



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Academic Requirements

Prerequisites for acceptance are English Composition I and II, College Algebra, General Psychology, Computer Science, Introduction to Sociology, Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Kinesiology, and Introduction to Occupational Therapy. Applicants must make a C grade or better in all courses for consideration. For complete course information please see the college catalog. All Occupational Therapy Assistant students are required to complete Fieldwork Level II A and B within 18 months following the completion of academic preparation.

Selection process

Due to limited enrollment, a selection process for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is necessary. Minimum prerequisite grade point average for application is 3.0. Selection is based on prerequisite grade-point average of 3.0, class attendance, TEAS V scores, and application completion. All admission criteria must be met before admission to the program. See the Program website for current and specific application requirements and selection processes.

Application to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is available each year during February. Applications may be obtained by contacting Cindy Meyer at the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at SouthArk, P.O. Box 7010, El Dorado, AR 71731-7010; cmeyer@southark.edu; or (870) 864-7171 or toll-free 1-800-955-2289x171. For the next cohort, applications will be through March 28, 2019 at noon.

Becoming a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

After completion of all academic work, graduates will be able to apply 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 graduate will be a certified occupational therapy assistant. State license requirements must also be met; and state licensures usually are based on results of the NBCOT certification examination. Graduation from this program does not presume or imply that students will be certified. Students may need to have a criminal background check performed during the program. Students with a felony in their background may not be able to complete program fieldwork/clinical site visits, be eligible to sit for the national examination given by NBCOT, or to receive licensure in Arkansas. Each case is assessed on an individual basis by fieldwork/clinical sites, NBCOT, and the Arkansas State Medical Board.



Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

First Semester	Credits
Knowledge, Health, and Wellness of Disease Processes	3
Body Structure and Function in Occupational Therapy Laboratory	3
Second Semester	
Mental Health & Occupational Therapy Interventions	4
Clinical Interventions Laboratory	1
Occupation Intervention Analysis & Application I	1
Pediatrics and Occupational Therapy Interventions	3
Fieldwork Level 1	1
Geriatrics and Occupational Therapy Interventions	3
Third Semester	
Advanced Occupational Therapy Interventions	4
Physical Dysfunction & Occupational Therapy Interventions I	2
Occupation Intervention Analysis and Application II	2
Group Intervention Skills	3
Advanced Clinical Management	3
Fourth Semester	
Physical Dysfunction & Occupational Therapy Interventions II	2
Advanced Clinical Intervention Skills	4
Fifth Semester	
Fieldwork Level II-A (full time clinical internship for 8 weeks)	4
Fieldwork Level II-B (full time clinical internship for 8 weeks)	4

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LAB WITH CHILDREN



SENSORY LAB

Occupation Adaptive Equipment



ORAL MOTOR ACTIVITY



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Occupational therapy is a health care profession designed to help people regain and build skills that are important for performance of every-day activities. Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants work with people of all ages who, because of physical, developmental, cognitive, social, or emotional issues, need specialized assistance in learning skills that enable them to lead independent, productive and satisfying lives.

A licensed occupational therapy assistant provides services to individuals whose abilities to cope with the tasks of living are threatened or impaired by developmental delays, the aging process, poverty, cultural differences, physical injury or illness, or psychological and social issues. Under the supervision of a licensed/credentialed occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistants will administer intervention pertinent to restorative, preventative and maintenance programs. Intervention activities include, but are not limited to: occupation activities, therapeutic activities to restore occupational function, orthotics (splints) fabrication and fitting, sensory-perceptual-cognitive skills, therapeutic (physical or psychological) group activities, adaptation of equipment, compensatory techniques, adaptive equipment use, health and wellness promotion, and environment adaptation.



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