

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NCCC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

<https://www.neosho.edu/academicsandservices/HealthCare/OccupationalTherapyAssistant.aspx>

- 1. What are the pre-requisites required in order to submit an application? (must be completed before or during the summer that you apply)**

First Year Seminar, Computer Concepts and Applications, Interpersonal Communication, English Comp I, General Psychology, Medical Terminology. And the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS): see www.atitesting.com for more information. Email OTA-Applications@neosho.edu to receive updates about test dates and study sessions.
- 2. When is the application period?**

June – August. After completing all application requirements and the TEAS exam, contact OTA-Applications@neosho.edu to schedule an interview appointment.
Submit ALL completed application materials to OTA-Applications@neosho.edu at least one week prior to interview.
- 3. Where is the program offered?**

OTA courses are offered only at the Ottawa campus. General education courses are offered at both the Ottawa campus and the Chanute campus and online (with exception of A & P Lab- not online). Three OTA courses are Hybrid/partially online.
- 4. Will my previous college courses count in this program?**

Credit hours and course content need to be comparable to transfer. When you apply to the NCCC, request official transcripts be sent directly to NCCC registrar's office from previous colleges attended. For preliminary advising, you can send unofficial transcripts and completed OTA Planning Worksheet (in application materials) to: pcarman@neosho.edu.
- 4. What is the class schedule for OTA courses?**

Following acceptance to the program:

 - Spring Semester: Tues., Wed., & Thurs., all OTA courses on campus except Fieldwork Level I-A.
 - Summer 8-week Semester: 2 Hybrid OTA courses – partially online.
 - Fall Semester: Tues., Wed., & Thurs, all OTA courses on campus except, 1 Hybrid course, and Fieldwork Level I-B.
 - Spring Semester (2nd year): Full time Fieldwork placement for 16 weeks in 2 or more fieldwork site locations.
- 6. Where are the Fieldwork placements?**

Fieldwork sites are established in numerous locations, but the primary locations are in the eastern half of Kansas. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator works with site fieldwork educators and each student to determine an appropriate placement. Students may be placed in a facility up to 100 miles from campus and/or home areas. Placements outside of Kansas are determined by the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator.
- 7. What salary can I expect to earn?** In 2018, occupational therapy assistants help approximately \$51,700 jobs. The median annual wage for occupational therapy assistants was \$61,510 in May 2019, Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019.
- 8. What are the typical work settings in this profession?**

Nursing homes, school systems, outpatient rehabilitation centers, hospitals, and home health
- 9. When does the program start?** Yearly in the spring semester following acceptance into the OTA Program – Pre-requisites courses completed prior; other general education courses may also be completed prior to or during the semesters of OTA courses.