

Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

The MCC Occupational Therapy Assistant program is designed for students with an interest in working with individuals who are limited in what they can do because of a physical, emotional or developmental disability, illness or the aging process. The goal of occupational therapy is to help people of any age live their lives to the fullest—at home, at work or at school—by making it possible for them to perform life’s everyday activities.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at MCC combines course work with a four-month supervised clinical experience that focuses on the psycho-social, physical and developmental aspects of practicing occupational therapy. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education and graduates of the program are eligible to take the national certification examination to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Go to the link below to compare Manchester Community College’s OTA graduates’ performance on the NBCOT Certification Exam with exam pass rates for all OTA programs.

<https://secure.nbcot.org/data/schoolstats.aspx>.



OTA Job Description

Depending on your employer or the setting in which you work, your occupational therapy career, under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist, may include:

- Aiding in the growth and development of infants and toddlers
- Enhancing learning environments for physically or mentally challenged schoolchildren
- Adapting home environments for people dealing with the effects of a physical disability or dementia
- Analyzing task requirements for an injured worker
- Teaching skills for independent function to clients who have lost the ability to take care of themselves due to illness or injury
- Leading group sessions to teach coping and interpersonal skills to individuals with mental illness

Employment Options

Opportunities for growth and variety characterize the outstanding range of career options in occupational therapy. You will be recruited by employers such as:

- Home Health Agencies
- Mental Health Centers
- Public Schools
- Rehabilitation Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities



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Educational Requirements

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is a two-year associate degree program. The program can be completed on an accelerated, full-time or part-time basis according to the needs of the individual student. Courses within the program include a variety of general education courses as well as occupational therapy courses that prepare the student for work in this challenging and exciting field. MCC welcomes transfer courses from other colleges.

Sources of Additional Information

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The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program 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 20824
Website: www.acoteonline.org.

Students who wish to enroll in the program must attend an information session and submit a completed Health Career Program Application. For further information and to obtain an application, visit www.manchestercc.edu/health or contact the Health Careers Division office (LRC A237) at 860-512-2704.

Course Requirements

Fall Semester

OTA*	102	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3
OTA*	120	Neurologic Intervention in OT	4
ENG*	101	English Composition	3
BIO*	115‡	Human Biology with Lab	4
PSY*	201‡‡	Life Span Development	3
			Subtotal: 17

Spring Semester

OTA*	206	Level 1 Advanced Fieldwork	0
OTA*	208	Healthcare Management in OT	3
OTA*	210	OT Practice in Pediatrics	3
OTA*	210L	OT Practice in Pediatrics Lab	1
OTA*	216	OT Practice in Physical Dysfunction	3
OTA*	216L	OT Practice in Physical Dysfunction Lab	1
OTA*	218	OT Practice in Mental Health	3
OTA*	218L	OT Practice in Mental Health Lab	1
			Subtotal: 15

Fall Semester

OTA*	234	Documentation in OT	3
MAT*	109	Quantitative Literacy	3
ANT*	118	Health, Healing and Culture	3
COM*	173	Public Speaking	3
Elective		Arts Elective	3
Elective		Computer Science Elective	2-3
			Subtotal: 17-18

Fall or Spring Clinical

OTA*	242	Level II Fieldwork	11
OTA*	244	Clinical Seminar in OT	1
			Subtotal: 12
Total Credits Required: 61-62			

‡ Must have been taken within the last five years.

‡‡ Must have been taken within the last ten years.

These courses are recommended for students who plan to transfer to a professional-level occupational therapy program:

BIO*	211	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO*	212	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
MAT*	165	Elementary Statistics with Computer Applications	4
CSC*	101	Introduction to Computers	3

Why Choose MCC?

- Our tuition is affordable.
- We have state-of-the-art academic facilities and offer plenty of free parking.
- Our small class size means you'll know your professors—and they'll know you.
- Our campus is conveniently located, near I-84 and I-384 in Manchester.
- Our class schedules needn't overlap with your work schedule.
- Our reputation helps you transfer into the very best baccalaureate colleges.
- Our certificate programs prepare you for quick entry into an exciting career.
- Our career and cooperative education services help you get the job you want—both while you're in school and after graduation.
- We are the only community college in the country nationally recognized for academic excellence by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.



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Manager of Diversity, Inclusion and Staff Development (AA/EEO, Title IX and Section 504/ADA Compliance), Manchester Community College, Great Path, MS #2; Manchester, CT 06040; Student Services Center, L134c; 860-512-3107.

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