

OTA PROGRESSION, RETENTION, GRADUATION, AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Progression Requirements

In order to progress and graduate, students MUST:

1. Complete the required 64 credits as outlined in the Course Sequence. *Note: BIOL 257 & 258 are pre-requisite courses and must be completed and passed prior to taking OTA 110 & OTA 111.*
2. All program-specific courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to pass that course and progress in the OTA program.
 1. If a student receives below a grade of “C” in a General Education program-specific course (PSYC, CSIS, ENGL, COMM, ALHE, SOSC, BIOL), the course must be repeated the following semester or the next time the course is offered, and a passing grade achieved. *Note: This may disrupt student progression in the OTA program.*
 2. Students receiving grades of “C” in two OTA courses will be required to meet with the program director and course instructors(s) for advising to develop a plan for continuation. Below a grade of “C” in any OTA course will result in dismissal from the program.

If a student withdraws from the program for health or personal reasons, that student will have **one** opportunity to return to the program the following year and enroll in those courses following the course sequence for required completion. Students will be allowed to continue in the program from the beginning of the semester in which they originally exited.

3. No student will be allowed to enter or continue in any fieldwork experience unless:
 - A "C" or higher grade is maintained/achieved in all program-required courses. Failure to maintain a “C” average in all co-requisite courses to fieldwork experiences will require the student to be **immediately** withdrawn from fieldwork experience.
 - All course and lab work are successfully completed according to class schedules in the course and co-requisite courses.

Students must complete Fieldwork Level II within 18 months after completion of the OTA didactic coursework. Students are required to satisfactorily complete all Level I and Level II Fieldwork experiences. Please refer to the Fieldwork Manual for further information and clarification.

4. Demonstrate ethical and professional behaviors and attitudes at all times. See College Catalog (www.neosho.edu) and “Code of Ethics Policy” in the OTA Student Handbook. Failure to do so may result in the student being asked to leave class or immediate removal from the clinical component of the curriculum.

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

Occupational therapy assistants must complete educational requirements from a program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) www.acoteonline.org to be eligible to sit for the national certification exam. This exam is administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) www.nbcot.org . Information on the process is given in the “Certification Examination Handbook.” Students submit application for the exam after completing graduation requirements. *Please note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.*

State Licensure

In Kansas, OTAs are licensed by the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. Further information about state licensure for OTAs can be found at: <http://www.ksbha.org/professions/OTA.shtml> . Graduates may obtain a temporary license following graduation to begin practice under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist prior to the successful completion of the certification examination or while licensing application is being processed.

Criteria for Successful Completion of Each Segment of the Program

Semester I

Prerequisite Courses

PSYC 100 First Year Seminar	CSIS 100 Computer Concepts & Applications	ENGL 101 * English Composition I	COMM 213 Interpersonal Communications	PSYC 155 General Psychology	ALHE 105 Medical Terminology
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**Prerequisite for ENG 101 – if test score or GPA indicate, student to take Developmental Reading/Writing courses/s.*

-Semester I – Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to applying to the OTA program. Co-requisites may be completed prior to OTA courses.

-CURR 100 – First Year Seminar is not required if transferring in 15 or more transferable credits from another college.

-COMM 207

-PSYC 155 is a prerequisite for PSYC 263

*If a student receives below a grade of "C" in any program-specific **core course** (PSYC, CSIS, ENGL, COMM, ALHE, SOSC, BIOL), the course must be repeated the following semester or the next time the course is offered, and a passing grade achieved. Note: This may disrupt student progression in the OTA program.*

Apply to the OTA Program

See OTA Application Procedure (<https://www.neosho.edu/AcademicsandServices/HealthCare/OccupationalTherapyAssistant.aspx>)

Transfer students:

-OTA credits taken at another college do not generally transfer in to the NCCC OTA Program.

-A & P must have been taken within 5 years from the date of application to the OTA Program.

Semester II

Co-requisite Courses			Occupational Therapy Foundations			Experiential Learning
PSYC 263 Developmental Psychology	BIOL 257 Human Anatomy and Physiology	BIOL 258 Human A & P Lab	OTA 100 Introduction to Occupational Therapy	OTA 102 Occupational Therapy Skills Through the Lifespan	OTA 104 Occupational Disruption & Activity Analysis	OTA 103 Fieldwork and Practice – Level I-A

-BIOL 257 & BIOL 258 are co-requisite courses and prerequisite courses for OTA 110 & OTA 111.

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Summer

Co-requisite Course	Professional Foundations	Application to Pediatrics
SOSC 100 Introduction to Sociology	OTA 212 Management & Legal Issues in Occupational Therapy	OTA 213 Pediatric Practice for OTA

-SOSC 100 must be completed prior to Semester III

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Semester III

Occupational Therapy Foundations		Occupational Therapy Concepts & Applications			Experiential Learning
OTA 110 Kinesiology for the OTA	OTA 111 Kinesiology for the OTA Lab	OTA 106 Core Skills & Modalities in Occupational Therapy	OTA 200 Mental Health & Psychosocial Practice	OTA 210 Theory and Practice in Physical & Occupational Disabilities	OTA 108 Fieldwork & Practice Issues – Level I-B

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Semester IV

Clinical Judgement and Application

OTA 214 Fieldwork, Clinical – Level II-A	OTA 216 Fieldwork, Clinical – Level II-B
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