



**DEGREE CODE:**  
AAS 0259

### PATHWAY: Occupational Therapy Assistant

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This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in earning a degree in occupational therapy. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA). One course will satisfy the Human Diversity (HD) requirement, and is labeled with an (HD) in the sequence below.

The Associate in Applied Science degree program in Occupational Therapy Assistant is the study of occupational therapy as a skilled healthcare service that uses occupation to promote meaningful living. Occupational therapy assistants, under the guidance of occupational therapists, adapt activities, tasks, and the environment in order to enable people of all ages and backgrounds to fulfill their chosen occupations and life roles. Career options can include employment in hospitals, clinics, schools, specialized community care settings, and wellness programs. The program's mission is to prepare competent and effective occupational therapy practitioners who value occupation as both a means and as an end to quality living for self and others through a sound educational experience that includes preparation in:

- The occupational therapy process
- The impact of culture
- Use of self as an agent of change
- Ethical professional practice
- Teaching and learning processes
- Collaborating as a healthcare professional
- Working in a variety of practice environments
- Oral and written communication skills

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the National Certification Exam for Occupational Therapy Assistants administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, an individual becomes a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Determination of exam eligibility for applicants who have a felony related charge or conviction requires individualized review by NBCOT, Inc. Most states require licensure in order to practice. Illinois license issuance is based upon the results of the NBCOT Certification exam.

### Prospective students must apply for admission into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program

#### PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students can make formal application to the program when all pre-admission coursework is completed, or when pre-admission coursework completion will occur before the beginning of Semester I of the program. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each pre-admission and general education course. If more candidates apply than the program can accept, the best qualified will be admitted.

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

Communications and mathematics pre-credit requirements. Placements based on current placement instrument, ACT or department chair recommendation.			College-level courses that can be taken while in pre-credit courses.
ENGLISH PLACEMENT	READING PLACEMENT	MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT	ELECTIVE COURSES
<input type="checkbox"/> ESL/FS Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> ESL/FS Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> FS Mathematics I	<input type="checkbox"/> College Success
<input type="checkbox"/> ESL/English 98	<input type="checkbox"/> ESL/Reading 99	<input type="checkbox"/> FS Mathematics II	
<input type="checkbox"/> ESL 99	<input type="checkbox"/> ESL Reading 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics 98	
<input type="checkbox"/> ESL/English 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading 125	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics 99	

### SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

D	SEMESTER 1	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 106—Foundations of Human Occupation (3)	Program Prerequisite	<b>DO THIS</b> —Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework
•	English 101—Composition I (3)	Program Prerequisite	
•	Biology 121—Biology I (5)	Program Prerequisite	
•	Computer Information Systems 120—Introduction to Microcomputers (3)	Program Prerequisite	
•	Psychology 201—General Psychology (3)	Program Prerequisite	
<b>17 CREDIT HOURS</b>			
D	SEMESTER 2	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Biology 226—Human Structure and Function I (4)	Program Prerequisite	<b>DO THIS</b> —Apply to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program
•	Sociology 201—Introduction to the Study of Society (3)	Program Prerequisite	
•	Psychology 207—Child Psychology (3) <b>OR</b> Child Development 101—Human Growth and Development I (4)	Program Prerequisite	
•	Psychology 222—Adult Development and Aging (3) <b>OR</b> Social Service 102—Introduction to Gerontology (3) <b>OR</b> Child Development 102 (in semester 3)—Human Growth and Development II (3)	Elective	
<b>13–14 CREDIT HOURS</b>			

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## HEALTHCARE

D	SEMESTER 3	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 107—Occupations of Childhood (5)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	<b>DO THIS</b> —Meet with advisor to confirm plans
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 108—Practice Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant I (2)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
•	Biology 227—Human Structure and Function II (4)	<i>Program Prerequisite</i>	
<b>11 CREDIT HOURS</b>			
D	SEMESTER 4	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 109—Occupations of Adolescence and Early Adulthood (5)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 110—Practice Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant II (2)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
<b>7 CREDIT HOURS</b>			
D	SEMESTER 5	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 209—Occupations of Middle Adulthood (5)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 210—Practice Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant III (2)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 211—Special Topics for the Occupational Therapy Assistant I (3)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
<b>10 CREDIT HOURS</b>			
D	SEMESTER 6	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 212—Occupations of Later Adulthood (5)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	<b>DO THIS</b> —Meet with advisor to confirm plans
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 213—Practice Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant IV (2)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 214—Special Topics for the Occupational Therapy Assistant II (3)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
<b>10 CREDIT HOURS</b>			
D	SEMESTER 7	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 215—Fieldwork Level 2A/Professional Seminar (6)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	<b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate in Applied Science Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant <b>DO THIS</b> —Prepare to take the National Certification Exam for Occupational Therapy Assistants <i>All academic coursework must be completed and an exit exam passed in order for students to proceed to the fieldwork component of the program.</i>
•	Occupational Therapy Assistant 216—Fieldwork Level 2B/Professional Seminar (6)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
<b>12 CREDIT HOURS</b>			
<b>DEGREE MINIMUM: 75 CREDIT HOURS // PATHWAY TOTAL: 80 CREDIT HOURS</b>			

D = DEGREE // AC = ADVANCED CERTIFICATE // BC = BASIC CERTIFICATE

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