

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate entry-level generalist competence with the application of theoretical perspectives in the development of evidence- and occupation-based assessments and interventions while working in collaboration with, and under the supervision of, a licensed occupational therapist (OT).
- Use sound problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as a solid understanding of disease process and the use of occupation in the prevention and management of disease and disability, to consistently select and implement safe and effective interventions that adhere to the established plan of care while under the direction of a licensed OT.
- Demonstrate effective interprofessional collaboration and distinguish between the role of the OT and the role of the occupational therapy assistant (OTA).
- Demonstrate competence with screening, assessment, and implementation of safe and effective occupation-based interventions within the OTA scope of practice and within the context of patient care.
- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and respect for diverse human life and advocate for occupational therapy care that works to restore optimal human safety, independence, and dignity as it relates to varying contexts of the individual, group, and population.
- Demonstrate effective use of written and oral communication with patients, families, and other health care providers.
- Demonstrate the ability to clearly, accurately, and succinctly document OT services using appropriate medical terminology and a variety of electronic and non-electronic medical record platforms.
- Consistently demonstrate values, attitudes, and behaviors that strictly adhere to the profession's philosophy and standards of ethical practice.
- Exhibit exemplary moral and ethical judgment in practice and uphold the confidentiality of all persons at all times.
- Demonstrate habits of a life-long learner and continually pursue ongoing professional development opportunities in order to stay current with practice trends and best evidence within the occupational therapy profession.
- Maintain active involvement in local, state, and national organizations and take an active role in advocacy and education among professional peers, patients, and referral sources about the field of occupational therapy.