

STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR THE

Occupational Therapy Assistant STUDENT

- _____ Complete the MGCCC College Admission Requirements
- _____ Visit the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Website page (located under Programs/ Nursing & Health Professions).
- _____ Review and Complete the **Mandatory** Pre-Health Sciences Orientation Session (*See website to access*)

Register for and successfully complete the following Prerequisites

- _____ Achieve a minimum composite score of 18 or above on the ACT
- _____ Register for and successfully complete the HESI A2 Exam (Check the program website regarding Registration, Testing, Remediation, and Re-testing)
- _____ Achieve a GPA of 2.5 on College work with no grade less than “C” on any academic core courses.
- _____ Obtain a Criminal Background Check from a MGCCC Campus Police office. The CBC result is required prior to submitting the application. Please check the program’s website for the Campus Police testing times.
- _____ Successfully **complete**, all of the following General Education courses.
 - BIO 2514 – Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BIO 2524 – Anatomy and Physiology II
 - ENG 1113 – English Composition I
 - SPT 1113 – Public Speaking
 - PSY 1513 – General Psychology
 - Humanities/Fine Arts Elective

- _____ **Prior to the deadline, but after successful completion of the above program entry requirements, submit the supplemental Occupational Therapy Assistant Application. (See website for steps on submitting the application). Contact an Enrollment Specialist at a campus of your choice for additional questions.**

The associate-degree-level occupational therapy assistant program has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. Additional ACOTE contact info: (301) 652-6611 or <https://acoteonline.org>. The program must have an accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before graduates are eligible to sit for the national board certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, a graduate will be recognized as a Certified Occupational Therapy (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Application Deadline: November 1st (Applications accepted beginning August 15th)

(If deadline falls on a weekend, holiday, or college closing, the deadline is 5 p.m. on the next college business day).

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