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Occupational therapy is the art and science of directing the human response with a focus on using selected client-centered occupations to promote and maintain health, prevent disability, assess behavior, and treat or train patients with physical or psychological dysfunction.

Graduates of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology program are technically qualified members of the health team who function under the supervision or consultation of a registered occupational therapist. Assistants accept clinical responsibilities in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, rehabilitation centers, or those organizations directed to maintain health and socialization. Graduates demonstrate entry-level competency in analyzing activities and their application to client needs; occupational therapy concepts and skills (daily living skills, group activities, evidence based interventions, and adaptive equipment); direction of activity programs; department operation management; data collection; self understanding and the realization of the effect that one's behavior has on the client and others; upholding the standards of the profession; identifying the need for continuing professional education and growth; and relating occupational therapy to the total health care system.

The mission of this program is to prepare graduates as competent, entry-level generalists qualified to practice in the field of OT, to meet the community workforce needs, to provide opportunities for experiential and cooperative education with exposure to non-traditional and emerging areas of practice, to educate the community, and to function within the standards of the College, the AOTA, and ACOTE.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449.

Graduates earn an Associate of Applied Science degree and 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). After successful completion of this exam, graduates are Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTA). Current pass rates are available to view on the College's website.

Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination, and background checks are now required in the state of Ohio to attain state licensure.

All OTA students must complete Level II fieldwork within 20 months following completion of academic preparation.

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All degree-seeking students must complete a First Year Experience (FYE) course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State.

**Program Prerequisite:** OTA 100 Introduction to Occupational Therapy Assisting

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Credits</b>
OTA 101	Professionalism in Occupational Therapy	1
ENG 101	English Composition	3
OTA 105	Theory of Occupational Therapy	3
OTA 106	Techniques of Occupational Therapy	2
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
<b>Semester 2</b>		
OTA 110	Concepts and Skills of Occupational Therapy: Psychosocial	2
OTA 111	Therapeutic Media for Occupational Therapy: Psychosocial	2
OTA 120	Concepts and Skills of Occupational Therapy: Infant	2
OTA 121	Therapeutic Media for Occupational Therapy: Infant	2
OTA 180	Occupational Therapy Assisting Level I Fieldwork 1	2
OTA 185	Occupational Therapy Assisting Level I Fieldwork 2	2
PSY 225	Lifespan Development	3
<b>Semester 3</b>		
MCH 100	Healthcare Informatics	2
ENG 102	Composition and Argument	3
SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology	3
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4

COMM XXX		3
Communications		
Elective		
<b>Semester 4</b>		
OTA 230	Concepts and Skills of Occupational Therapy: Physical Disabilities	4
OTA 231	Therapeutic Media for Occupational Therapy: Physical Disabilities	3
OTA 233	Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy	3
OTA 238	Home Modifications and Assistive Technology for Occupational Therapy	1
OTA 280	Occupational Therapy Assisting Level I Fieldwork 3	2
<b>Semester 5</b>		
OTA 240	Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy Practice	2
OTA 245	Therapeutic Media Analysis for Occupational Therapy	2
OTA 283	Occupational Therapy Assisting Level II Fieldwork 1	4
<b>Semester 6</b>		
OTA 285	Occupational Therapy Assisting Level II Fieldwork 2	4
Total Credits:		71

## Electives

### Communications Elective

COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3
COMM 205	Small Group Communication	3