



OTA Program Information

Effective for students seeking program entry after the 6/1/2017 application cycle.

OTA 2016 Admission Statistics
Applications: 101 (94 qualified)
Total Accepted: 40
Prerequisite GPA: 3.78 (3.24 - 4.0)
ACT Score: 23 (20 – 28)

Summer 2017 Dates to Know
WSCC Residual ACT Dates: 5/19 and 7/21 (To register: 256-352-8042)
Registration Begins: 4/17/17 (for summer 2017)
OTA Application Deadline: June 1 each year

Suggested OTA Program Pathway

All students must complete listed courses in semesters 1 and 2 prior to program application. Once accepted into the program, all students will begin OTA Core Courses on a full-time basis during Fall Semester of the entry year.

NOTE: Prerequisite courses may be completed on a full- or part-time basis unless specified below, but ALL must be completed before the June 1 application deadline. BIO 201/202 and PSY 200/210 must be taken in the sequence as indicated below.

Year 1: Prerequisite Course Semesters

Suggested Sequence for Fall Semester (Semester 1)

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Completed?	Institution Where Completed	Comments
ORI 110	Freshman Seminar*	1			
ENG 101	English Composition	3			
PSY 200	General Psychology	3			
MTH 100	Intermediate College Algebra	3			
BIO 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I**	4			

*ORI 110 is a college requirement, not an OTA program requirement. **You are exempt from ORI 110 if you are a transfer student with at least 12 credit hours of college work, or if you attended WSCC prior to 2004.** ORI 110 is required for WSCC freshmen in all divisions. It is NOT factored into your GPA for ranking purposes.

****OTA students are not required to complete BIO 103 as a prerequisite to BIO 201 at WSCC. OTA students are exempt from BIO 103 and may begin the BIO 201/202 sequence with BIO 201, provided that OTA is declared as your major.****

Suggested Sequence for Spring Semester (Semester 2)

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Completed?	Institution Where Completed	Comments
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3			
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4			
HUM 101	Introduction to Humanities***	3			

***HUM 101 – Introduction to Humanities is preferred. Any 3 credit hour code A humanities course from art, music, theatre, religion, philosophy, humanities, or literature may be substituted to meet this requirement.

After Completion of All Courses Listed Above in Semesters 1 and 2:

- Apply to OTA Program by June 1 application deadline. The OTA application may be found on the WSCC website.
- Be sure you have completed ALL admissions requirements prior to the application deadline.
- **All classes in prerequisite semesters 1 and 2 must be completed PRIOR to program application.**
- All applicants are required to submit ACT scores regardless of educational background—no exceptions!
- 24 observation hours are scheduled by the applicant at any minimum of two locations, supervised by a COTA or OTR. The hours may be divided in any way between settings. It is the responsibility of the applicant to locate, schedule, and complete these hours.

Year 2: OTA Core Courses

These may only be completed after acceptance into the OTA program. Students will complete semesters 3-5 of the program on a full-time basis as a cohort. See the OTA section of the WSCC catalog for course pathway for semesters 3-5.

OTA Program Potential Schedule (subject to change):

Fall Term: Tuesday - Thursday; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 2 week, 5 day per week fieldwork at end of term

Spring Term: Tuesday - Thursday; 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 8 week, 5 day per week, full-time fieldwork at end of term

Summer Term: 2 weeks on campus (Mon-Fri, 8-5:30); 8 week, 5 day per week full-time fieldwork at end of term; then 2 day program wrap up, certification exam review, and graduation

Estimated Program Cost for OTA Program Year (semesters 3-5):

\$9000.00 (In-state students - includes tuition, fees, books, and miscellaneous expenses; does not include fieldwork related expenses). We make every effort to place students within an hour and a half drive time of their home for full-time, fieldwork (clinical) rotations. However, this is not always possible. Students are responsible for the costs associated with fieldwork and travel to/from these sites.

Links to Know:

OTA Program Website: <http://www.wallacestate.edu/programs/health-division/occupational-therapy-assistant>

OTA Program Application: OTA Program Website (above) then click "Program Application"

OTA Observation Forms: included in the program application packet (see above)

WSCC Catalog: <http://www.wallacestate.edu/catalog>

WSCC Admissions: <http://www.wallacestate.edu/admissions>

WSCC Financial Aid Questions: <http://www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid>

Application Ranking Process:

Applicants who have submitted a COMPLETE application packet by the June 1 deadline qualify to have their applications ranked for admissions consideration.

Ranking Formula: (Prerequisite courses GPA x 9) + ACT score = application score

How to Calculate a Prerequisite Course GPA:

Visit <http://gpa.wallacestate.edu/gpa/myapp> and input your classes and grades. Include prerequisite classes only for 23 total credit hours. **Do NOT include ORI 110 (Freshman Seminar)!**

How Can I Improve My Chances of Acceptance Into the OTA Program?

- Improve your prerequisite course GPA by retaking classes
- Increase your ACT score - See WSCC Residual ACT dates above
- No extra credit is available
- Letters of Recommendation will not be factored into the admissions process
- Observation hours in excess of the 24 required will not be considered for extra credit

Important Contact Information

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Student Signature: _____ Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Wallace State Community College 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. ACOTE's web address is www.acoteonline.org.