

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Curriculum Code #2420

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Division of Health and Wellness Sciences (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-programs/allied-health-nursing-health-physical-education-recreation/>)

The EHOVE/LCCC occupational therapy assistant program is designed to train occupational therapy assistants for certification testing and licensure. OTAs work with people of all ages, from infants to geriatrics, in a variety of settings such as schools, hospitals, skilled rehabilitation and outpatient facilities to improve their functional levels in daily occupations and development. OCTA classes are held at EHOVE Career Center. Graduates of this program will receive an associate of applied science degree in occupational therapy assistant from Lorain County Community College. Grades in all OCTA classes and support, non-OCTA classes required for the program, including preadmission coursework must be C or better. Lorain County Community College has articulation agreements with colleges and universities including programs offered by Lorain County Community College's University Partnership.

The OTA Program is a 24-month program (including pre-admission semester). That includes 16 weeks of full-time fieldwork in two different settings at the end of your program. This fieldwork may occur in traditional and emerging practice settings. Three level-one experiences are required during the classroom portion of the program.

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- Completion of all OTA/non-OTA classes in curriculum with 65 credit hours with a C or better in each course.
- Completion of Level II Fieldworks with a passing grade.

Preadmission Courses

ALHN 120	CAREER EXPLORATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	1
BIOG 221	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I	4
ENGL 161	COLLEGE COMPOSITION I	3
MTHM 168	STATISTICS ¹	3
PSYH 151	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
SDEV 101	INTRODUCTION TO THE LCCC COMMUNITY ²	1
Hours		15

First Year

Fall Semester		Hours
ALHN 112	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY ⁵	1
BIOG 222	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II ¹	4
OCTA 102	ACTIVITY ANALYSIS ^{3,4}	2
OCTA 111	THERAPY CONCEPTS ^{3,4}	3
OCTA 113	OT DOCUMENTATION ^{3,4}	1
PSYH 251	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ¹	3
Hours		14

Spring Semester

OCTA 112	PEDIATRIC LEVEL I FIELDWORK ^{3,4}	1
OCTA 120	NEUROMUSCULAR APPLICATIONS ^{3,4}	3
OCTA 125	PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ^{3,4}	5
PSYH 257	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY ¹	3
Hours		12

Summer Semester

OCTA 110	PSYCHOSOCIAL LEVEL I FIELDWORK ^{3,4}	1
OCTA 115	MENTAL HEALTH OT ^{3,4}	4
OCTA 121	OT IN GERIATRICS ^{3,4}	1
Hours		6

Second Year

Fall Semester

ALHN 121	GENERAL PATHOLOGY ¹	2
OCTA 206	ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ^{3,4}	2
OCTA 207	PHYSICAL DYSFUNCTION LEVEL I FIELDWORK ^{3,4}	1
OCTA 208	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ISSUES ^{3,4}	1
OCTA 210	PHYSICAL REHAB OT ^{3,4}	6
Hours		12

Spring Semester

OCTA 205	LEVEL II FIELDWORK ^{1,4}	6
Hours		6
Total Hours		65

Code	Title	Hours
Total LCCC Semester Credit Hours		27
Courses Taken EHOVE Career Center		38
Total Associate Degree Semester Hours includes prerequisites		65

¹ Indicates that this course has a prerequisite.

² A student must register for the orientation course when enrolling for more than six credit hours per semester or any course that would result in an accumulation of 12 or more credit hours.

³ Indicates that this course requires a prerequisite or may be taken concurrently.

⁴ Indicates that a prerequisite for EHOVE/OCTA course.

⁵ Students who have taken ALHN 110 or MDAS 113 are not required to take ALHN 112.

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For information about admissions, enrollment, transfer, graduation and other general questions, please contact your advising team (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/admissions-and-enrollment/advising-and-counseling/>).

More program information can be found on our website.
(<https://www.lorainccc.edu/health/occupational-therapy/>)

Admission Requirements for Occupational Therapy Assistant

1. Complete LCCC application.
2. Official high school or GED and college/program transcripts (if applicable) on file in the LCCC Records office.
3. Attend informational meeting at EHOVE Career Center or at Lorain County Community College.
4. Completion of ALHN 120 and all preadmission classes is required by the end of spring semester of the year the student is applying.
5. Program application submitted to OTA Academic Advisor.
6. Submit background check (BCI)(FBI).
7. Minimum GPA of 2.5 on all college-level coursework (includes transfer/transient work). Students must receive a "C" or better in all courses required for the OTA program including OCTA and support courses.

Learn more about Allied Health program requirements (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-information/allied-health-nursing-admissions/>)

Credit for Prior Learning (PLA) options may be available for your program. For more information, please visit our website: www.lorainccc.edu/PLA (<http://www.lorainccc.edu/PLA>)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Know the role of the OTA within the occupational therapy profession and as a member of a health care team.
2. Be able to recognize typical from atypical in the development and functioning of our clients/patients.
3. Be able to recognize difficulties with BADLs and IADLs throughout the lifespan.
4. To be able to use occupation to understand patients/clients and as a basis for intervention.
5. Be an active member of the OT community through continued professional growth and professional affiliations
6. To provide high quality credentialed OT professionals to our community to promote health and well-being of individuals.