PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Are you looking for a challenging health-care career, have a desire to learn and want to help people experience the fullness of life? Then consider a career as an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA). Occupational therapy makes it possible for people to regain independence and return to a more enjoyable life. OTAs work in collaboration with a supervising occupational therapist to provide hands-on services to people of all ages who are learning new ways to succeed in the occupations of life. Successful students can look forward to making a difference in the lives of children, young people and adults. Recent information published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicates a strong and steadily improving job outlook for OTAs for the foreseeable future.

Receive your degree. Realize your dream.

This program prepares individuals to practice occupational therapy in multiple settings with people of all ages and to sit for the NBCOT (National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy) examination. Accelerated, experiential, self-directed learning is guided by faculty and mentors in the profession. Multiple clinical fieldwork experiences augment classroom learning. Classes are scheduled two evenings per week and Saturday mornings. Five terms per year enable students to complete the program in 23 months. Students must enter the program either in the spring or fall term.

First Year: 33 credits

Term 1
- Learning with Technology - 3 Credits
- Writing about Workplace Culture - 3 Credits

Term 2
- Current Topics in Biology - 3 credits
- History and Philosophy of OTA Practice - 3 credits

Term 3
- Anatomy, Physiology and Biomechanics - 6 Credits
- Introduction to Psychology - 3 Credits

Term 4
- Occupations Across the Lifespan I - 3 Credits
- Conditions I: Infancy through Adolescence - 3 Credits

Term 5
- Occupations Across the Lifespan II: Adulthood - 3 Credits
- Conditions II: Adulthood - 3 Credits

Second Year: 36 credits

Term 6
- Environments and Contexts of Occupation - 3 Credits
- Interventions I: Infancy through Adolescence - 4 credits

Term 7
- Interventions II: Young Through Middle Adulthood - 4 Credits
- College Algebra - 3 Credits

Term 8
- Interventions III: Late Adulthood - 4 Credits
- Leadership and Human Service Systems - 3 Credits

Term 9
- Fieldwork II A - 6 Credits
- Ethics and Critical Thinking I - 2 Credits

Term 10
- Fieldwork II B - 6 Credits
- Ethics and Critical Thinking II - 1 Credit
Accreditation

Philadelphia University’s Occupational Therapy Assistant Studies program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA.

Graduates of the program will be eligible 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 individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Call 215.526.0980 or email evening@PhilaU.edu for more information about the Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant Studies Program.

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