

# Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

## Application Process

Website: <http://www.austincc.edu/health> (512) 223-5700 toll free (888) 626-1697

**Applicants are responsible for checking the Program website for any changes/updates in requirements.**

### Admission to the College

- Gain admission to Austin Community College: <http://www.austincc.edu>  
Visit a campus advisor or counselor to determine need for ACC assessment testing.
- Occupational Therapy Assistant requires the TSI status be complete or exempt.

**NOTE:** Admission to Austin Community College **does not** guarantee admission to the **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program**.

### START IMMUNIZATIONS NOW

### Applying to the Program

- Review the OTA website and complete a mandatory Information Session: see <http://www.austincc.edu/health/ota/infosession.php>
- Complete the program required immunizations. See <http://www.austincc.edu/health/immunizations.php> for information and form.  
Please note that this program will allow you to submit the application with the first two of the Hepatitis B series of three shots completed and the third completed before the end of the provisional first semester. All the other immunizations listed must be completed at the time of the application deadline.
- Complete prerequisite courses.  
ENGL 1301 English Composition  
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology  
BIOL 2404 Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology  
Math – select from General Education Course List
  - BIOL 2404 must be completed within 5 years of application deadline or must be repeated.
  - Courses must meet minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Twenty hours of observation/volunteer experience is required for program admission. Form must be documented and signed by licensed OTR/OT or COTA/OTA.
- Submit OTA application by March 31 with:
  - Copy of unofficial transcripts (official transcripts should be mailed directly to the department by the academic institution).
  - Application checklist from website
  - Observation/volunteer record
  - Information session completion record
  - Three (3) professional reference letters (see the website application procedures for specific details).
  - Essay on why you want to enter this career and this program.

All forms for the application may be downloaded from this website: <http://www.austincc.edu/health/ota/packet>

### Selection into the Program:

This program only starts in the fall semester.

- \*Prerequisite GPA: 42.5%
- References: 22.5%
- Essay: 12.5%
- Observation/volunteer hours: 12.5%
- Information Session: 10%
- Bonus Points (up to 5 bonus points available for completion of program co-requisite courses completed with a “C” or better)

\*Prerequisite GPA is calculated based on the information that is on file with the department on March 31. Late or missing transcripts may impact your ranking. Applicable courses which are in progress at the time of application reviews will not be considered in the GPA calculation or bonus point category.

Please note that to be compliant with clinical facility requirements, a mandatory **criminal background check** will be required prior to admission to the OTA Program. As specific timelines must be met, **do not do this until instructed by the program.**

Applications may be obtained at [www.austincc.edu/health/ota](http://www.austincc.edu/health/ota) and submitted to OTA Program

Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Rd. Austin, TX 78702 (Building 9000, Room 9306) Revised 7/8/09