

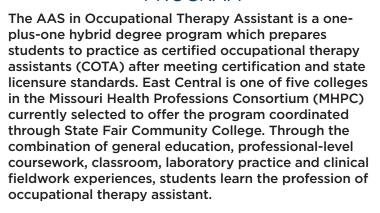
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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EMPLOYMENT & SALARY OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational therapy assistant profession is experiencing high job growth, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. By 2026, the number of positions is projected to increase by 28 percent.

In May 2018, the industries employing the largest numbers of occupational therapy assistants and their annual median salaries were:

 Offices of Other Health Practitioners 	\$60,440
Nursing Care Facilities	\$65,930
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	\$55,680
• Elementary and Secondary Schools	\$50,380
Home Health Care Services	\$65,330



CAREER

Occupational Therapy Assistants work under the direction of Occupational Therapists to provide rehabilitative services to persons with mental, physical, emotional or developmental impairments. The ultimate goal is to improve clients' quality of life and ability to perform daily activities.

For example, Occupational Therapy Assistants help injured workers re-enter the labor force by teaching them how to compensate for lost motor skills or help individuals with learning disabilities increase their independence. Occupational Therapy Assistants work in a variety of settings including long-term care, acute and outpatient rehabilitation centers, school districts and home care.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To enter the program, students must have completed:

- High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- Application for admission to ECC
- A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)
- A cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better
- Prerequisites with a "C" or better prior to starting the program
- Enrollment in the MHPC Occupational Therapy
 Assistant program is selective and an information
 packet with application materials is available online or
 at the Union campus.





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Program Prerequisites/Gen Ed

Prior to entering the program, students must complete the following prerequisite coursework and meet the required 2.5 cumulative GPA.

MHPC Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (48 Credit Hours)

Hours

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Course		Hours	Fall		Hou
• COL*100 • COL*101	Campus Orientation Falcon Seminar	0.0	OTA*200OTA*205	Foundations of Occupational Therapy Medical Conditions in	4.0
• ENG*101 • BIO*206	English Comp I Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lec & Lab	3.0 4.0	OTA*210OTA*215	Occupational Therapy Analysis of Occupations Mental Health &	3.0
BIO*207PSY*101	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lec & Lab General Psychology	5.0 3.0	• OTA*220	Psychosocial Practice Pediatric & Adolescent Practice	4.0
• PSY*250 • SOC*101	Human Development General Sociology	3.0 3.0		Total:	
 MTH*110/ 140/150 COM HSC*113 HST/PSC PSC*CIVICS 	Int. Algebra, Cont. Math, Statistics or higher Core 42 Oral Communication Medical Terminology Core 42 Civics Civics Achievement Exam	3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 0.0 34.0	SpringOTA*250OTA*255OTA*259OTA*260OTA*265	Functional Kinesiology Physical Disabilities Practice Professional Skills: Capstone Community Pracitice Ethics, Management & Leadership 3.0	2.0 4.0 3.0 3.0
				& Leadership 3.0	

Total: 15.0

Prerequisites for Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II Lecture/Lab: - CHM 106 Chemistry for Health Science Lecture/Lab or one year High School Chemistry with a "C" or better (within five years)

- BIO 111 General Biology Lecture/Lab or two years high school biology with lab (must have at least a "B" grade within the last five years)

Summer			Hours
• OTA*290	Level II Fieldwork A		8.0
• OTA*295	Level II Fieldwork BA		8.0
		Total:	16.0

^{*}OTA is a hybrid program. Coursework is delivered via internet-based technology. Labs and clinical fieldwork are in person.