



# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT AAS DEGREE CURRICULUM SHEET

Effective 11-10-2022

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program has special admissions requirements. These requirements are in addition to those completed for PCC general admission. Until students complete the special admissions requirements and are accepted into the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, they are enrolled as an Associate in General Education (AGE) major or special credit student.

The following steps must be completed **prior** to applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program:

- Complete an application for general admission to Pitt Community College.
- Submit official transcript from high school or high school equivalency diploma. Applicants with a bachelor's degree are exempt.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Meet with assigned Advisor.
- Complete [new student orientation](#).
- Check your myPittCC email account for important announcements on a regular basis.
- Read the [Health Sciences Essential FAQs](#).

By completing these steps, students have not applied for or been accepted into the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. Applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is a separate process and not allowed until all of the following application criteria and minimum prerequisites are met.

Application Criteria:

- Must be a high school graduate or hold high school equivalency diploma.
- Must have a **2.5 GPA** in general education and recommended courses for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (see page 2).
- Proficiency in math required as exhibited by one of the following criteria:
  - high school GPA of 2.8 or higher within the past 10 years; or
  - eligibility to take math with a corequisite; or
  - successful completion of DMA 010-040; or
  - successful completion of MAT 070; or
  - completion of college-level math with a C or better; or
  - completion of MAT 003 with grade of P2.

Applicants with a GPA older than 10 years that meet none of the math requirements listed must take the placement test and achieve a score of 70 or better. Applicants who score less than 70 must successfully complete MAT 003 with grade of P2.

Minimum Prerequisites (must be completed or in progress by the end of summer semester prior to the end of application period):

- BIO 168** with a C or better within the past 10 years counting back from the date of enrollment in the program.
- ENG 111** with a C or better.

All applicants for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program must take the TEAS by the application deadline. No minimum total score is required to apply. However, applicants will be awarded points toward admission based on the total score earned. The TEAS score cannot be older than 3 years counting back from the date of enrollment in the program. *Applicants should consult an academic advisor to determine the best time to take the TEAS. Refer to the [TEAS Testing Guide](#) for information on preparing and registering for the TEAS.*

Once you meet all application criteria and minimum prerequisites for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, contact Health Sciences Admissions at (252) 493-7473 or [htscadm@email.pittcc.edu](mailto:htscadm@email.pittcc.edu) to complete an Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Application. **Applications may be submitted from July 1, 2022 through 5 p.m. on September 15, 2022 for those applying for Spring 2023.** Upon receipt of your application, you will be invited to register for an information session that is specific to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. **All applicants are required to attend this information session.**

Admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is competitive. Applicants compete for admission based on the sum of quality points and points earned for TEAS. Applicants earn quality points by completing the general education and recommended courses required for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program with a C or better (see page 2). To calculate quality points, multiply the number of credit hours for each general education course successfully completed with a C or better by the quality point value assigned to the grade earned (A=4, B=3, C=2). The best grade earned for general education and recommended courses is used to calculate total quality points and GPA. *Refer to the [Health Sciences Essential FAQs](#) for details on how quality points are calculated.* TEAS points are awarded based on the highest total score earned: total score between 61% and 100% earns 12 points, between 58% and 60% earns 6 points, between 40% and 57% earns 2 points, below 40% earns 0 points.

- Pitt County Schools Health Sciences Academy (PCSHSA) graduates who participated in the Health Sciences Academy in their junior and senior years of high school, earned college credit for general education courses required for their program of interest with an "A" or "B," and fulfilled all responsibilities of the Health Sciences Academy program will receive a 10% increase to their quality point calculation. These points are awarded to PCSHSA graduates who have graduated within five years prior to enrollment in a health sciences program at PCC. PCSHSA graduates are not guaranteed acceptance into any health sciences program.

Applicants will be notified by email (myPittCC email) of their acceptance status no later than October 31. Please do not contact health sciences admissions regarding your acceptance status until this notification date has passed.

**Applicants accepted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program will be required to submit active BLS Certification from the American Heart Association by November 1.** Instructions for submitting BLS Certification will be included in the acceptance letter.

