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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A.A.S., Major in Occupational Therapy Assistant

Occupational Therapy is a health care specialty that employs the use of purposeful activity, occupations and exercise for individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, cognitive dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, or the aging process, in order to maximize independence in Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), prevent disability and maintain health. Occupational therapy assistants work closely with occupational therapists to provide services that encompass evaluation, treatment intervention and consultation.

Accreditation

The Piedmont Technical College OTA Program, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). Successful completion of this exam entitles the individual to practice as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist. 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 criminal conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. To learn more about the ACOTE standards, visit www.ptc.edu/ACOTE.

The sponsoring institution (Piedmont Technical College) assumes primary responsibility for appointment of faculty, admission of students, and curriculum planning at all locations where the program is offered. This would include course content, satisfactory completion of the educational program, and granting of the degree.

The sponsoring institution(s) must also be responsible for the coordination of classroom teaching and supervised fieldwork practice and for providing assurance that the practice activities assigned to students in a fieldwork setting are appropriate to the program.

Admissions: Acceptance into Piedmont Technical College’s OTA program is competitive and is limited to 24 students to begin fall semester. See the college calendar or website for application dates.

To become eligible to apply for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, applicants must complete the following:

1. Complete the following courses (minimum “C” grade required):
 - BIO 210
 - BIO 211
 - ENG 101
 - MAT 120
 - PSY 201
2. Minimum grade point average for the above coursework of 2.5. A GPA calculator can be found on the college website.
3. Completion of 20 hours of observations in at least two different occupational therapy settings.
4. Completion of TEAS test in reading and math.
5. Good academic standing at the college.
6. Students must complete and maintain a current CPR/Health Care Provider certification from the American Heart Association.

All general education coursework must be completed prior to the first semester of Occupational Therapy Assistant coursework.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4.0
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
ENG 101 English Composition I.....	3.0
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics	3.0
PSY 201 General Psychology.....	3.0
PSY 203 Human Growth and Development.....	3.0
SPC 205 Public Speaking	3.0
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts	3.0

SUBTOTAL: 26.0

REQUIRED CORE SUBJECT AREAS

COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
OTA 101 Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy	3.0
OTA 105 Therapeutic Analysis in Occupational Therapy...	3.0
OTA 142 OTA Clinical Introduction I (Level I Fieldwork) ...	1.0
OTA 144 OTA Clinical Introduction II (Level I Fieldwork) ..	1.0
OTA 155 Gerontology	2.0
OTA 162 Psychosocial Dysfunction	3.0
OTA 164 Physical Dysfunction	6.0
OTA 176 Pediatric Development and Dysfunction	4.0
OTA 203 Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy	3.0
OTA 213 Group Process and Dynamics	2.0
OTA 245 Occupational Therapy Department Management ..	2.0
OTA 262 Clinical Application I (Level II Fieldwork)	7.0
OTA 264 Clinical Application I (Level II Fieldwork)	7.0

SUBTOTAL: 44.0

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 70.0

*These courses require a minimum grade of "C" for this program.

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