



DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

1200 International Speedway Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL. 32114

Dear Applicant:

Effective Fall 2011 the Daytona State College's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program will become an Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree Program. We are excited to be able to offer this very vital health care program. Individuals who work in occupational therapy use their personal and professional skills to help people deal with health problems that interfere with their ability to function in daily life. Besides the obvious academic skills, interested applicants should possess an ability to work with all types of people, good communication skills (written, verbal and nonverbal), flexibility and creativity.

In this packet, you should have the following document:

- **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Guide**
This document reviews the OTA curriculum, the prerequisites and the sequential course of study. Important to note are the special requirements for admission. Please note the prerequisite requirements (**BSC 1085, ENC 1101, HSC 1000, PSY 1012 and 10 observation hours**). These must be completed, documented on paper (copies of transcripts and volunteer verification sheet) and stapled to the School of Health Careers & Human Services application.
- **OTA Program Frequently Asked Questions Sheet**
- **OTA Program Volunteer Hours Procedures and Information**
- **A Phone List of Suggested Volunteer Sites**
You may choose another site that is more convenient for your location
- **Application to the Health Careers & Human Services Department**

This application is different from the application to DSC which you also need to complete. The School of Health Careers and Human Services application can be obtained at the Advising Center at any DSC campus or Bldg 320, Room 549 (DB campus). Once the application is reviewed for completeness, it is stamped with a date and selection is made during the month of May and throughout the summer until the class has been filled. Make sure that you keep the School of Health Careers and Human Services up to date on any name, address or phone number changes that may occur during the wait period.

I am available for phone calls, e-mails or individual meetings to answer any questions you may have. It is my hope that you will be successful in your endeavors for admission to the Program. Please contact the OTA Department at (386)506-3624 or Melissa Brown, Academic Advisor (386) 506-3052.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Craig-Oatley, Ed M., OT/L
OTA Assistant Chair
E-mail: craigom@DaytonaState.edu

Note: Be advised that effective in the Fall of 2011, Daytona State College will be changing the degree obtained with this program from an AAS to an AS degree. Students applying at this time will be required to take and pass a college level math in order to satisfy the degree requirements with the college. College level math classes include one of the following: College Algebra (MAC1105), College Math (MGF2106), Liberal Arts Math (MGF2107), or Statistics (STA2023).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

1. **What are the pre-requisites?**

There are four course pre-requisites and they are BSC 1085C (Anatomy & Physiology I), ENC 1101 (College Composition I), PSY 1012 (General Psychology) and HSC 1000 (Introduction to Health Care). There are four other open general education courses that you may go ahead and take while awaiting program admission (See curriculum). Students must also complete 10 hours of volunteer service under the supervision of an OTR or COTA. A list of available volunteer sites and the documentation form are available within the application packet.

In addition, because the program is now an AS Degree students will be required to complete one of the following math courses to satisfy program requirements:

College Algebra (MAC1105), College Math (MGF2106), Liberal Arts Math (MGF 2107), or Statistics (STA2023).

2. **What are the program hours?**

The first semester in the program (Fall) has four required OTA classes.

The **tentative** schedule for these classes:

Monday: 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesday: 9:00-3:00; Friday: 9:00-2:30

** If a student is still taking general education requirements, their schedule will vary accordingly.

The second semester (Spring) has four required OTA classes and they are spaced over three days (M/W/F) with a fourth half-day reserved for fieldwork.

The OTA program does not run over the summer semester so this is a good time to catch up on any required general education or work and save money for school.

The second year, Fall Semester has four required OTA classes. Three of these classes are spaced over 2-3 days with approximate times from 9:00-3:30. The fourth class (OTH 1802) is a three-week full-time fieldwork experience at the end of the semester.

The second year Spring Semester is the supervised clinical practice (internship), which involves M-F, 8-5 for the full sixteen-week semester.

3. **How much does the program cost?**

At \$102.48 per credit hour (\$386.52 for non-residents) this 70 hour program will cost \$7,173.00 for tuition over a two-year period (\$27,056.00 for non-residents). Additional approximate costs include: FDLE Background Check \$56.00, **OTA Books** \$700-800, **Name Tag** \$5.00, Physical \$50.00, TB Test \$20.00, Hep B Boosters \$42.00 (optional) **CPR** certification \$45.00, Lab Coat \$35.00, and student membership (this is recommended, not mandatory) to the American Occupational Therapy Association \$50.00. Certification examination is \$565.00 and State licensing fees are approximately \$200.00.

4. **Will my previous college courses count in this program?**

Official Transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Department, where the Transcript Evaluator will determine which credits are transferable into the A.A.S. Degree program.

Unofficial transcripts must be attached to the School of Health Careers and Human Services application. Students transferring from other OTA programs will need to speak with the Program Manager about the process; however, courses are not automatically accepted.

