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McLennan Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

APPLICATION & ADMISSION INFORMATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1st

The program begins in the fall semester of each year. All applicants must submit a new application packet for each year they wish to apply. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission into the OTA program. Applications must be received in our office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 1 and must be mailed or hand delivered. If the deadline falls on a weekend, applications will be due on the following Monday. Faxed or emailed applications are not accepted.

Mail application materials to:

OTA Program
HPN 123
McLennan Community College
1400 College Drive
Waco, Texas 76708

Admission Requirements

Minimum requirements that must be met *at the time of application* to be eligible for consideration. Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

- Applicant must be:
 - Greater than or equal to 18 years of age
 - High School graduate (or equivalent)
 - TSI Complete
- Applicant must have previously completed all prerequisite courses by the application deadline.
- Must have a minimum grade of "C" in all prerequisite and co-requisite courses and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA in prerequisite and co-requisite courses combined.

Prerequisite Courses:

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (within five years of application)
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- ENGL 1301 Composition I or ENGL 2311 Technical & Business Writing
- HPRS 1206 Medical Terminology

Co-requisite Courses

- BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (within five years of application)
- 3 Credit Hour Philosophy, Culture, Language, or Creative Arts Elective (See Advisor)
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development

Applications will be evaluated and scored according to the scoring rubric. After the applications and preliminary scores are completed, the Health Professions Admissions Committee will meet to approve the admission of the students to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

Additionally:

- Applicants must complete twenty (40) hours of volunteer work or work experience in two different settings (20 hours each setting). These hours are to be verified using the OTA Occupational Therapy Experience form.
- Applicants must also submit two (2) basic workplace skills assessment forms with the application materials. **One form must be completed by an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant (prefer both forms be from an OT/OTA).** The other form may be completed by another reference (e.g. supervisor, teacher, employer, etc.).

Examples of occupational therapy settings for shadowing:

- Acute Care Hospital Inpatient occupational therapy
- Outpatient occupational therapy
- Pediatric occupational therapy
- Acute inpatient rehabilitation hospital
- Mental health inpatient or outpatient setting
- Skilled nursing facility
- Home health occupational therapy

In order to be considered for admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, the application must be complete and in our office by the deadline. This includes the completed application form, all transcripts (including McLennan Community College), workplace skills assessment forms, and the Occupational Therapy Experience forms (documentation of volunteer hours). Additionally, applicants must complete all admission requirements for McLennan Community College. **Applications will not be accepted without all forms.**

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Accreditation Information

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda MD 202814.. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is 301.652.6611 and Web address is www.acoteonline.org.



**Occupational Therapy Assistant Program
Application Scoring Criteria**

APPLICANTS WILL BE AWARDED POINTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

_____ **A. Prerequisite and Co-requisite Grade Point Average**
(GPA x 10)

_____ **B. Credit Hours Successfully Completed from the 7 OTA Academic Prerequisite and Co-Requisite Courses**

22 hours..... **10 points**
18 – 19 hours..... **8 points**
15 – 17 hours..... **6 points**

_____ **C. Anatomy & Physiology Courses Completed** (maximum of 15 points)

BIOL 2401 (A&P I) With a grade of A...(1st attempt) **10 points**
BIOL 2401 (A&P I) With a grade of B...(1st attempt) **8 points**
BIOL 2402 (A&P II) With a grade of A...(1st attempt) **5 points**
BIOL 2402 (A&P II) With a grade of B...(1st attempt) **3 points**

Note: If you had to re-take A&P I and/or II because they were more than 5 years old, then the re-take will count as a 1st attempt. This rule applies to ONLY A&P courses being retaken because they were too old at the time of application. No points are awarded for grades of “C” or below.

_____ **D. Basic Workplace Skills Assessment Forms (2)..... up to 10 points each (Two forms required).** *Note: A “do not recommend” rating will result in a score of zero points.*

_____ **E. OTA General Information Session Attendance Form.....2 points**

_(_____) **F. Two points will be deducted from the total application score for each prerequisite/ co-additional attempt to receive a higher grade.**

_____ **/ of 87 Total Points Possible**

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