

Occupational Therapy Assistant AAS Degree Courses

Award	Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Credits	61
Enrollment	Full-time
Program Start	Spring
Time to Complete	1½ years

2024–2025 Suggested Sequence of Study

The following suggested sequence of study is for new full-time students starting the program Spring 2025. Part-time students should visit with a program advisor for a modified sequence of study.

When registering for classes refer to Self-Service > Student Planning to view your specific program requirements, your progress, and ensure proper registration.

Courses are subject to change.

- ◆ General education course.
- ▶ Course has a prerequisite and/or corequisite.
- 8WK1** Course meets the first 8 weeks of the term.
- 8KW2** Course meets the second 8 weeks of the term.

Program Technology Requirements

The prerequisite courses for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program consists of online, hybrid, and face-to-face courses. **Students need to have a working computer**, preferably a laptop, **and internet service** to complete assignments and assessments in the prerequisite and Occupational Therapy Assistant professional courses.

Computer requirements:

- Processor: i3 or i5
- RAM: 8 – 16 GB
- Hard drive: 256 – 512 GB SSD. No hybrid drives.

We recommend students to have laptops that are no more than two years old.

Chromebooks are not recommended.

If you are using Apple products, please ensure the computer has adequate storage to limit issues when saving documents to pdf format. Currently, Apple documents (i.e. .HIEC) will not open on the learning management system, Canvas.

Term 0 — Pre-Program Prerequisites *

BIO-168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I <i>Minimum C grade required.</i>	4	
ENG-105	Composition I ► <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	3	
HSC-113	Medical Terminology <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	2	
MAT-156	Statistics ► OR <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	3	◆
MAT-110	Math for Liberal Arts ► <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	3	◆
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	3	
		Total Credits	15

* Students are not eligible for the Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant while taking Term 0 — Pre-Program Prerequisite courses.

* A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for Term 0 — Pre-Program Prerequisite courses.

Students are responsible for retaining knowledge of completed college courses, in particular, Anatomy and Physiology courses. This information will be used in many of the OTA courses. There are many videos online in which students are recommended to review to prepare for the OTA courses.

Term 1 — Spring

BIO-173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ▶ <i>Minimum C grade required.</i>	4	
OTA-107	Introduction to Occupational Therapy ▶ <i>Minimum C grade required.</i>	3	
OTA-115	OTA and Pathophysiology ▶ <i>Minimum C grade required.</i>	3	
OTA-120	Neuroanatomy for the OTA ▶ <i>Minimum C grade required.</i>	3	
SPC-112	Public Speaking OR <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	3	◆
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication <i>Minimum C- grade required.</i>	3	◆

Total Credits 16

Term 2 — Summer

OTA-102	Human Movement and Occupation ▶ *	3	
OTA-103	Task Analysis ▶ *	3	
OTA-105	OTA and Professional Issues I ▶	2	

Total Credits 8

* OTA-102 and OTA-103 are hybrid classes. Lectures are online and labs are on campus.

Term 3 — Fall

OTA-201	Pediatrics and Occupation ▶	8WK1	3
OTA-202	Pediatric OTA Skills ▶	8WK1	3
OTA-204	Pediatric Psychosocial Conditions and Occupations ▶	8WK1	1
OTA-221	Level I Fieldwork Pediatrics ▶	8WK1	1
OTA-222	OTA and Professional Issues II ▶	8WK1	1
OTA-311	Adult Psychosocial Conditions and Occupations ▶	8WK2	2
OTA-312	Adult Psychosocial OTA Skills ▶	8WK2	2
OTA-313	Level I Fieldwork Psychosocial ▶	8WK2	1
OTA-314	Management and the OTA ▶	8WK2	3

Total Credits 17

Term 4 — Spring

OTA-315 Adult Physical Conditions and Occupations ▶	8WK1	2
OTA-316 Physical OTA Skills ▶	8WK1	2
OTA-401 Elders and Occupation ▶	8WK1	2
OTA-402 OTA Skills for Elders ▶	8WK1	2
OTA-403 Level I Fieldwork Physical Dysfunction ▶	8WK1	1
OTA-502 Level II Fieldwork A ▶	8WK2	5

Total Credits 14

Term 5 — Summer

OTA-503 Level II Fieldwork B ▶		5
OTA-504 Student to Clinician ▶		1

Total Credits 6