

2026 Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program Resource Page

Program begins every fall (August) in Middletown | October 1st Application Opens - February 1st application deadline

***Students are placed into the AS Liberal Arts program until accepted into the AAS OTA Tech Program (see reverse) ***

Please note, the four-semester sequence for OTA will include Intermediate Algebra or Statistics & Oral Communication

Academic Requirements

- ☐ **English pre-requisite:** Eligible to take ENG 101, Freshman English I
- ☐ **Math pre-requisite:** Eligible to take MAT 102 or completed MAT 102 – Intermediate Algebra or MAT 120 – Statistics with a “C” or higher.
- ☐ **Biology pre-requisite:** Completion of at least one of the following within 5 years of the application deadline: BIO110; or BIO 111; or BIO 112; with a grade of “C” or higher; AP Biology (score of 3, 4, or 5); or a passing grade on the Biology CLEP exam. For Fall 2026 applicants, the biology pre-requisite must have been completed after February 1, 2021.
- ☐ **Minimum program GPA of 2.40** within non-clinical program courses (outlined below).

Department Requirements

- ☐ **Observations:** Submit Occupational Therapy Assistant Observation Activity Form completed within 3 years of the application deadline. For Fall 2026 applicants, observations must be completed after February 1, 2023.
- ☐ **Pre-Admission Seminar:** Attend an Occupational Therapy Assistant department pre-admission seminar within 3 years of the application deadline. For Fall 2026 applicants, the seminar must have been attended after February 1, 2023.
- ☐ **Potential Interview:** If eligible, students will have a follow-up interview, compose an essay, and perform a problem-solving activity with the Department Chair.

Application Requirements

- ☐ **Submit a Health Profession Application:** https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html
**Please note that this application can serve as a general application to the College as well as the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. Students who are not already attending SUNY Orange are initially accepted with an AS Liberal Arts major until they are accepted into the AAS Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.
- ☐ **Submit official high school transcript or GED with score report**
- ☐ **Submit all official college transcripts** (if applicable)

All of the above requirements must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by February 1, 2026 in order to be considered for acceptance into the program for the fall 2026 semester.

Non-Clinical Program Courses

Though not required to be eligible to apply for the program, the courses below (26 credits) are required as part of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree and completing them prior to applying for the program will strengthen your application. Please be aware that if you have not taken a course within its designated timeframe, you must retake it in order for it to be considered in the review of your application. Only courses completed with a grade of C or better as of the application deadline will be considered. Transfer students will have letter grade(s) from the appropriate courses at previous institutions considered when evaluating the program GPA.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit	Semester	Year	Grade
ENG 101	Freshman English I	3			
ENG 102	Freshman English II	3			
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3			
PSY 220	Developmental Psychology	3			
PSY 230*	Abnormal Psychology*	3			
BIO 111*	Anatomy & Physiology 1*	4			
BIO 112*	Anatomy & Physiology 2*	4			
OTA 110^	Introduction to Assistive Technology^	3			

***Must have been completed within 5 years of application deadline (after February 1, 2021)**

^ Course may be repeated only once if first attempt is not successful

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Selection Process

- All non-clinical program courses listed above with a grade of C or better will be included in the program GPA calculation and credit review. Transfer students will have letter grade(s) from the appropriate courses at previous institutions considered when evaluating the program GPA.
- Applicants will be considered based on the completion of all academic, department, and application requirements, the on the total number of non-clinical program credits completed (see table above), program GPA and science GPA. For Occupational Therapy Assistant, the following courses will be calculated in the science GPA: BIO 111 and BIO 112.
- For complete information on health profession program requirements, including a breakdown of how points are calculated, visit: https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html

A.A.S Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree

The courses listed below in *italics* are the same non-clinical program courses listed in the table at the bottom of page one of this document. Due to the competitive nature of this program, some or all of these non-clinical program courses may be completed before applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. Once accepted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, all clinical courses (PED 155 + all OTA courses except OTA 110) must be completed in two years as outlined below.

First Semester - Fall

ENG 101	<i>Freshman English I</i>	3 cr.
PSY 111	<i>Introduction to Psychology</i>	3 cr.
BIO 111	<i>Anatomy & Physiology 1</i>	4 cr.
OTA 101	Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy 1	3 cr.
OTA 103	Occupational Performance 1	1 cr.
OTA 105	OTA Skills Lab	0.5 cr.
OTA 107	Principles of OT in Geriatrics and Gerontology	2 cr.
COM 100	Oral Communication	1 cr.

Third Semester - Fall

PSY 230	<i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	3 cr.
OTA 110	<i>Introduction to Assistive Technology</i>	3 cr.
OTA 201	Principles of OT in Pediatrics & Developmental Disabilities	3 cr.
OTA 203	Clinical Reasoning Skills	1 cr.
OTA 205	Principles of OT in Mental Health	3 cr.
OTA 207	Principles of OT in Physical Disabilities	3 cr.
OTA 209	Documentation in Occupational Therapy	1 cr.

Second Semester - Spring

ENG 102	<i>Freshman English II</i>	3 cr.
PSY 220	<i>Developmental Psychology</i>	3 cr.
BIO 112	<i>Anatomy & Physiology 2</i>	4 cr.
OTA 102	Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy 2	3 cr.
OTA 104	Occupational Performance 2	1 cr.
OTA 106	Medical Conditions	3 cr.
MAT 102, MAT 120 or higher	Intermediate Algebra or Statistics or higher	3 cr.

Fourth Semester - Spring

OTA 217	Clinical Practice 1	7.5 cr.
OTA 218	Clinical Practice 2	7.5 cr.

Total Credits: 69.5