performance. OTA and OTPT courses will be taught only at the Southern Lakes Branch Campus.

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

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, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. AOTA’s phone number is (301) 652-AOTA. Graduates of the program will be able to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). NBCOT’s address is 800 S. Frederick Avenue, Suite 200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877-4150. NBCOT’s phone number is (301) 990-7979. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Michigan requires a license in order to practice; however, state licensure is 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 and attain state registration.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO THE OTA PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Demonstrate at least an 11th grade reading level on MCC Placement Test. There is no waiver for this requirement.
2. Complete BIOL 151, BIOL 152, PSYC 281 and ENGL 101 or 103 with a grade of "2.0" or better.
3. Provide official transcripts of all college work. High school transcript or proof of GED.
4. Must have and maintain a cumulative MCC GPA of 2.5 or better.
5. Complete 8 hours of occupational therapy observation. Submit signed verification with Supplemental Application.
6. Must have an acceptable criminal background check for the purpose of identifying any student who could not continue in the program due to a felony conviction (within the last 1, 3, 5 or 10 years) or misdemeanor conviction (within the last 1, 3, 5 or 10 years) in accordance with State statutes and laws. Students may be required to have additional checks at the request of specific clinical facilities. The cost of the criminal background check is the responsibility of the student.
7. Submit a Supplemental Application for OTA Program (available in the Health Sciences Office) after all of the Eligibility Requirements listed above have been completed. Deadline dates for receipt of Supplemental Applications following each semester/session are as follows:
   - After Fall Semester - January 31
   - After Winter Semester - May 15
   - After Spring Semester - July 15
   - After Summer Semester - August 31

NOTE: Science and Psychology courses must have been taken no longer than seven years before entry into the first year of the OTA Program.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS ON A FIRST QUALIFIED FIRST SERVED BASIS

All eligible students submitting a completed Supplemental Application will be added to the Eligibility List. The matriculation date (semester first class taken at MCC) of the student will be used to rank the order of the applicants on the Eligibility List. In the event that more than one student has the same matriculation date, lots will be drawn.

Students will receive a letter stating their number on the Eligibility List. Students will retain their position on the Eligibility List until admitted to the program.

DUAL TRACT:

Students have the option of receiving a degree in both OTA and PTA. This may be accomplished in 3 years if the student:

1. meets eligibility requirements for both programs.
2. is accepted into both programs.
3. selects which program (OTA or PTA) to complete first within 30 days of admission to the programs.
4. meets with OTA and PTA coordinators to discuss scheduling of first year of classes before registering.

REQUIREMENTS AFTER ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM:

1. Submit complete documentation of a recent physical exam (no older than 6 months) taken at his/her own expense. This form is available in the Division of Health Sciences office. The completed form must be returned to the Division of Health Sciences office by date specified by the program coordinator.
2. Attend a mandatory program orientation session conducted by the OTA/PTA faculty. Students not attending will be dropped from the Introduction to OTA class (OTA 100) and the Program.

Occupational Specialty Courses

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<td>Introduction to Occupational Therapy Assistant</td>
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<td>Pathophysiology for OTA</td>
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OTA.-128 Therapeutic Skills and Practice I 4 4
OTA.-129 Clinical Practice I 1 3
OTA.-220 Group Skills in Occupational Therapy 2 2
OTA.-222 Conditions of Psychosocial Dysfunction 3 3
OTA.-224 Occupational Therapy Exercise/Modalities 3 3
OTA.-226 Assistive Technology in OT 3 3
OTA.-228 Therapeutic Skills & Practice II 6 6
OTA.-229 Clinical Practice II 2 6
OTA.-230 Therapeutic Skills III 3 3
OTA.-232 Transitions in Occupational Therapy 3 3
OTA.-240 OTA Internship I 4 12
OTA.-250 OTA Internship II 4 12
**GROUP TOTAL** 49 73

### Related Requirement Courses

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<td>Psychology of Human Development</td>
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<td>HEAL-125</td>
<td>Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)</td>
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<td>OR current CPR card - must state Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer</td>
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### Recommended Elective Courses

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### General Education Requirements (minimum of 18 credits required)

#### English Composition (3 credits)

- ENGL-101 English Composition I 3 3
- or ENGL-103 Composition for Technical Fields I 3 3

### Humanities (3 credits)

- ENGL-102 English Composition II 3 3

### Social Science (3 credits)

- PSYC-281 General Psychology 3 3

### Mathematics (3-4 credits)

- Test out by placing into MATH 120 or higher on the MCC Placement Test
- or MATH-110 Beginning Algebra 4 4

### Additional General Education Credits to Fulfill General Education Requirements

- BIOL-151 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 3
- BIOL-151L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab 0 3
- BIOL-152 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 3
- BIOL-152L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab 0 3
- PSYC-288 Psychology of Human Development 3 3

**GROUP TOTAL** 18 18

**PROGRAM TOTAL** 75 103

### NOTES:

1. All Occupational Specialty and Related Courses listed above must be passed with a 2.0 grade or better to continue in the professional program. The student must maintain a 2.5 GPA to continue in the professional program.

2. OTA. 240 (OTA Internship I) and OTA. 250 (OTA Internship II) must be completed within 18 months of the last classroom course.

3. This outline of courses does not fulfill the requirements for the first two years of an Occupational Therapy masters degree program. Students planning to transfer to another college to complete a masters degree program should consult the Occupational Therapy guide of the four-year college for specific requirements.