



2026 - 2027 Occupational Therapy Assistant

Associate in Applied Science Degrees

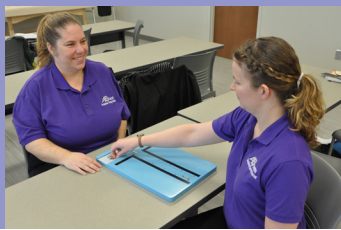
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Occupational Therapy Assistant

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) curriculum prepares individuals to work under the supervision of a registered/licensed occupational therapist in screening, assessing, planning, and implementing treatment and documenting progress for clients receiving occupational therapy services.

Course work includes human growth and development, conditions which interfere with activities of daily living, theory and process of occupational therapy, individual/group treatment activities, therapeutic use of self, activity analysis, and grading/adapting activities and environments.

Graduates may be eligible to take the national certification examination for practice as a certified occupational therapy assistant. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, long-term/extended-care facilities, sheltered workshops, schools, home health programs, and community programs.

Specific Admission Requirements:

This program has a selective admission process. For application and admission requirements, contact advising@abtech.edu and view the information on our website at <https://www.abtech.edu/admissions/selective-and-limited-programs>.

Accreditation Statement:

The Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College OTA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-6611 and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) www.nbcot.org. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Total Cost Estimate

Tuition per Semester (NC Resident) \$1,216.00 (16+ credit hours)
\$76.00/credit hour (1-15 hours)

Computer Use and Technology Fee \$48/semester

Activity Fee Fall and Spring semesters only,
Main campus and Online, \$45.00

CAPS Fee (Campus Access, Parking and Security) \$30/semester

Matriculation Fee \$25/semester

Student Insurance \$2/Semester

Additional Fees including books may incur, please check A-B Tech website for more detail: <https://abtech.edu/program/occupational-therapy-assistant-aas-cost-estimate>

Have you applied for Financial aid? Please visit A-B Tech website for instructions: <https://abtech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/applying-aid>

For More Information:

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Courses requiring a grade of "C" or better: ACA, BIO, COM, ENG, HUM, MED, OTA, PSY

	Course Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
Preadmission Requirements			
	ACA 115	Success & Study Skills	1
	BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
	MED 120	Survey of Med Terminology	2
First Semester (Fall)	BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	HUM 115	Critical Thinking	3
	OTA 110	Fundamentals of OT	3
	OTA 120	OT Media I	2
	OTA 140	Professional Skills I	1
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3
Second Semester (Spring)	ENG 112	Writing/Research in the Disc	3
	OTA 130	Assessment Skills	3
	OTA 135	Kinesiology	1
	OTA 161	Fieldwork I Placement 1	1
	OTA 170	Physical Conditions	3
	PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3
Third Semester (Summer)	COM 120	Intro Interpersonal Communication	3
	OTA 162	Fieldwork I Placement 2	1
	OTA 163	Fieldwork I Placement 3	1
	OTA 240	Professional Skills II	1
	PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology	3
Fourth Semester (Fall)	OTA 150	Peds Concepts & Interventions	3
	OTA 180	Psychosocial Conditions	3
	OTA 220	OT Media II	3
	OTA 245	Professional Skills III	1
	OTA 250	Adult Concepts & Interventions	3
Fifth Semester (Spring)	OTA 260	Fieldwork II-Placement 1	6
	OTA 261	Fieldwork II-Placement 2	6
	OTA 280	Professional Transitions	1
Program Totals:			75

Advising questions? Email: advising@abtech.edu

Career Opportunities in OTA

A.A.S. Degree

National Salary Range: \$64,250 - \$85,600

Local Salary Range: \$65,950 - \$78,000