Occupational Therapy Assistant

Associate in Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant

76 Credit Hours

The program prepares students to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy assistants. Successful completion of this examination entitles the individual to practice as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Accreditation

ACOTE c/o American Occupational Therapy Association
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Bethesda, MD 20814-3449
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General Education Core Requirements

ENG 101 English Composition I 3
ENG 102 English Composition II 3
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics 3
PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3
PSY 201 General Psychology 3

Total: 15

Major Requirements

AHS 104 Medical Vocabulary-Anatomy 3
BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
OTA 101 Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy 3
OTA 102 Therapeutic Processes 2
OTA 105 Therapeutic Analysis in Occupational Therapy 3
OTA 142 OTA Clinical Introduction I 1
OTA 144 OTA Clinical Introduction II 1
OTA 155 Gerontology 2
OTA 159 Psychosocial Dysfunction I 1
OTA 161 Psychosocial Dysfunction II 2
OTA 164 Physical Dysfunction 6
OTA 176 Pediatric Development and Dysfunction 4
OTA 203 Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy 3
OTA 245 Occupational Therapy Departmental Management 2
OTA 262 OTA Clinical Application I 7
OTA 264 OTA Clinical Application II 7  
PSY 203 Human Growth and Development 3  
SPC 205 Public Speaking 3  
or  
SPC 209 Interpersonal Communication 3  

Total: 61

Applicants will be admitted to this program on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Applicants are considered to be qualified for admission to the next available class when they meet all TTC and OTA program requirements. Classes begin Summer Semester of each year.

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. General College Admission Requirements
   Achieve admission to TTC by meeting the college's requirements for associate degree programs. See college admission procedures. Please note that applicants not achieving appropriate test scores will be required to complete courses indicated by placement test scores.

2. Program Progression Requirements
   Applicants should ensure that each of the following progression requirements is on file in the Admissions office as soon as it is completed. Information may be submitted in person or by mail to:

   Trident Technical College
   Admissions Office, AM-M  
   (Student Center, Bldg. 410, Room 110)  
P.O. Box 118067  
Charleston, SC 29423-8067

   a. Achieve qualifying scores on the college’s placement test, SAT or ACT. Contact an academic advisor and complete all courses indicated by placement test scores.

   b. Complete a Health Sciences application for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.
      Note: When the number of applicants qualifying at the same time exceeds the number of spaces available in this program, admission will be prioritized according to the date and time that the Health Sciences application was received in the Admissions office.

   c. Provide proof of high school graduation or equivalent by submitting a copy of your high school transcript, diploma or GED.

   d. Provide proof that all general education courses (support courses) required in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program have been completed with a minimum grade of C. Laboratory sciences and AHS 104 Medical Vocabulary/Anatomy must have been taken within five years of admission date.

   e. Submit official copies of all college transcripts, other than TTC transcripts, to the Admissions office.
f. Provide proof of a minimum 2.5 GPA on all college course work by submitting copies of official college transcripts, excluding TTC transcripts, to the Admissions office; or complete 10 semester hours with a minimum grade of C in each course and a cumulative 2.5 GPA. At least one of these courses must be laboratory science. Laboratory sciences must have been taken within five years of admission date with a minimum grade of C.
g. Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA and not be on academic or disciplinary suspension at the time of admission and date of entry into OTA-prefix courses.
h. Submit proof of minimum of 40 hours of observation/volunteer work performed in two different occupational therapy settings, completing at least 20 hours in each setting. The applicant is responsible for arranging the observation/volunteer time.
i. Complete the online Information Session and quiz with a score of 100.
j. At the time of entry to the program, show evidence of completion of the criminal background check required by the college. Drug screening will be conducted randomly but prior to clinical rotation.

3. General Admission Procedures for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Applicants who meet college and program requirements will be considered qualified and will be admitted on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Qualified applicants will be notified via my.tridenttech.edu email indicating the year and semester that they have been admitted. Students will be required to provide a completed, current Health Sciences – Student Health Record including all immunizations and titers, TB (PPD) tests, as well as current Healthcare Provider CPR certification, major medical insurance and medical professional liability coverage.

Students will also be notified by my.tridenttech.edu email the date and time of the mandatory program orientation. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of seat in the program.

Note: Falsification of any information submitted will make a student ineligible for admission to or continuation in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

Course Progression
To progress to the next Occupational Therapy Assistant course, the student must complete all Occupational Therapy Assistant courses with a grade of C or better. The student must earn a grade of satisfactory on the final professional development evaluation each semester of the program.

Note: Students are responsible for transportation, meals and housing expenses during field work.