

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT CURRICULUM

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (76-77 SEMESTER CREDITS)

Program Description: This curriculum is designed to prepare students to work under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist with clients who need to improve their independence in functional activities relating to activities of daily living, work or play/leisure as a result of injury, illness, the aging process, developmental delays, poverty, or cultural differences. These remediation activities take place in a variety of health care facilities such as hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, public and private schools, nursing homes, home care settings and emerging areas of practice. Students have faculty supervised clinical learning experiences in a variety of these settings.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20824-3449. Telephone 301-652-AOTA and 301-652-6611). Website address is www.acoteonline.org.

Graduates of the program will be able to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Many states other than Hawai'i require licensure in order to practice; however state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Recertification occurs every three years.

Special Admission Requirements for Occupational Therapy Assistant: Additional information is listed in the "Special Requirements for Programs in Health Career Education" section. Acceptance into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is on a best-qualified, first-accepted rating system for (a) grades of completed prerequisites, (b) minimum pre-requisite GPR of 2.75, (c) writing sample, and (d) oral interview. Selection is based on total qualifying scores in rank order from the highest until admission quota is reached. Applications are located online at the KCC website. Attendance at an OTA information session is required. A grade of "C" or higher is required for all prerequisite courses: ENG 100 or higher, MATH 100 or higher, PHYL 141, PHYL 142, PHYL 141L, PHYL 141L, HLTH 118, HLTH 290, and HLTH 290L. Students on probation, suspension or having a GPR below 2.0 at KCC are not eligible to apply. Priority selection is given to Hawai'i State residents; non-residents will be considered after all qualified residents have been accommodated.

Preparation for OTA Program: All prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline. Prerequisite courses include PHYL 141/141L and PHYL 142/142L, ENG 100, MATH 100, and HLTH 118. General education and support courses taken prior to program entry including HDFS 230, AS Humanities course (100 level or higher), HLTH 125, and OTA 110 will lessen the credit load during the program.

Please note: HDFS 230 was formerly FAMR 230, and PHYL 141/141L and PHYL 142/142L were formerly ZOOL 141/141L and ZOOL 142/142L.

Program Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the Associate in Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant, the student should be able to:

- Assimilate and relate the foundational content, basic tenets and theoretical perspective of Occupational Therapy and apply the relevant knowledge to function competently in the profession.
- Assist with theoretically-based screening and evaluation under the supervision of and in cooperation with the occupational therapist.
- Provide culturally relevant and occupation-based intervention and implementation to facilitate occupational performance and participation.
- Communicate clearly and effectively the distinct value of occupational therapy with clients, families, significant others, colleagues, service providers, and the public.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the service delivery and assist with management of occupational therapy services in order to function competently in the profession.
- Be a lifelong learner, keep current with evidence-based practice, and uphold safety, ethical standards, values, and attitudes of the occupational therapy profession.

**ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE CURRICULUM,
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Pre-Program

ENG 100 (3) or ESL 100 (3)

At least 3 credits from MATH 100 or a higher level mathematics course

HLTH 118 (3)

HLTH 290 (2)

HLTH 290L (1)

PHYL 141 (3)

PHYL 141L (1)

PHYL 142 (3)

PHYL 142L (1)

First Semester

OTA 110 (3)

OTA 111 (1)

HLTH 125 (1)

At least 3 credits from AS Arts & Humanities Elective

FAMR 230 (3) or HDFS 230 (3) or PSY 240 (3)

Second Semester

OTA 112 (3)

OTA 112L (1)

OTA 125 (2)

OTA 126 (1)

OTA 161 (3)

OTA 161L (1)

Third Semester

OTA 172 (3)

Fourth Semester

OTA 232 (2)

OTA 233 (1)
OTA 236 (3)
OTA 236L (1)
OTA 237 (3)
OTA 237L (1)

Fifth Semester

OTA 224 (2)
OTA 224L (1)
OTA 249 (2)
OTA 249L (1)
OTA 270 (7)

Sixth Semester

OTA 271 (7)

The issuance of an AS degree requires that the student must earn a GPR of 2.0 or higher for all courses applicable toward the degree. A list of KCC AS/AH elective courses is in the "Degree and Certificate Programs" section. Please note: A grade of "C" or higher must be maintained in all required courses in order to continue in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.