



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Kent State University offers the OTA program on two campuses and in three convenient formats with the same curriculum —choose your preferred option!

- » Unique on-campus labs—learn in our OT house or fully-functioning apartment.
- » Complete in as few as five semesters after program acceptance
- » Work in a health rehabilitation profession with clients of all ages in hospitals, schools, nursing homes and other settings.
- » Use activities/occupations to help people live productive, meaningful lives and maximize independence.



TO LEARN MORE

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COURSES OFFERED IN A
HYBRID
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON
FORMAT WITH
PART-TIME
OPTIONS AVAILABLE



» ASHTABULA – HYBRID

- 65% online courses with in-person labs
- 1 day per week on campus

» EAST LIVERPOOL – TRADITIONAL

- Classroom teaching and learning environment
- 2-3 days per week of in person instruction

» ASHTABULA – FLEX PART-TIME

- Fewer classes per semester
- Complete in 7-8 semesters, hybrid format

THREE CONVENIENT FORMATS

What do Occupational Therapy Assistants do?

- » Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) assist with the evaluation and treatment of individuals with injuries, illnesses, cognitive impairments, psychosocial dysfunctions, mental illness, developmental or learning disabilities, physical disabilities, or other disorders or conditions.
- » Work under the direction and supervision of an occupational therapist, contribute to the evaluation process through the administration of assessments.
- » Implement therapeutic interventions which use purposeful activity and occupations for developing, improving, sustaining or restoring function in areas of performance.

PROGRAM PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Apply to the Kent State Ashtabula or East Liverpool campus.
2. Complete high school or college-level algebra and biology. (see college catalog for specific course requirements).
3. Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher from the most recent academic experience of six (6) credit hours or more.
4. Complete two (2) observation experiences at Occupational Therapy facilities of your choice (with a minimum of eight hours at each site) totaling at least 16 hours.

ACCREDITATION

The associate-degree-level occupational therapy assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in just 65 credit hours
- Includes 10 classes of general education courses which can be completed prior to program admission
- Learn hands-on, relevant and current OTA practice content including:
 - » Pediatrics
 - » Adult physical health
 - » Psychosocial/mental health
 - » Kinesiology
 - » And more...
- Fieldwork experiences in 4 semesters throughout the program with a variety of populations including children, adults, geriatrics and community-based mental health and wellness in many locations close to home.

Multiple interactive learning and lab spaces on campus and clinical rotations at top healthcare facilities in Northeast Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia and beyond... ask for details.

GREAT CAREER PREP

- 760 hours of hands-on clinicals to prepare for entry-level practice
- Average potential earnings of \$62,940*
- High rates on national certification exam, job placement and program satisfaction