5. **Do I need to use a computer in this program?**

Yes. Each of our courses has a web-based component through Florida Online, where we communicate with you for class information. In addition, OTH 2933 is offered primarily online, while OTH 1802 and OTH 2300 also have some assignments done online. We are hoping to add more OTA course material online as well. There is a computer lab available to students in our program, as well as resources at the Computer Commons in the Library.

6. **Must I take a certification exam upon completion of this program? What is the NBCOT pass rate for graduates who take the test for the first time?**

Yes, you must take and pass a national certification exam through NBCOT to be able to practice.

In the years **2008-2010**, the number of graduates who passed the certification exam as first-time new graduate test-takers was **46 out of 60**, which is a pass rate of **77%**. **10** graduate test-takers during this time passed the exam on a repeat attempt, for a total pass rate of **93.3 %**. The total number of graduates from the program during this time was **63**.

For the **graduates of 2010**, **22** took the exam, with **18** passing on the first attempt for a pass rate of **81.8%**. **2** passed on repeat attempts, for an overall pass rate of **90.9%**.

You must also apply for state licensure for Florida, and that is based upon successful completion of the exam.

7. **What is the employment outlook?**

Employment opportunities in the Volusia County area are good. For those who are willing to relocate, there are very good employment opportunities in other areas in and out of Florida and throughout the U.S.

8. **What salary can I expect to earn?**

The entry range is currently \$23.00 - \$28.00/per hour based on facility and location. PRN (as-needed) positions generally pay a higher hourly wage but offer no guarantees of employment and no benefits.

9. **What are typical work settings in this profession?**

Nursing homes, school systems, hospitals, outpatient rehabilitation centers, pediatric agencies, home health, and some private offices (physicians, contract agencies, etc.)

10. **What are the typical working hours in this profession?**

Those employed in some hospital and nursing home settings may have some weekend coverage expected, however; most settings require regular M-F day hours. Flexibility is an option, with many companies offering part-time contract positions.

11. **When does the program start?**

A new program cycle begins each Fall semester in August. Applications are accepted January 1 through April 30 of each year. The acceptance process is usually during the month of May. The program can accommodate up to twenty-eight students.

Effective for Fall 2011-Applicants will be ranked based on a prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or better and the 10 hours of observation with an OT or COTA. Remaining applicants will be ranked according to what they have completed. The applicant pool will be reviewed each admission cycle, based on the above mentioned criteria.

**POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER SITES IN VOLUSIA/FLAGLER COUNTY AREA
(You are welcome to utilize facilities other than those listed)**

Ask For OT Dept.

Arrow Rehabilitation 14 Office Park Dr.,Ste 8 Palm Coast, FL 32137	(386) 447-0011
Bert Fish Medical Center 401 Palmetto Street New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168	(386) 424-5181
Bridgeview Nursing Center 350 S. Ridgewood Ormond Beach, FL 32174	(386) 677-4545
Coquina Center 170 N. Center Street Ormond Beach, FL 32174	(386) 672-7113
Cora Rehab 1117 Saxon Blvd Orange City, FL 32763	(386) 774-4404
Daytona Beach Hand Therapy 3635 South Clyde Morris Blvd. Suite 300 Port Orange, FL 32129	(386) 258-8080
Easter Seals 1219 Dunn Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32120	(386) 255-4568
Florida Hospital – Fish Memorial 1055 Saxon Blvd Orange City, FL 32763	(386) 851-5163
Halifax Health Medical Center 303 N. Clyde Morris Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2830	(386) 947-4642
Port Orange Health & Rehab 5600 Victoria Garden Port Orange, FL 32127	(386) 760-7773

Ask For OT Dept.

Florida Hospital –Oceanside (386) 672-4161
264 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Oceanview Nursing Home (386) 428-6424
2810 S. Atlantic Avenue
P.O. Box 1528
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170-1528

Premier Rehabilitation (386) 736-3108
890 N. Boundary Avenue, Suite 102
Deland, FL 32720

***Almost any Long Term Care (skilled nursing) facility will offer occupational therapy services. Just call the main number, ask for the rehab or OT department, tell them you are a future OTA student accruing observation hours and see if they will allow you to come in.

Dear OTR or COTA:

This student is interested in applying to the OTA Program at Daytona State College and must complete a requirement of 10 hours observation with a licensed OTR or COTA. The purpose of this volunteer service is to acquaint the applicant with the field of occupational therapy so that he/she can make an informed career choice.

The bottom of this sheet must be filled out by the student and verified and signed by you. This form may be duplicated. Please return the sheet to the student once completed and signed as they must turn it in with other documentation to complete their application packet. **Do not mail in the sheet - please give back to student.** Feel free to make a copy for your records.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (386) 506-3624. The college would like to thank you for providing this very valuable learning experience for our potential student.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Craig-Oatley, EdM, OT/L

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE OTA PROGRAM
VOLUNTEER DOCUMENTATION FORM

Volunteer Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Facility Information:

Name of Supervising OTR or COTA: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of hours completed by student at this facility: _____

Verified by OTR or COTA signature and license number: _____ License #

Comments: