

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;
- Provides thorough home and job site evaluations with adaption-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 healthcare professionals;

PARKER'S OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAMS CONSIST OF:

- On campus classes, off-campus clinical rotations, and online coursework.
- 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).
- The first ACOTE Accredited Program in Dallas.
- Experienced professors with more than 100 years of combined experience.
- Full-time certified OTA on staff.
- 2 starts a year
- A total of 73 credit hours
 - 24 credit hours of prerequisite courses
 - 49 credit hours of major core courses

Completion of general education courses does not guarantee acceptance into the Occupational Therapy Assistant's program.

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.

OTA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation ceremonies are held at the end of each trimester. Application for graduation must be made through the Registrar's Office by the published deadline, but preferably at least one semester prior to graduation. Students who apply for graduation but fail to meet graduation requirements must reapply and pay appropriate fees. The Registrar's Office will certify the completion of graduation requirements.

Parker University's graduation requirements for an Associate of Applied Science with a major in Occupational Therapy Assistant Program are as follows:

- Have satisfactorily fulfilled all requirements of the institution's academic regulations and curriculum for that program;
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Have a grade of at least a "C" or 70% in all courses; passing the final course prior to graduation
- Are not on academic probation or subject to disciplinary sanctions at the time of graduation;
- Have satisfactorily fulfilled all indebtedness and other obligations to the university;
- Have exhibited the integrity and high morals expected of a professional; and
- Have had a financial aid exit interview, if financial aid was received while at Parker University.

In Addition, students in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program must comply with all established criteria as outlined in the programmatic curriculum in order to be eligible for graduation.

Students must complete 16 weeks of fieldwork level-II externship within 12 months of completing the academic coursework. The level-II fieldwork will require a minimum passing grade of 70% in order to obtain full credit.

Year 1, Semester 1	12 Total Credit Hours	Credit Hours
ENGL 1303: Composition I		3
ENGL 2326: American Literature		3
SPCH 1311: Speech Communications		3
MATH 1314: College Algebra		3

Year 1, Semester 2	12 Total Credit Hours	Credit Hours
PSYC 2301: General Psychology		3
HPRS 1106: Essentials of Medical Terminology		1
BIOL 2401: Anatomy & Physiology I		4
BIOL 2402: Anatomy & Physiology II		4

Year 1, Semester 3	12 Total Credit Hours	Credit Hours
OTHA 1305: Principles of Occupational Therapy		3
OTHA 1211: Occupational Performance Throughout the Lifespan		2
OTHA 2309: Mental Health in occupations or Activities II		3
OTHA 2302: Therapeutic Use of Occupations or Activities II		3
OTHA 1161: Clinical in OTA II - Mental Health Fieldwork		1

Year 2, Semester 1	13 Total Credit Hours	Credit Hours
OTHA 1309: Human Structure and Function in Occupational Therapy		3
OTHA 1349: Occupational Performance of Adulthood		3
OTHA 2304: Neurology in Occupational Therapy		3
OTHA 1319: Therapeutic Interventions I		3
OTHA 1162: Clinical in OTA III - Adult Level I Fieldwork		1

Year 2, Semester 2	12 Total Credit Hours	Credit Hours
OTHA 1353: Occupational Performance for Elders		3
OTHA 1341: Occupational Performance from Birth Through Adolescence		3
OTHA 1315: Therapeutic Use of Occupations or Activities I		3
OTHA 1160: Clinical in OTA I - Pediatric Level I Fieldwork		1
OTHA 2235: Health Care Management in Occupational Therapy		2

Year 2, Semester 3	12 Total Credit Hours	Credit Hours
OTHA 2560: Clinical Occupational Therapy Assistant - Level II Fieldwork A (<i>Off-Campus</i>)		5
OTHA 2230: Workplace Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant (<i>Online</i>)		2
OTHA 2561: Clinical Occupational Therapy Assistant - Level II Fieldwork B (<i>Off-Campus</i>)		5

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy Program (OTA) at Parker University has been granted Full Accreditation Status in August 2016 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), and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org.

Our graduates are eligible to take the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT exam for professional certification and/or attain state licensure.