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COLLEGE OF OHIO

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

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THE PROGRAM:
Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) use therapeutic interventions to facilitate the recovery of clients and patients so that they can return to functional and independent living. They use their skills to help them recover, improve, and maintain their abilities in the areas of daily living skills, home management, school, and work.

Occupational Therapy Assistants spend much of their time on their feet, setting up equipment and providing occupational therapy to their clients.

Our students will learn about the theories of practice and conceptual models within the field of occupational therapy, which have guided occupational therapy practitioners in a variety of practice settings. They will also learn basic clinical skills, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills essential to client-centered occupational therapy practice.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM:
Applications to the OTA Program must be *fully completed* and *submitted by the June 30th* deadline each year to be considered for the student cohort beginning in the following *fall semester* of the new year.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of all general admission requirements to become a student at the college, including the Washington State College of Ohio Application for Admission.
2. Submission of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Application
3. A minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for recent coursework from an educational institution. Your GPA will be based on any college coursework taken within the last 2 calendar years or your cumulative high school GPA, whichever is more recent.
4. A minimum of 20 hours of documented observation experience with an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant.
   - Please see the official OTA Application Packet for specific details related to Entrance Requirements.
   - Prerequisite classes must be completed prior to admission into the technical phase of the program.
   - To be eligible for graduation, a student *must complete all* courses listed with a "C" or better *and* maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. You cannot be accepted with a GPA lower than 2.5.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is seeking accreditation from the Accreditation Council on Occupational Therapy Education. The first cohort of students began in the spring of 2025.

ACCREDITATION STATUS:
Washington State College of Ohio is seeking accreditation from the Accreditation Council on Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) for the occupational therapy assistant program. Candidacy Status indicates that the program meets the requirements for Candidacy Status, and the plans and resource allocations for the proposed program appear to demonstrate the ability to comply with the ACOTE Accreditation Standards. The proposed program may admit its first class of students according to an approved timeline. The program must have a pre-accreditation review, complete an initial on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification exam.

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®)
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Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: (301) 652-6611, ext. 2915
e-mail: accred@aota.org
website: www.acoteonline.org

A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.

Graduation Requirements: Completion of all technical and general education classes with a grade of "C" or higher in the OTA Associate Degree curriculum and successful completion of all three fieldwork courses: OTAT 2210, OTAT 2800 and OTAT 2900.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Acute Care Facilities
- Hand & Outpatient Clinics
- Home Health
- Hospitals
- Mental Health
- Pediatric
- Schools
- Skilled Nursing Facilities

HOW TO REACH US:

- Admissions: 740.568.1900
- Website: www.wsco.edu/ota
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Director
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Fall Entry

Estimated Costs for 2026-2028

In-state Tuition: $180.00. Out-of-state Tuition: $181.00

Semester I (Fall 2026)

Total credit hrs:	16
Tuition:	$2,880.00
Books:	$1,325.00
Lab Coat/Goggles:	$50.00
Lab Fees:	$180.00
Exam Fees:	$0.00
Uniforms:	$100.00
***Estimated Cost*:**	**$4,535.00**

Semester II (Spring 2027)

Total credit hrs:	16
Tuition:	$2,880.00
Books:	$500.00
Lab Fees:	$180.00
Exam Fees:	$0.00
Estimated Cost:	**$3,560.00**

Semester III (Summer 2027)

Total credit hrs:	6
Tuition:	$1,080.00
Books:	$250.00
Lab Coat/Goggles:	$0.00
Lab Fees:	$0.00
Exam Fee:	$43.00
Estimated Cost:	**$1,373.00**

Semester IV (Fall 2027)

Total credit hrs:	13
Tuition:	$2,340.00
Books:	$300.00
Lab Fees:	$0.00
Exam Fees:	$0.00
Estimated Cost:	**$2,640.00**

Semester V (Spring 2028)

