

Occupational Therapy Assistant 510899 OTA Career Degree - Wallace Linkage

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Under the direction of an Occupational Therapist, the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) assists in evaluating patients and in developing a plan of selected tasks to restore, influence or enhance performance of individuals whose abilities to cope with daily living tasks are impaired or threatened by developmental deficits, the aging process, physical injury or illness, learning disabilities, or psychological and social disabilities. Occupational Therapy Assistants are employed in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health care agencies, private practices, and other specialized health care settings.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is a two-year course of full-time study.

The certifying agency is the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). After successful completion of the NBCOT exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Conviction of a felony may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or to attain state licensure. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. See program webpage for accreditation information.

General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

Entering students are required to complete ORI 101. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.

	Semester Hours
*BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
Humanities/Fine Art Elective	3
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications	3
OAD 211 Medical Terminology	3
OAD 101 Beginning Keyboarding or CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications	3
PSY 200 General Psychology	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Total Semester Hours	25

***Biology 103 highly recommended**

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this degree. Wallace State enrolls students in this program competitively and only in certain terms. See your advisor.

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Physical Therapist Assistant 510899 PTA Career Degree - Wallace Linkage

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The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a skilled technical health worker who, under the supervision of a Registered Physical Therapist, assists in patients' treatment programs. The assistant, following established procedures, carries out a planned patient-care program. Duties of the Physical Therapist Assistant are varied but include rehabilitation of orthopedic, neurological, pediatric, and sports-related problems. Physical Therapist Assistants are employed in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health-care agencies, private practices, and other specialized health-care settings.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is a two-year course of study. The student should complete the first year of general education course prerequisites before being eligible to apply to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Three semesters are necessary to complete the final year of the program, which begins in the fall semester. The second year classes include technical and clinical experience in a variety of health-care settings where the student performs selected clinical procedures under the supervision of a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant.

See program webpage for accreditation information. Graduates will be eligible to apply to sit for the National Licensing Examination for the Physical Therapist Assistant, administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant.

Acceptance to Wallace State College does not guarantee admission to the Physical Therapist Program.

General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

Entering students are required to complete ORI 101. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.

	Semester Hours
*BIO 201-202 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II	8
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
**Humanities/Fine Art Elective	3
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra	3
OAD 211 Medical Terminology	3
PSY 200 General Psychology	3
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Total Semester Hours	29

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****Ethics in the Health Science or Spanish is recommended.**

***** PTA 120 Intro to Kinesiology - Not required for admission to program, but recommended. Bonus points given to applicant for admission purposes.**

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