

OTAs in the Field

Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants provide a challenging but rewarding service helping people of all ages prevent, lessen and overcome disabilities. Common occupational therapy interventions may include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school, helping injured persons to regain skills, and providing support to elderly persons experiencing physical and cognitive changes.

The OTA program at SSC prepares students to be successful on the national licensure exam and in the workforce. The majority of SSC's OTA students will begin receiving job offers before completion, with 100% job placement during the first year after graduation.

More information about the OTA program at South Suburban College can be found online at www.ssc.edu. For specific questions, email Cathy Mistovich MS, OTR/L, OTA Program Coordinator at cmistovich@ssc.edu.



SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

**Our Mission Is To
Serve Our Students
and the Community
Through Lifelong
Learning.**



**SOUTH
SUBURBAN
COLLEGE**

15800 S. State St.
South Holland, IL 60473
www.ssc.edu



OTA Program Overview

SouthSuburbanCollege's full-time, fully accredited Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) educational program is a cutting edge hands-on training program that prepares individuals to work in a rewarding health profession that remains in high demand. SSC's OTA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Additionally, the OTA program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR). Upon successful completion of all academic and fieldwork requirements, students receive an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree.

Quality Instruction

The OTA program is highly competitive, with 30 hours of pre-requisite and general education courses required for the program. Students admitted to the program typically have a GPA of

3.5 or better. The OTA faculty has garnered national recognition over the years with each instructor bringing over 25 years of experience as occupational therapy practitioners to the classroom. SSC recently renovated the OTA Lab area complete with state-of-the-art simulation equipment.

Graduates of the program will be able to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) and eligible to apply for state licensure. Students with a convicted felony are advised to seek Early Determination from the NBCOT (www.nbcot.org) prior to applying to the OTA program or sitting for the national certification examination. Over the past three years, SSC's pass rate for first time takers of the certification examination is 77%.

Admission and Degree (other criteria may apply)

Program prerequisites should be completed no later than February 1st to be considered for current year admission, and students must have completed all OTA program and general education requirements with a grade of "C" or better. (Visit www.ssc.edu for more information.)

Prerequisites for Admission to OTA Program		Credits
ENG 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
BIO 185	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
OTA 101	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
ART 112	Three Dimensional Design Or	2
ART 110	Metals and Jewelry	3
General Education Requirements		Credits
PSY 206	Abnormal Psychology	3
BIO 186	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
SPE 108	Oral Communication	3
MDR 102	Fundamentals of Medical Terminology	1

For More Information

Advising for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is available through the counseling department at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2306.

For enrollment information, please contact the Admissions Office at (708) 210-5718.

