

Occupational Therapy Assistant Student Program Curriculum Outcome Goals

Individuals will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) upon successful completion of coursework and passing of the national certification exam.

Students participating in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program must be able to:

1. Participate in lab activities that require hands on contact with classmates and instructors
in various stages of moderate undress so as to prepare for clinical training.
2. Speak and understand the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
3. Observe and interpret signs and symptoms through visual, auditory, and tactile feedback.
Students must possess functional use of the senses that permit such observation.
4. Utilize hand and mechanical tools safely and effectively.
5. Exhibit sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function and coordination
to safely and accurately provide remediation.
6. Demonstrate the use of accepted techniques accurately and safely when using equipment and materials of the profession.
7. Participate in physical activity involving lifting of approximately 50 lbs., bending, moving
and safely supporting others in transfer.
8. Communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds.
9. Communicate judgments and treatment information effectively, with appropriate confidentiality.
10. Demonstrate appropriate behaviors and skills in classroom and fieldwork in interactions
with faculty, other students, fieldwork coordinator, fieldwork supervisors and professional colleagues.
11. Demonstrate the mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to perform therapeutic interventions.