

OTA ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION POLICIES

General Progression Requirements

Students are to attend and complete all scheduled classes/laboratory, and fieldwork sessions. The student must fulfill all requirements for each course in the level of study (semester) before advancing to the next level (semester) of study. The student must successfully complete all prior OTA coursework including level I Fieldwork A and B before advancing to Level II A and B Fieldwork assignments.

Students must have a 2.0 grade point average or higher (a grade of not less than "C") at the completion of each course. Failure to complete each course with a 2.0 or higher will prevent continuation in the program or graduation with an Associate in Applied Science Degree. Additionally, an evaluation of "Satisfactory" must be achieved in each Professional Behavior grade and on lab skills practical exams, regardless of performance on classroom examination and other assessment methods, in order to successfully complete the course and to continue in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

Students must complete Fieldwork Level II within 12 months after completion of the OTA didactic coursework. Students are required to satisfactorily complete all Level I and Level II Fieldwork experiences. Students who do not meet the necessary level of achievement for any fieldwork assignment are required to meet with the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator to discuss deficiencies and develop and implement a learning contract/improvement plan. Students will be offered academic counseling by OTA faculty, and provided with resources and support identified by the student and the OTA faculty including the AFWC. Please refer to the Fieldwork Manual for further information and clarification.

Part-Time Student Progression and Requirements

If you choose the MSC OTA Part-Time Track you will be required to attend on campus weekends, however the times will be adjusted based on being in the Year 1 Part-Time track or the Year 2 Part-Time Track. As a part-time student you will be required to be a member of SOTA throughout your progression through the program.

Year 1: Students will take OTA2111 Introduction to the Philosophy of Occupational Therapy as a fall intersession course, OTA2133 Understanding Clinical Conditions through Leadership and Advocacy in OT and OTA2143 Kinesiology and Upper Extremity Interventions for the fall semester. Students are required to attend fall on campus weekend days/times for the course OTA2143 Kinesiology and Upper Extremity Interventions only. Students are not required to attend an Occupational Therapy State Conference or start Level IA FW. First year students are asked to assist with helping with the January pinning ceremony but are not required, and students are not required to attend the January pinning ceremony. Students will take OTA2203 Occupational Therapy Interventions in Pediatrics and OTA2223 Community and Psychosocial Practice in the spring. Students will attend on campus weekend days/times consistent with both of these courses. There is not a summer course for year 1 however in year 1 students are required to attend the annual summer conference but not the new student orientation. In the summer upon completion of 12 OTA specific credit hours, students who qualify will be eligible to apply to Alpha Omega Tau.

Year 2: Students will take OTA2222 Critical Reasoning for Activity Analysis, OTA2113 OT Process and Investigation and OTA2101 Fieldwork IA. Students are required to attend fall on campus

weekends days/times for both courses. In year 2 students are required to attend an Occupational Therapy State Conference and assist with the January pinning ceremony. Second year students are required to attend the January pinning ceremony. In the spring students take OTA2121 Fieldwork IB, OTA2122 Therapeutic Techniques and OTA2243 Occupational Therapy Practice and Adaptations. Students attend on campus weekends days/times for both courses. Students take OTA2233 Professional Management in the summer of year 2 and are required to attend/present at the annual summer conference. In year 2, students take OTA2251 Therapeutic System Patterns as a fall intersession course. Second year, Part-Time Track students then complete clinical fieldwork. Second year students may complete both OTA2253 Clinical Fieldwork IIA and OTA2263 Clinical Fieldwork IIB in the fall as full-time students and graduate in December or students can work with the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator to complete part-time clinical fieldwork which may extend fieldwork requirements into the spring for a spring graduation.

Part-Time Track students follow the remaining policies in the handbook including a review of professional behavior each fall and spring after midterms.

Admission to the OTA program includes completion of the program application. On this application, students must respond to questions regarding past legal history.

These questions are taken from the Oklahoma OTA Licensure Application:

1. Have you ever been arrested or charged or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?
2. Have you ever been addicted to or abused any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?
3. Have you ever obtained an assessment or been treated for use of any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?
4. Have you ever had any mental, emotional or nervous disorder or condition which could affect, or if untreated could affect, your ability to practice competently?

Any student who must answer yes to any of these questions was instructed during the mandatory application class and on the application to seek clarification from the OSBMLS and the NBCOT regarding their situation prior to their application and acceptance of a place in the OTA program. If it is discovered that a student who was admitted to the OTA program would be ineligible for examination for national certification and licensure in the state of Oklahoma, the student will be dropped from the program.

No individual will be admitted to or graduated from the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program who has not or will not complete any parole and/or probationary requirements prior to the expected date of graduation. In order to be accepted into the program, the individual must be eligible to sit for the OTA NBCOT certification exam and eligible for licensure in the state of Oklahoma upon graduation.