

PARKER UNIVERSITY

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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 73 credit hours
 - 24 credit hours of prerequisite courses
 - 49 credit hours of major core courses



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WHY PARKER'S OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM?

- ▶ Hands-on clinic experience
- ▶ A focused curriculum that allows for students to master one new course each month
- ▶ A flexible schedule that allows students to manage other personal and professional commitments



ACCREDITATION

SACS Accreditation

Parker University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award an Associate of Applied Science with a Major in Occupational Therapy Assistant. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Parker University.

ACOTE Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTA) at Parker University has been granted Full Accreditation 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.

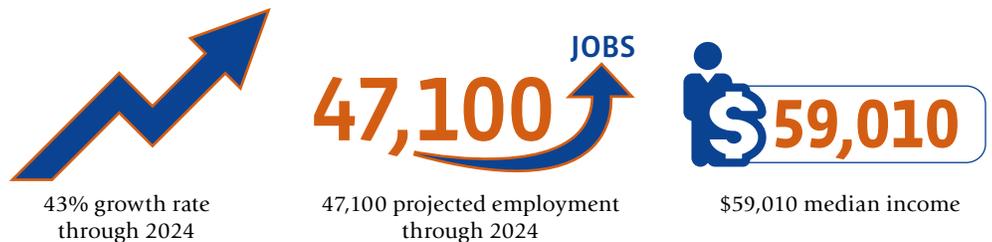
WHERE DO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS WORK?

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 43% job growth of occupational therapy assistants through 2024—that's a projection of more than 47,100 jobs available. 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



"The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program at Parker University goes above and beyond education. You can expect a lot of hard work that will not only prepare, but inspire you. The teachers at Parker University are patient, supportive, extremely knowledgeable, and just as dedicated as students."

- Dorothy K. French, Parker University Student

¹<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-therapy-assistants-and-aides.htm>