

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Occupational therapy is a vibrant, growing profession that makes it possible for people to achieve independence and live life to its fullest. By choosing a career as an occupational therapy assistant, you will work in multiple settings with people of all ages, from newborns to the elderly. You also will have a career that is in high demand! The projected job outlook for occupational therapy assistants, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. The starting salary for Washburn University's occupational therapy assistants is \$36,000 a year.



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Students earn a 68-credit-hour Associate of Science degree as they prepare to work in a variety of settings. For example, you may help children thrive in the “occupations” of childhood - learning, playing and growing. Graduates also may work in schools with students who have learning disabilities, behavioral problems, cerebral palsy or Down Syndrome. In addition, OTAs work with individuals in their homes, community centers, rehabilitation hospitals and nursing homes. They help people with traumatic injuries, stroke or Alzheimer's disease.

Students learn how to use equipment and apply the specialized techniques of occupational therapy as well as physiology and pathology. They study in the classroom and gain hands-on, clinical experience through on-the-job training in local health care and community settings. Students also have access to the Regional Simulation Center (RSC) at Washburn Tech. The facility is a new, state-of-the-art health care training lab that resembles an acute health care setting with the newest innovative technology.

How to Apply

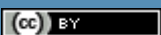
Admissions requirements and packets may be found at www.washburn.edu/ota. Completed packets must be received by Feb. 1 for the next fall semester. Applications received after that date will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Getting Started

Candidates must apply to Washburn University if they are currently not a student. You also must submit a complete OTA application to the program director and include transcripts. Acceptance to Washburn University does not guarantee acceptance to the OTA program.

For more program, enrollment, and schedule information please contact Washburn Admissions. Financial Aid is available to those who qualify. Washburn University • 1700 SW College Avenue • Topeka KS 66621 785.670.1010 or 785.670.2170 • Washburn.edu/ota

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Requirements for Major: 33 credit hours in the department, including:

AL 161 Foundations of Occupational Therapy I
AL 162 Occupational Therapy Interventions I
AL 163 Foundations of Occupational Therapy II
AL 164 Level I Fieldwork I
AL 165 Special Considerations for OTAs in psychosocial disorders
AL 166 Occupational Therapy Interventions II
AL 167 Foundations of Occupational Therapy III
AL 252 Psychosocial Occupational Therapy
AL 253 Level I Fieldwork II
AL 254 Current Topics in Occupational Therapy
AL 255 Level II Fieldwork
AL 257 Applied Neurophysiology - Lab

Correlate Area: 20 hours

AL 101 Foundations of Health Care
AL 186 Cardiopulmonary Assessment in Allied Health
AL 320 Human Disease
BI 230 Human Physiology & Lab
BI 250 Human Anatomy
PY 100 Basic Concepts in Psychology
SO 101 Sociology

General Education Requirements (AS):

Humanities (6) (GEHU/GECPA) (Max 3 hrs/discipline)	C o u r s e Number	Social Sciences (6) (GESS) (Max 3 hrs/discipline)	C o u r s e Number	Natural Sciences/ Math (3) (GENS) (Area other than Math)	C o u r s e Number
Humanities 1 (3)		Soc. Science 1 (3)		Nat. Science 1 (3-5)	*BI 100
Humanities 2 (3)		Soc. Science 2 (3)			

Core University/AS-Specific Requirements:

WU 101 (3)**		>= 2.0 Major Cumulative GPA	
EN 101 (3)		>= 2.0 Overall Cumulative GPA	
MA 112 or MA 116 (3)***		Total Hours (73)	

*BI 100/101 Pre-requisite to BI 230, BI 250, BI 255, and BI 275

**Students transferring with 24 or more credit hours completed at an accredited post-secondary institution (after graduating from High School) with a GPA of 2.0 or higher are exempt from this requirement

***May be waived if student successfully completes a higher-level mathematics course with a grade of C or higher or if a student presents an ACT score in mathematics of at least 28 (SAT of at least 640)

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