General Education and Recommended Courses: The grades in these courses earn points toward admission to the program.

| SEMESTERS OFFERED | COURSE                           | TITLE (CREDIT HOURS)                                   | PREREQUISITES   |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| F,Sp,Su           | ACA 111                          | College Student Success (1)                            | None  |
| F,Sp,Su           | BIO 168                          | Anatomy and Physiology I (4)                           | DRE 098 or ENG 002 with grade of P2 or ENG 111; and [DMA 010, DMA 020, and DMA 030] or MAT 003 with grade of P1 |
| F,Sp,Su           | BIO 169                          | Anatomy and Physiology II (4)                          | BIO 168   |
| F,Sp,Su           | ENG 111                          | Writing and Inquiry (3)                                | DRE 097 or ENG 002 or BSP 4002; Corequisite: ENG 011 if applicable  |
| F,Sp,Su           | ENG 112                          | Writing/Research in the Disc (3)                       | ENG 111   |
| F,Sp,Su           | HUM 115 or<br>F,Sp,Su<br>PHI 240 | Critical Thinking (3) or<br>Introduction to Ethics (3) | <u>HUM 115</u> : DRE 098 or ENG 002 or BSP 4002<br><u>PHI 240</u> : ENG 111                                     |
| F,Sp,Su           | HSC 110*                         | Orientation to Health Careers (1)                      | None  |
| F,Sp,Su           | MED 120                          | Survey of Medical Terminology (2)                      | None  |
| F,Sp,Su           | PSY 150                          | General Psychology (3)                                 | DRE 098 or ENG 002 with grade P1  |
| F,Sp,Su           | PSY 241                          | Developmental Psychology (3)                           | PSY 150   |
| F,Sp,Su           | PSY 281                          | Abnormal Psychology (3)                                | PSY 150   |

\*Course is not required. However, points are awarded toward admission.

You must be formally admitted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program to take OTA courses (exception may be made for OTA 110).

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|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Spring I         | OTA 110*  | Fundamentals of OT (3)      | Spring II        | OTA 150* | Peds Concepts & Interventions (3)     |
| Spring I         | OTA 120*  | OT Media I (2)              | Spring II        | OTA 162* | Fieldwork I-Placement 2 (1)           |
| Spring I         | OTA 130C* | Assessment Skills (2)       | Spring II        | OTA 180* | Psychosocial Conditions (3)           |
| Summer I         | OTA 130L* | Assessment Skills (1)       | Spring II        | OTA 250* | Adult Concepts & Interventions II (3) |
| Summer I         | OTA 140*  | Professional Skills I (1)   | Summer II        | OTA 163* | Fieldwork I-Placement 3 (1)           |
| Fall I           | OTA 161*  | Fieldwork I-Placement 1 (1) | Summer II        | OTA 245* | Professional Skills III (1)           |
| Fall I           | OTA 170*  | Physical Conditions (3)     | Fall II          | OTA 260  | Fieldwork II-Placement 1 (6)          |
| Fall I           | OTA 220*  | OT Media II (3)             | Fall II          | OTA 261  | Fieldwork II-Placement 2 (6)          |
| Fall I           | OTA 240*  | Professional Skills II (1)  |                  |          |                                       |

\*Courses include an online component. Applicants considering applying for the Occupational Therapy Assisting Program should review the Distance Education Department's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn the processes and requirements for online education.

#### **Total Credits for AAS Degree: 70**

A grade of C or better is required in all courses to graduate from the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

*Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to complete a clinical practicum. Clinical facilities may require criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship prior to or during participation in the clinical portion of a program. Any expenses associated with these requirements are the responsibility of the student. Pending the outcome, clinical facilities may deny a student the opportunity to complete the clinical portion of a program. A student who is unable to complete the clinical portion of a program will not be able to graduate. Criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employment agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.*

*Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to have a physical examination to determine if they are physically and emotionally capable of performing the essential functions of the program and must submit a completed medical form. A record of immunizations, including, but not limited to, an annual Influenza vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine must be included with the medical form. A medical or religious exemption for vaccines must be approved by the clinical site(s). PCC does not grant vaccine exemptions in lieu of the clinical site(s) and does not guarantee vaccine exemptions will be approved by the clinical site(s).*

*Programs at PCC that prepare students for professional licensure are designed to prepare a student to apply for applicable licensure in North Carolina. In order to ensure whether the program meets requirements for professional licensure outside North Carolina, PCC recommends the student contact the program director prior to enrolling in the program.*

*It is the policy of PCC not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, handicap, religion, age, or national origin in the recruitment and admission of students; the recruitment, employment, training, and promotion of faculty and staff; and the operation of any of its programs and activities, as specified by federal laws and regulations. PCC is an equal opportunity institution.*

*Health Sciences admissions policies are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between PCC and students. PCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements at any time. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience such changes create for students.*