

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NCCC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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

First Year Seminar, Computer Literacy, English Comp I, General Psychology, Medical Terminology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, and Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab, 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. It is highly recommended that potential applicants also complete the other three general education courses required for this degree prior to entering the OTA program. These are Intro to Sociology, Interpersonal Communication OR Fundamentals of Speech, and Developmental Psychology.

2. When is the application period?

September – October 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 two weeks 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). Four OTA courses are Hybrid and one course is fully online.

4. Will my previous college courses count in this program?

For general education courses, credit hours and course content need to be comparable to transfer. When you apply to NCCC, request official transcripts be sent directly to NCCC from previous colleges attended. For preliminary advising, you can send unofficial transcripts and completed OTA Planning Worksheet (in application materials) to:

OTA-Applications@neosho.edu.

5. What is the class schedule for OTA courses?

Following acceptance to the program:

- Spring Semester: Tues. & Thurs., all OTA courses on campus except one fully online course and Fieldwork Level I-A.
- Summer 8-week Semester: Thurs. Two Hybrid OTA courses and one fully online OTA course
- Fall Semester: Tues. & Thurs, all OTA courses on campus except, one Hybrid course, and Fieldwork Level I-B.
- Spring Semester (2nd year): Full time Fieldwork placement for 16 weeks in two 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? The median annual wage for occupational therapy assistants was \$58,400 in 2022, Source: Kansas Department of Labor Statistics.

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.