

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

The goal of occupational therapy is to help people of any age – from newborns to the elderly – live their lives to the fullest – at home, at work or at school – by making it possible for them to perform life's everyday activities.

Founded in 1917, occupational therapy is a well-established profession that offers many exciting opportunities for the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Working under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist, the COTA may be employed in any of the primary practice areas including physical rehabilitation, pediatrics or behavioral health. Additionally, the OTA program recognizes emerging practice areas including, but not limited to, ergonomics, telehealth, community-based health and wellness.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COTA MAY INCLUDE:

- Implementing the established treatment plan
- Aiding in the growth and development of individuals, groups and populations through the life span
- Enhancing learning environments for physically or mentally challenged individuals
- Adapting home environments
- Educating through group process in life, social, work and leisure skills to individuals, groups and populations with physical or behavioral health challenges
- Educating clients and caregivers

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program combines coursework with a 16-week supervised clinical experience that focuses on the psycho-social, physical and developmental aspects of practicing occupational therapy. Manchester's Occupational Therapy Assistant program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone: 1-800-729-2682, www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program 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, the graduate will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Additionally, all states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification exam. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or attain state licensure.



CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Manchester

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Selective Admissions

Application period: **October 1 to February 1**

Program start date: **Fall**

Plans of study may be accelerated (3 semesters), full-time (4 semesters), part-time (5 semesters)

HOW MANY STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

20

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

Please see the CT State website for the individual campus program outcome data: ctstate.edu/programs/ota

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: bls.gov/ooh

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE

Admission Requirement	Grade Requirement	Time Requirement
English Composition	C or higher	N/A
General Psychology	C or higher	N/A
Cell Biology and Organ Systems or A&P I and II (or Human Biology if taken between 2020 and 2023)	C or higher	Within five years of application
GPA*	2.5 or higher	N/A
Campus Information Session	N/A	Within one year prior to application deadline

*Courses that apply to the OTA program.



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TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/apply

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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CCS 1001 – College and Career Success is a CT State Community College requirement and students must enroll within their first nine credits. This is not a complete guide for admission requirements. Courses may require prerequisites. For detailed information about the admissions process and the application requirements, visit the campus program website.

Note: Information on this sheet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program for the 2025-2026 academic year, please obtain an updated fact sheet the year you apply.

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