



Cleveland University-Kansas City provides a comprehensive and accredited Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree Program. The program prepares students for national certification and professional job opportunities in Occupational Therapy.

The A.A.S. Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Cleveland University-Kansas City consists of 15 core courses which include approximately 4-5 months of fieldwork education. There are 73 credit hours required to complete the program. Students are admitted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program 3 times per year. Academic and fieldwork courses are offered during the day, with occasional weekend rotations depending on the fieldwork assignment, and courses are delivered in an 8-week format.

Upon completion of the degree program, graduates will have met the educational eligibility requirements needed to take National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Certification Examination to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). All states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Once NBCOT-certified and licensed, occupational therapy assistants need to renew their certification and registration annually as well as meet continuing education requirements.

Students desiring admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant degree program must:

- Submit a completed Application for Admission to the OTA degree program at Cleveland University-Kansas City with your application fee and official high school or college transcripts.
- Successfully complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better and a grade of “B” or better for Anatomy & Physiology and Health Science Terminology courses. Anatomy & Physiology and Health Science Terminology must also be completed within 5 years of application. Pass required drug screenings and background checks.
- Participate in an information session before entering the program.
- Complete all academic program documents that require signatures.
- Register with the State of Missouri DHSS Family Care Safety Registry
- Download, complete and submit OTA Application Packet at https://www.cleveland.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/academics/OTA_Admissions_Packet.pdf
- Download the OTA deadline checklist: https://www.cleveland.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/academics/17-062-WEB_OTA_Checklist_WEB.pdf

It is the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

General Education Requirements

Cleveland Requirements	Credit Hours	JCCC Equivalents	Credit Hours
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 121 Composition I*	3
MATH 115 Math for the Natural Sciences	3	MATH 116 Intermediate Algebra*	3
SPCH 101 Speech	3	COMS 121 Public Speaking	3
PSYCH 110 General Psychology	3	PSYC 121 Applied Psychology OR PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology	3
COMM 201 Communication and Diversity^^	3	ANTH 125 Cultural Anthropology OR ANTH130 World Cultures OR COMS 180 Intercultural Communication	3
^BIOL 250 Anatomy and Physiology I	4	^BIOL 140 Human Anatomy	4
^BIOL 251 Anatomy and Physiology II	4	^BIOL 144 Human Anatomy and Physiology* OR ^BIOL 225 Human Physiology*	5 4
^HSCI 102 Health Science Terminology	1	^HC 130 Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	3

* JCCC Course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^Must be completed with a “B” grade or better and within 5 years of matriculation. (Anatomy & Physiology and Health Science Terminology)

^^Diversity Requirement: The diversity requirement may be met with a 3 credit hours course encompassing more than one perspective in the following areas: Culture, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Social Class, Race, Age, Ethnicity, Ability or Religion.