

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (OCTA)

OCTA 1000 - Introduction to Occupational Therapy (2 Credits)

This course provides an overview of occupational therapy that includes the history, philosophy, theories, practice settings, and contemporary issues in the field. The profession's unique view of human function, therapeutic use of self, and how occupation is used as intervention to facilitate health, wellness, and participation in life is addressed. Included are professional standards and ethics, state regulations, credentialing requirements, and professional organizations.

Lecture: 2 hours, Lab: 0 hours, Other: 0 hours

OCTA 1010 - Fundamentals of Treatment I (4 Credits)

This course addresses the administration of standardized and non-standardized evaluation procedures used by occupational therapists to assess self-care, coordination, tone, hand function, sensation, and visual perception. It addresses principles of adaptation and compensation, adaptive equipment, splinting, mobility, and therapeutic positioning.

Lecture: 3 hours, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): RHAB 1030 (may be taken concurrently)

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1070

OCTA 1030 - Fundamentals of Treatment II (4 Credits)

This course explores the process of activity analysis and its impact upon occupational therapy intervention. The influence of the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework 4 is addressed while students explore activity demands, contextual influences, performance skills, and methods of grading a variety of functional activity.

Lecture: 3 hours, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): RHAB 1110 and OCTA 1010 and RHAB 1030 and OCTA 1070

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1040, OCTA 1060

OCTA 1040 - Gerontologic Occupational Therapy (3 Credits)

This course examines the aging process and offers an overview of medical conditions and precautions associated with treatment of the older adult client. The aging process is explored in order to identify the impact it has on body systems and upon occupational performance. Related treatment intervention is practiced in the laboratory setting.

Lecture: 2 hours, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): RHAB 1110 and OCTA 1010 and RHAB 1030 and OCTA 1070

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1030, OCTA 1060

OCTA 1050 - Pediatric Occupational Therapy (4 Credits)

This course examines the physical and social needs of the growing child and explores their impact on the learning and adaptation processes that accompany the development of performance skills. It includes an overview of diseases and disabilities that may affect children seen in school-based occupational therapy, accompanied by theory and practice as it relates to this population.

Lecture: 3 hours, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): OCTA 1010 and OCTA 1030 and OCTA 1070 and OCTA 2010 and RHAB 1030

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1080, OCTA 2020

OCTA 1060 - Level I Fieldwork^A (1 Credit)

This is the first fieldwork experience in which students participate. It consists of 35-40 hours of observation in clinical practice setting(s).

Lecture: 0 hours, Lab: 0 hours, Other: 8 hours

Prerequisite(s): RHAB 1110 and OCTA 1010 and RHAB 1030 and OCTA 1070

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1030, OCTA 1040

OCTA 1070 - Tests and Measurements for Occupational Therapy Assistants (2 Credits)

This course instructs students how to perform joint range of motion testing and manual muscle testing throughout the body.

Lecture: 1 hour, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): RHAB 1030 (may be taken concurrently)

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1010

**OCTA 1080 - Therapeutic Activity Group Skills
(2 Credits)**

This course provides students with an opportunity to explore group theory, group dynamics, and activity analysis to ensure a therapeutic effect when used in occupational therapy practice settings with a variety of patient populations.

Lecture: 1 hour, Lab: 1 hour, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): OCTA 1030 and OCTA 1040 and OCTA 1060 and OCTA 2010

Corequisite(s): OCTA 2020

**OCTA 2010 - Psychosocial Occupational Therapy
(4 Credits)**

This course reviews psychiatric disorders commonly exhibited in clients referred to occupational therapy in mental health settings. Areas addressed include an interdisciplinary care approach; etiology, symptoms and behavior of psychosocial disorders; legal and ethical issues in mental health; and alternatives to hospitalization. Therapeutic group and 1:1 intervention is practiced in laboratory sessions.

Lecture: 3 hours, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): RHAB 1030 and OCTA 1010

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1030, OCTA 1040, OCTA 1060

**OCTA 2020 - Physical Rehabilitation and Health
(4 Credits)**

This course covers approaches to address physical dysfunction conditions referred to occupational therapy. Topics include evaluation, intervention, adaptation, compensation, and prevention techniques as utilized by occupational therapy assistants in a variety of clinical settings. Therapeutic modalities, mobility, splinting, and documentation are addressed. Therapeutic intervention is practiced in the laboratory setting.

Lecture: 3 hours, Lab: 3 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): OCTA 1030 and OCTA 1040 and OCTA 1060

Corequisite(s): OCTA 1050, OCTA 1080

**OCTA 2030 - Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork IIA[^]
(4 Credits)**

This course is an eight week placement in a fieldwork site under the supervision of licensed occupational therapy practitioners. Students apply knowledge about assessment, intervention, activity analysis, ethics, and effective communication while providing OT service to clients in an interprofessional manner. This fulfills one half of the requirement for level II fieldwork as required for graduation from the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program and meets the accreditation standards set by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

Other: 35 hours

Prerequisite(s): OCTA 2010 and OCTA 2020

Corequisite(s): OCTA 2035, OCTA 2040

**OCTA 2035 - Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork IIB[^]
(4 Credits)**

This course is an eight week placement in a fieldwork site under the supervision of licensed occupational therapy practitioners. Students apply knowledge about assessment, intervention, activity analysis, ethics, and effective communication while providing OT service to clients in an interprofessional manner. This fulfills one half of the requirement for level II fieldwork as required for graduation from the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program and meets the accreditation standards set by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

Other: 35 hours

Prerequisite(s): OCTA 2010 and OCTA 2020

Corequisite(s): OCTA 2030, OCTA 2040

**OCTA 2040 - Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork Seminar
(2 Credits)**

This course consists of lecture, group discussion, student presentation and fieldwork assignments designed to assist students to transition from the classroom to the clinical environment. Students share fieldwork experiences with peers allowing them to expand upon their knowledge as they prepare to transition to employment.

Lecture: 2 hours, Lab: 0 hours, Other: 0 hours

Prerequisite(s): OCTA 2010 and OCTA 2020

Corequisite(s): OCTA 2030, OCTA 2035