Parker University is a nonprofit, regionally accredited university that offers an Associate of Applied Science with a major in Occupational Therapy Assistant (AAS-OTA). The program prepares students to help patients develop, recover, and improve their daily living skills through therapeutic care and customized training. Occupational therapy services include multifaceted tasks such as ensuring environments are conducive to healing, recommending appropriate training and equipment, and helping clients live their best lives as part of a trusted therapy team.

**PARKER’S AAS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM PREPARES ITS GRADUATES TO:**

- Customize treatment programs to improve a client’s ability to perform daily activities;
- Provide thorough home and job site evaluations with adaptation-based recommendations;
- Perform skill assessments and treatment plans based on client ages, abilities, and goals;
- Offer guidance and communication to family members, caregivers, and other health care professionals;
- Make adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training.

**PARKER’S OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM CONSISTS OF:**

- A curriculum that allows students to master one course each month
- Preparation for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)
- A total of 72 credit hours
  - 24 credit hours of prerequisite courses
  - 48 credit hours of major core courses
WHERE DO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS WORK?

Occupational therapy assistants often have a collection of workspaces, from client homes and hospitals to schools and businesses across the world. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the United States will see a 41% job growth of occupational therapy assistants between 2012 and 2022 – that’s a projection of more than 38,000 new jobs. An Associate of Applied Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant is especially relevant in Texas, as the health care industry is responsible for more than 15% of the state’s annual employment growth.

Career outlets for Parker University’s Occupational Therapy Assistant graduates include:

- Outpatient clinics
- Senior care centers and residential care facilities
- Rehabilitation centers
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Home health care services
- Psychiatric and mental health centers
- Community health programs

WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS?¹

- a 10-year growth of 41%
- more than 38,000 relevant jobs to be filled between 2012-2022
- a median salary of $48,940


ACCREDITATION

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTA) at Parker University has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD, 20814-3449. The phone number for ACOTE is 301-652-AOTA (2682), www.acoteonline.org.

The OTA Program must be accredited by ACOTE in order for graduates to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT exam for professional certification and/or attain state licensure.