

GUIDED PATHWAY: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT A.A.S.

HEALTH SCIENCES CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Occupational Therapy webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/OTA) [www.dcccd.edu/OTA] and your academic advisor at the Mountain View Campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Occupational Therapy-Occupational Therapy Assistant associate degree. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#). Mountain View's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. Visit the [ACOTE website](#) for more information.

The A.A.S. degree program in Occupational Therapy-Occupational Therapy Assistant is a five-semester, 60 credit-hour program leading to the Associate in Applied Sciences Degree. The program prepares graduates to be eligible to take the National Board of Certification for Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination to become licensed as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. Courses that complete the Degree are noted below.

Visit the [NTCCC Transfer Consortium](#) to view guided pathways created for students who complete an A.A.S. degree and the options for transfer to complete a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science. Speak with an academic advisor at your campus to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Associate of Applied Science	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	Must be Complete	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

PREREQUISITE SEMESTER	Total Hours: 13
ENGL 1301 – Composition I <i>This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of “C” or better.</i> PSYC 2301 – General Psychology <i>This is a Core course.</i> BIOL 2401 – Anatomy and Physiology I <i>Before registration you must earn a grade of “C” or better in BIOL 1406. This is a Core course.</i> HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE* <i>This is a Core course.</i>	

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

PREREQUISITE SEMESTER ACTION ITEMS

1. Applicants must complete the prerequisite courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher to apply to the program.

SEMESTER 1	Total Hours: 13
BIOL 2402 – Anatomy and Physiology II <i>Prior to registration you must complete BIOL 2401. This is a Core course.</i> PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth and Development <i>This is a Core course.</i> OTHA 1305 – Principles of Occupational Therapy OTHA 1315 – Therapeutic Use of Occupations and Activities I	

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
3. Submit a completed admission application packet to the Occupational Therapy Assistant admission office at the Mountain View campus on or before the enrollment period deadline.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 15

[OTHA 2301](#) – Pathophysiology in Occupational Therapy
[OTHA 1319](#) – Therapeutic Interventions I
[OTHA 2209](#) – Mental Health in Occupational Therapy
[OTHA 2302](#) – Therapeutic Use of Occupations or Activities II
[OTHA 1161](#) – Clinical – Occupational Therapy Assistant
[OTHA 1349](#) – Occupational Performance in Adulthood

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit and confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study.

SEMESTER 3

Total Hours: 15

[OTHA 1162](#) – Clinical–Occupational Therapy Assistant
[OTHA 1341](#) – Occupational Performance from Birth through Adolescence
[OTHA 1163](#) – Clinical–Occupational Therapy Assistant
[OTHA 1253](#) – Occupational Performance for Elders
[OTHA 2235](#) – Healthcare Management in Occupational Therapy
[OTHA 2331](#) – Physical Function in Occupational Therapy
[OTHA 2305](#) – Therapeutic Interventions II

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with a faculty or career advisor regarding placement for the Practicum course.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.

SEMESTER 4

Total Hours: 4

[OTHA 2266](#) - Practicum (or Field Experience)-Occupational Therapy Assistant
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SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Occupational Therapy Assistant A.A.S.
2. Sign up for commencement.
3. Join the [Alumni Network!](#)

PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS