

Wallace State Community College OTA Program

Program Advising Worksheet

OTA 2025 Admission Statistics

Applications: 50
Total that Started Program: 35
Average Prerequisite GPA: 3.22
Average ACT Score: 21

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. See most current issue of the Wallace State Community College Catalog for additional program information.

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 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			

Suggested Sequence for Spring Semester (Semester 2)

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

*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. You may begin with BIO 201 in the BIO 201/202 sequence.

***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 online application and instructions may be found on the OTA Program webpage of the WSCC website.
- **All classes in prerequisite semesters 1 and 2 must be completed PRIOR to program start date.**
- All applicants are required to submit a minimum ACT composite score of **18** (National, Residual, or Super score), regardless of educational background – no exceptions! The OTA program does not place a date restriction on the scores.
- 24 hours of observation are scheduled by the applicant at a 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.

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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.

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 a two-hour 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 Webpage:

<https://www.wallacestate.edu/programs/health-division/occupational-therapy-assistant/index.html>

OTA Program Application Link and Instructions: OTA Program Website (above) then click "Program Application"

OTA Observation Hours Form: on the OTA Program webpage under Program Application

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

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

WSCC Financial Aid Questions:

<https://www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid/index.html>

Application Ranking Process:

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

Ranking Formula: (Prerequisite courses GPA x 9) + ACT score + Info Session Points = application score.

The OTA Program General Education Worksheet can be found on the OTA Program webpage under Program Application.

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

- Improve your prerequisite course GPA by retaking classes
- Increase your ACT score (National, Residual or Super score) by retaking the test
- Attend an OTA Program Information Session to receive a point toward your ranking score
- 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

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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 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 208524929. ACOTE's telephone number, c/o AOTA, is 301-652-6611. ACOTE's web address is www.acoteonline.org.