Total credit hrs:	13
Tuition:	$2,340.00
Books:	$0.00
Exam Fees:	$0.00
Lab Fees:	$0.00
***Estimated Cost*:**	**$2,340.00**

Total Credits for AAS Degree (64)

Total Tuition for AAS Degree $11,520.00
Total (In-state): $14,448.00

Required travel to clinical sites is not included in the estimated costs

Additional Estimated Costs

Physical/Immunizations:	$750.00 (+)
Drug Screen (On Demand):	$90.00
Two Criminal Background Checks:	$120.00
CPR Training:	$25-80

AOTA Membership:	$158.00 annually
OOTA Membership:	$70.00 annually

Additional expenses may be incurred per fieldwork placement (travel, food, lodging, etc.)

Post-Graduate Costs:

NBCOT Certification Exam	$540.00
State of Ohio Licensure Application Fee:	50.00

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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:			**CREDITS**
English Composition (6 Credits)			
ENGL	1510	English Composition I	3
ENGL	1520	English Composition II	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 Credits)			
PSYC	1010	General Psychology	3
PSYC	2700	Developmental Psychology	3
SOCI	1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
Natural Sciences (8 Credits)			
BIOL	2310	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL	231L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
BIOL	2320	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL	232L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
Mathematics (4 Credits)			
MATH	2110	Principles of Statistics	4
General Courses (3 Credits)			
BUSM	1600	PC Applications	3
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT MAJOR (34 Credits)			
OTAT	1010	Foundational Knowledge of OT	3
OTAT	1100	Skills for OT Practice	3
OTAT	2001	Phys Disabilities & OT Interventions I	3
OTAT	2002	Phys Disabilities & OT Interventions II	3
OTAT	2003	Phys Disabilities & OT Interventions III	3
OTAT	2100	Pediatrics and Occupational Therapy	3
OTAT	2200	Psychosocial Interventions in OT	3
OTAT	2210	OTA Directed Practice (FW) Level I	2
OTAT	2300	OT and the Geriatric Client	3
OTAT	2800	OTA Directed Practice (FW) Level II A	4
OTAT	2900	OTA Directed Practice (FW) Level II B	4
Total			**64**

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(Outline Subject to Change)

SEMESTER 1 FALL 2026
16 Weeks
BIOL 2310 Human A & P I (3) 3-0
BIOL 231L Human A & P I Lab (1) 0-3

1st 8 Weeks
OTAT 1010 Foundational Knowledge of OT (3)
PSYC 1010 General Psychology (3) 3-0

2nd 8 Weeks
OTAT 1100 Skills for OT Practice (3)
OTAT 2100 Pediatrics and OT (3)

SEMESTER 2 SPRING 2027
16 Weeks
BIOL 2320 Human A & P II (3) 3-0
BIOL 232L Human A & P II Lab (1) 0-3

1st 8 Weeks
OTAT 2001 Phys Disabil & OT Interventions I (3)
OTAT 2300 OT & the Geriatric Client (3)

2nd 8 Weeks
OTAT 2002 Phys Disabil & OT Interventions II (3)
OTAT 2200 Psychosocial Interventions in OT (3)

SEMESTER 3 SUMMER 2027 (8 Weeks)
MATH 2110 Principles of Statistics (4) 4-0
OTAT 2210 OTA Dir Practice (FW) Level I (2)

SEMESTER 4 FALL 2027
1st 8 Weeks
ENGL 1510 English Composition I (3)
OTAT 2003 Phys Disab & OT Interventions III (3)
PSYC 2700 Developmental Psychology (3)

2nd 8 Weeks
OTAT 2800 OTA Dir Practice (FW) Level II A (4)

SEMESTER 5 SPRING 2028
1st 8 Weeks
OTAT 2900 OTA Dir Practice (FW) Level II B (4)
SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3)

2nd 8 Weeks
BUSM 1600 PC Applications (3)
ENGL 1520 English Composition II (3)