

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Occupational Therapy Assistant

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CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS
First Semester			Second Semester		
ENG-101	English Composition I	3	ENG-102	English Composition II	3
BIO-117	Basic Anatomy & Physiology I or		BIO-118	Basic Anatomy & Physiology II or	
BIO-211	Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	4	BIO-212	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSY-101	Basic Psychology	3	MTH-111	Introduction to Statistics	3
SOC-101	Introduction to Sociology	3	PHL-232	Biomedical Ethics	3
.....	Diversity Humanities General Education Elective	3	PSY-109	Developmental Psychology	3
		16			16
				Total provided by Camden County College	32
				Total provided by SHRP²	42
				TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS	74

¹ Students taking BIO-211 Anatomy and Physiology I, must successfully complete the pre-requisite requirement BIO-111 Biology I.

² The qualified credits earned from the occupational therapy assistant program at Rutgers - School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) will be transferred as a block to Camden County College to complete the Associate in Science Degree.

NOTICE: Clinical placements are a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. Clinical placements may require a criminal background check, health clearance and/or drug testing before participation is allowed. Clinical sites may deny a student's participation in the event of a positive finding. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional. Information regarding eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing body.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) work to provide services to persons of all ages who are challenged by disability, trauma, and/or the aging process, helping them to participate in occupations that are necessary and meaningful, and to improve their quality of life. OTAs work under the supervision of occupational therapists in all practice settings.

The OTA program, offered by Camden County College in partnership with Rutgers-SHP, is committed to preparing Occupational Therapy Assistants as professionals who will contribute to the health and well-being of individuals, groups, and populations in New Jersey and beyond.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide students with a foundation in general education.
- To prepare students to enter the professional phase of the occupational therapy assistant program at Rutgers University in The School of Health Professions (SHP).
- To prepare students to function as competent OTA's in the health care related practice settings.
- To prepare students for satisfactory performance on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy exam for the OTA.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of this program the graduate will be able to:

1. Communicate in both written and oral formats.
2. Apply the scientific method of inquiry to analyze problems and draw conclusions from evidence data.
3. Identify resources, obtain and critically evaluate information.
4. Model ethical professional behaviors of a healthcare professional.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- CCC applicants must complete all basic skills requirements.
- Contact SHP for complete admission requirements to the professional OTA program.
- Completion of prerequisite courses does not guarantee admission to the SHP-OTA professional program.
- Complete at least 16 of the specified pre-requisite credits before applying to SHP for the professional curriculum. All remaining credits must be completed for full acceptance.
- Must have a C or better in each pre-professional class at Camden and overall GPA of 2.5 or better
- At Rutgers once enrolled, must maintain 2.3 GPA.
- Applications are due November 1 for part-time studies, and June 1 for full-time studies. Full-time and part-time studies are available on the Scotch Plains campus

ACCREDITATION

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200 Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Healthcare, Education and other Community Settings.

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THIS PROGRAM IS NOT APPROVED FOR FINANCIAL AID.

Highlights

This program is a joint venture between Camden County College and Rutgers - School of Health Related Professions. Currently all OTA courses will be offered at the Scotch Plains campus.