Occupational Therapy Assistant

Program Location:

Canton Campus

Program Start:

Program begins every Fall Semester

STEP 1: Prior to applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, all prospective students must first apply via the website to the college, be admitted and have a student ID number.

STEP 2: **View Program Video Session – Mandatory**
Applicants must view the program video in order to submit the program application. The video is located on our website by following these steps to reach the program page. All applications will be reviewed by the end of the Spring Semester.

- Academics
- Health Sciences
- Therapy Professions
- Occupational Therapy Assistant

STEP 3: Complete all required Pre-Admission Course Work:

STEP 4: Final Class Selection will take place in the months of June or July.

Competitive Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Admission:
Students seeking admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, must be fully admitted to the college with transcripts fully evaluated (for transfer credits) by the end of Spring Semester.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program has a competitive admission process. The selection criteria consist of Admission Points with a total value of **360 points**. See the Occupational Therapy Assistant Points Criteria sheet for additional information.

All students must have a GPA of **2.0** or higher to be considered for program admission.

Program Information:
The program requires four semesters to complete with the last semester including 16 weeks of full time Level II Fieldwork experience. Students are required to be full-time students for the duration of the program. For more information about occupational therapy, please visit the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Required Pre-Admission Course Work:
Complete the following pre-admission courses by **the end of the Spring Semester.**

Course	Course Name	Credit	Grade
ALHS 1090	Medical Terminology	2	
BIOL 2113	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	
BIOL 2113L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	
BIOL 2114	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	
BIOL 2114L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1	
ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3	

Additional Required Courses:
Students will be required to complete the following general educational courses with a grade of "C" or higher by **the end of Summer Semester.**

Course	Course Name	Credit	Grade
HUMN Elective	ARTS 1101, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2110, HUMN 1101, MUSC 1101, THEA 1101	3	
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3	
SPCH 1101 **or** **COMM 1100**	Public Speaking or Human Communication	3	

ATI TEAS (Version 7):
Take the ATI TEAS (Version 7) by **the last day of the month of April,** and achieve a minimum total adjusted score of **70.00**. A student may take the ATI TEAS two (2) times in a calendar year and must wait a minimum of 30 calendar days in between attempts. The ATI TEAS score is valid for five years. **ATI TEAS test must be taken at a Chattahoochee Technical College campus**. TEAS Scores already on file with Health Sciences Admissions from *last year's 2025* admit applications will be accepted even if not taken on campus.

The ATI TEAS is a standardized test that measures the student's ability in math, reading, grammar and science. A study guide and practice test can be purchased at ATI. The ATI TEAS is available through the Chattahoochee Technical College's Testing Center.

Immunizations:
Chattahoochee Technical College does not require vaccinations as criteria for admission and enrollment of students; however, immunizations are required for college health programs by our clinical partners. Students may not complete clinical rotations without meeting clinical site immunization requirements. All required vaccinations must be complete prior to starting clinical practice. Students completing internships or practicums in other majors must adhere to all job site vaccination guidelines. Clinical and job site requirements can and do change without notice or input from the College.

Academic Advisement:
Students should email an Academic Advisor with questions about admission criteria or to schedule an advisement appointment. For a list of Academic Advisors visit the Office of Advisement webpage.

Optional Observation Hours:
All hours must be submitted on or before **the last day of the month of April,** in order to receive extra points. Observation hours received after this date will not be accepted.

Document awareness of the job requirements of an Occupational Therapy Assistant through occupational therapy observation and/or as an occupational therapy aide for a minimum of 20 hours in one of the following types of settings: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Acute Care Hospital, Home Health, or Public School System.

> Please note: hours must be direct patient observation under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant (cannot be clerical work in a facility). In addition, observation hours cannot be completed in an outpatient setting.

Each clinical observation site will need to provide signatures on the Occupational Therapy Observation Form (found on the program web page). Students should verify number of hours documented/setting and second page of form should be completed by the supervising OT/OTA. The observation form can be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Chattahoochee Technical College
Health Sciences Office F106
5198 Ross Road
Acworth, GA 30102

Final Class Selection:
Final class selection is based upon the total number of Admission Points**.** The students with the highest point value will be accepted into the program. A mandatory program orientation date will be posted in the student's acceptance letter. All notification letters are emailed to Chatt Tech student email addresses. Once accepted, the students' program of study will be changed to Occupational Therapy Assistant.

OTA Program Accreditation and Approval:
Chattahoochee Technical College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. To learn more about the accreditation call the telephone number (301) 652-AOTA or visit the ACOTE website. 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). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most 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.