

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

A-B Tech Community College

Who we are

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The Program Basics

**Courses and
Curriculum**

Fieldwork

**The
Certification
Exam**

**The
Admissions
Process**

**General
Requirements**

Prerequisites

Should I Be an OTA Practitioner Quiz?

1. Are you a good listener?

1. Yes! Friends and family often come to me either for advice or just to use me as a sounding board.
2. Sort of, I enjoy talking to others, but I don't know whether I'd be considered a good listener.
3. No, I don't communicate well with others or I tend to talk over them.

2. Do you mind close physical contact with others?

1. No problem.
2. It's ok, as long as they aren't sick.
3. No way! I need my personal space.

3. How patient are you?

1. Somewhat. I like to keep to a schedule though, and get thrown off if things don't stay on track.
2. I am very patient. I am willing to take the time to work through any issues that arise in life and my profession.
3. Not at all. I'm always in a hurry!

4. Do you enjoy helping others?

1. Yes! I have always been drawn to helping others with problems.
2. Sort of, and I think I've gotten better at helping others over time or it is something I'd like to get better at.
3. No, I can't help but feel a little annoyed when people can't just help themselves.

5. Are you organized?

1. Yes, I like things to be neat and organized.
2. Sort of, but please don't look at my room in my house.
3. No way. I'm a mess.

6. How creative are you?

1. Very. I'm crafty, creative, and can come up with new ideas quickly.
2. Somewhat. I tend to follow directions, but I can be creative as well.
3. Not at all. I need every step of a process spelled out to get things done.

7. Do you have enough physical strength to help others complete complex tasks?

1. Yes. I don't mind bending, stooping, lifting,- sounds like a great way to get exercise in!
2. I think so.
3. No, I am basically a couch potato.

8. Are you punctual?

1. Yes, I always show up on time for appointments.
2. I try to be, but sometimes things come up.
3. No, I'm always running late.

9. How to you deal with bodily fluids?

1. I am completely fine with them.
2. Ok. Sometimes I can get nauseous, but I get over it.
3. I can't, I have a very sensitive stomach.

10. Can you handle most noxious smells?

1. Yes, most of the time.
2. Yes, but only for short period and then I get nauseas.
3. No, absolutely not. I get sick and have to flee the area.

Results: Add up your scores

>15 points – You have what it takes!

15 – 20 points- You will have to modify some characteristics, traits, and/or behaviors and do a little more research to see if this is the right career for you.

20-30 points – This probably isn't the career choice for you, you might want to research other Allied Health programs.

What does it take to become an OT Practitioner?

- Exceptional Communication Skills
- Outstanding Personal Skills
- Problem Solving Abilities
- Physical Strength
- Possess a Helpful Nature
- Organization Skills
- Compassion and Empathy
- Creativity
- Good Writing Skills
- Adequate Mental Wellness

OTAs Are Not...

Hypersensitive

Stubborn

Rigid

Inpatient

Pessimistic

Afraid

Intolerant

Judgmental

**OTA 135
Kinesiology**

**OTA 130
Assessment
Skills**

**OTA 170
Physical
Conditions**

**OTA 110
Fundamentals
of OT**

**OTA 120
OT Media 1**

**OTA 140
Professional
Skills 1**

**OTA 220
OT Media II**

**OTA 245
Professional
Skills III**

**OTA 250
Adult
Concepts and
Interventions**

**OTA 240
Professional
Skills II**

**OTA 150
Peds Concepts
and
Interventions**

**OTA 180
Psychosocial
Conditions**

Fieldwork

Designed to develop and polish observation skills

Following completion of Level II, students should be entry level practitioners, but not specialized

Requires:

- Traveling

- Childcare

- Finances

- Transportation

*Due to unexpected events, such as Hurricane Helene or COVID 19, graduation at times may be delayed secondary to the lack of sites

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Fieldwork Cont.

CastleBranch

Schedule (occurs over the summer) and *includes the last 2 Level I FW placements*

Will have the opportunity to experience different settings

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



**THAT MEANS YOU HELP PEOPLE
FIND A JOB... RIGHT?**

Practice Settings

OT's and OTA's work with individuals across the lifespan.



Practice Settings

Occupational Therapists work in 3 primary areas:

Physical Dysfunction

Psychosocial

Pediatrics









The Nuts and Bolts

Self Care is important! Must be emotionally equipped to work and give 100% to clients and their families.




Refer to AOTA's website aota.org for resources and learn about why others chose OT as a career.

If you are interested in any of our other
A-B Tech programs.....



Other Allied Health Programs

Program	Highlights
Cardiovascular Sonography and Medical Sonography  	Sonographers use high frequency sound waves to produce dynamic visual images of organs, tissue, and blood flow. The program provides the individual with the knowledge and skills necessary to acquire, process and evaluate abdominal and pelvic organs, pregnancy, cardiac and vascular structures. Sonographers learn the normal appearance of organs and the different pathologies that can affect the structures that are examined. Sonography requires an in-depth understanding of clinical signs, symptoms and laboratory information associated with pathologies. The job outlook for 2021-2031 is 10% (faster than average) according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Dental Assisting 	One-year diploma program 100% employment rate Work alongside the dentist during fillings, extractions, crowns, root canals, etc., or can work in specialty offices
Dental Hygiene 	Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 9 percent from 2021 to 2031. Employment offers exciting and rewarding career opportunities. 100% employment rate 2-year program
Medical Laboratory Technology 	100% ASCP pass rate. 100% employment rate. Accredited by NAACLS, ensuring the highest standards of quality and excellence in education. Work in the laboratories of hospitals, doctor offices, research, and reference labs.
Occupational Therapy Assistant 	OTAs work with the entire population from newborns to hospice care with all different types of disabilities and challenges to participate in everyday life activities. Under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist, OTAs focus on providing treatments that help people with physical, psychological, and social needs to rebuild skills, health wellness, and functional independence in their homes and communities. Employment for OTAs is projected to grow 27% from 2018 to 2028.



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Radiography 	Radiographers are the 3rd largest group of health care professionals. 100% ARRT certification test pass rate 100% employment rate Accredited by the JRCERT, the "gold standard" for excellence in education. Radiographers use X-rays to take pictures of the human body.
Surgical Technology 	100% pass rate on the national credentialing exam 100% employment rate 100% employer and graduate satisfaction Surgical technologists are the only formally educated perioperative professional in an operating room. Surgical technologists establish, prepare, and maintain the surgical field working alongside a surgeon assisting with surgical procedures.
Veterinary Medical Technology 	Assist veterinarians in surgery, perform laboratory, radiographic, anesthetic, and dental procedures while providing high-quality veterinary nursing care. Accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA). Our graduates are highly sought after in our local veterinary community, with over 50 partnered practices and a 100% employment rate.



Program	Highlights
Medical Assisting 	One of the nation's fastest-growing careers through 2030. Medical assistants are multi-skilled health professionals specifically educated to work in a variety of healthcare settings performing clinical and administrative duties, e.g., basic laboratory tests, draw blood, give injections, prepare/administer medications, remove sutures, assist the physician during the exam, schedule appointments, billing, and bookkeeping. Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Allied Health Education Programs
Phlebotomy 	16-week program: 8 weeks in class and 8 weeks in clinical #2 program in the Nation

