

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 1997
[1997*03]

Curriculum Program Title

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Code

A45500

Concentration

(not applicable)

Curriculum Description

The Occupational Therapy Assistant curriculum prepares individuals to work under the supervision of a registered/licensed occupational therapist in screening, assessing, planning, and implementing treatment and documenting progress for clients receiving occupational therapy services.

Course work includes human growth and development, conditions which interfere with activities of daily living, theory and process of occupational therapy, individual/group treatment activities, therapeutic use of self, activity analysis, and grading/adapting activities and environments.

Graduates may be eligible to take the national certification examination for practice as a certified occupational therapy assistant. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, long-term/extended care facilities, sheltered workshops, schools, home health programs, and community programs.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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<p>Required Courses:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td style="width: 30%;">OTA 110</td><td style="width: 40%;">Fundamentals of OT</td><td style="width: 30%;">3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 120</td><td>OT Media I</td><td>2 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 130</td><td>Assessment Skills</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 140</td><td>Professional Skills I</td><td>1 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 150</td><td>Life Span Skills I</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 161</td><td>Fieldwork I Placement 1</td><td>1 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 162</td><td>Fieldwork I Placement 2</td><td>1 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 163</td><td>Fieldwork I Placement 3</td><td>1 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 170</td><td>Physical Dysfunction</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 180</td><td>Psychosocial Dysfunction</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 220</td><td>OT Media II</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 240</td><td>Professional Skills II</td><td>1 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 250</td><td>Life Span Skills II</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 260</td><td>Fieldwork II Placement 1</td><td>6 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>OTA 261</td><td>Fieldwork II Placement 2</td><td>6 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 241</td><td>Developmental Psychology</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 281</td><td>Abnormal Psychology</td><td>3 SHC</td></tr> </table> <p>Required Subject Area: Anatomy and Physiology. Select one: BIO 165 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 SHC <i>or</i> BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 SHC</p>	OTA 110	Fundamentals of OT	3 SHC	OTA 120	OT Media I	2 SHC	OTA 130	Assessment Skills	3 SHC	OTA 140	Professional Skills I	1 SHC	OTA 150	Life Span Skills I	3 SHC	OTA 161	Fieldwork I Placement 1	1 SHC	OTA 162	Fieldwork I Placement 2	1 SHC	OTA 163	Fieldwork I Placement 3	1 SHC	OTA 170	Physical Dysfunction	3 SHC	OTA 180	Psychosocial Dysfunction	3 SHC	OTA 220	OT Media II	3 SHC	OTA 240	Professional Skills II	1 SHC	OTA 250	Life Span Skills II	3 SHC	OTA 260	Fieldwork II Placement 1	6 SHC	OTA 261	Fieldwork II Placement 2	6 SHC	PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3 SHC	PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology	3 SHC			
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B. CONCENTRATION <i>(Not applicable)</i>			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> BIO, BUS, CIS, COE, CSC, HSC, HUM, MAT, OST, OTA, PHY, PSY, and SOC <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i>			