Program
Occupational Therapy is the art and science of helping others to live life to its fullest. Practitioners of this profession are occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA). OTs and OTAs work with individuals of any age to develop, recover or maintain the skills needed to participate in occupation (everyday activities) with meaning, satisfaction and productivity. Under the supervision of an occupational therapist, an assistant will develop and provide therapeutic activities and strategies that will help their clients gain the cognitive, physical, emotional and/or developmental skills necessary for everyday life. They may also provide adaptive equipment or techniques necessary to carry out life tasks, provide education and consultation to individuals, families and society, and address prevention. The OTA will work with the health care team which may include physicians, nurses, physical therapists, psychologists, social workers, and speech and language pathologists, in a variety of settings including: hospitals, school systems, community mental health centers, nursing homes, home health agencies and private practice.

Credentialing Required After Graduation
After successfully completing an accredited Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, the graduate is eligible to take 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 COTA.

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12 South Summit Avenue
Suite 100
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
(301) 990-7979
email: info@nbcot.org
http://www.nbcot.org/

In addition, most states, including Ohio, require licensure to practice; however, Ohio and most other state licenses are based on passing of the NBCOT exam. After achieving licensure, the individual will be a COTA/L.

Curriculum
First Year
Summer
OTA 1010 Principles and Practices of OT 3
COM 1110 English Composition 3
BIO 1110 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
SDE 1010 First Year Experience 1
Term Hours 11
Fall
OTA 1020 Occupational Therapy Process 2
OTA 1030 Therapeutic Activities and Occupations 2
OTA 1050 Human Anatomy and Pathology I 3
PSY 1010 General Psychology 3
BIO 1120 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
Term Hours 14
Spring
OTA 1060 Human Anatomy and Pathology II 2
OTA 1140 Therapeutic Procedures I 5
PSY 1730 Abnormal Psychology 3
Term Hours 10
Second Year
Summer
OTA 2130 Therapeutic Procedures II 4
BHS 1390 Medical Terminology 2
OTA 2100 OT for Psychosocial Dysfunction I 2
Term Hours 8
Fall
OTA 2140 OT for Developmental Dysfunction 3
OTA 2150 OT for Psychosocial Dysfunction II 3
MTH 1260 Statistics OR
MTH 1151 Quantitative Reasoning 3
SOC 1010 Sociology 3
Term Hours 12
Spring
OTA 2170 Fieldwork I 4
OTA 2180 Fieldwork II 4
OTA 2200 Capstone for OTA 2
Term Hours 10
Total Hours 65

= Portfolio Course = Capstone Course

1 These courses involve full-time field work in clinical sites and must be completed no later than 18 months after completion of academic preparation.

Mission Statement
The Rhodes State OTA Program prepares students to be competent, professional occupational therapy assistants.

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Acceptance Into Occupational Therapy Assistant Program
All students who apply for acceptance into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program have their name placed on a qualified list after they meet the program qualifications listed below.

Admission to the program requires submission of a program application packet which can be found by contacting the Office of Advising and Counseling or visiting the OTA webpage and requirements tab. Students seeking admission are encouraged to review the qualification requirements early due to the amount of time required to complete the process. The application deadline is the second Friday of February for the application year.

In addition to the general admission requirements for all students, the following specific requirements must be completed before being added to the qualified list:

1. Attend a mandatory program-specific orientation.
2. Complete and score a minimum of 60 on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) assessment exam.
3. Achieve an overall GPA and program-related GPA of 2.75 or higher. (Program-related GPA is defined as the average GPA of program-specific coursework excluding SDE 1010.) For the high school senior applicant without college-level coursework, high school grades through the first nine weeks of the senior year will be used to calculate the GPA.
4. Complete 40 hours of observation in a clinical setting with a licensed Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant using the Observation Form in the application packet.
5. Complete all required college-level or developmental level math, writing, and reading courses and/or prerequisites with a grade of D or higher, and all college-level or developmental level science requirements and/or prerequisites with a grade of C or higher; or equivalent placement.

If more than 30 applicants are qualified, students will be offered a seat based on the qualifying criteria (aggregate of calculated GPA, ATI TEAS score, the number of program-specific courses completed with a C or better, and the two observation rubrics). If the qualifying criteria aggregate score of two applicants is equal then the college application date will be used to rank order those applicants.

Qualified students not in the top 30 will be admitted in a following cohort year. This acceptance is contingent upon re-application prior to the deadline of the offered cohort year to verify continued interest in pursuing the degree. These students will be encouraged to attend an informational meeting with programmatic faculty to discuss strategies for persistence within the program or opportunities for other health care majors with seats available for immediate entry and/or other career directions offered at the College.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program accepts students once a year for the summer session.

Accreditation
The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the:

Accreditation Council for Occupation Therapy Education (ACOTE)
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814-3449
Email: accred@aota.org
(301) 652-AOTA
www.acoteonline.org

This program has been accredited since its inception in 1997.

Notice to Current or Prospective Occupational Therapy Assistant Students
You are at risk if you have been convicted of a prior felony and/or some misdemeanors. You may not be able to participate in clinical education experiences at some hospitals or other clinical sites, therefore preventing you from completing the program. A felony conviction may affect your ability to sit for the National Certification Examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant (NBCOT exam) or attain state licensure. Because health care employers routinely perform background checks on prospective employees, a criminal record may also prevent you from obtaining employment.

Technical Standards
All applicants for the Health Sciences programs and certificates must possess the essential skills and abilities necessary to successfully complete the requirements of the curriculum either with or without reasonable accommodations for any disabilities the individual may have. * Note: The use of an intermediary that, in effect, requires a student to rely on someone else's power of selection and observation will not be permitted.

Gainful Employment
See www.RhodesState.edu/GainfulEmployment for additional information.

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