



Occupational Therapy Aide

PROGRAM OUTLINE

PROGRAM GOAL AND OUTCOMES

Program Goal

To develop the skills and knowledge to obtain an entry-level position as a professional occupational therapy aide.

Program Outcomes	Courses	Evidence of Learning
Identify typical personal qualities held by successful occupational therapy aides, including empathy, knowledge of good customer service, and effective communication	OTA001: Occupational Therapy Orientation	Multiple-choice lesson exams
	OTA003: Activities of Daily Living and Adaptive Equipment	Multiple-choice lesson exams
	OTA004: Therapy and Safety Skills	Multiple-choice lesson exams
Identify typical professional responsibilities of occupational therapy aides, including assisting with activities of daily living, administrative duties, inventory control, and telephone etiquette	OTA001: Occupational Therapy Orientation	Multiple-choice lesson exams
	OTA003: Activities of Daily Living and Adaptive Equipment	Multiple-choice lesson exams
	OTA004: Therapy and Safety Skills	Multiple-choice lesson exams
Use appropriate medical terminology related to the body in order to communicate accurately with clients and supervisors	OTA002: Medical and Body Systems Terminology	Multiple-choice lesson exams
Show understanding of the importance of a safe health care environment, including potential hazards and fall prevention, and the aide's role in maintaining a clean, safe workplace	OTA004: Therapy and Safety Skills	Multiple-choice lesson exams

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

SYP101: Starting Your Program

Develop the necessary skills to ensure your success in the program. Learn how you can improve your study skills, so you're able to use a number of tools that will help you to be successful.

By the end of this course, you'll be able to

- Use helpful resources, such as the Virtual Library and tutoring services.
- Develop important study and time management skills.
- Identify your preferred study aids and learning styles.
- Outline a plan for completing your program and the goals you want to achieve.

OTA001: Occupational Therapy Orientation

This course will introduce you to the history and purposes of occupational therapy, and it will explain common administrative and clinical tasks that occupational therapy aides may be expected to perform.

By the end of this course, you'll be able to

- Identify the origins, roles, and responsibilities of occupational therapy team members.
- Explain the aide's role in regard to administrative and clinical tasks.

OTA002: Medical and Body Systems Terminology

This course will introduce you to the basics of medical terminology, and it will provide an overview of various body systems, discuss how these body systems work together, and describe common disorders associated with each system.

By the end of this course, you'll be able to

- Define medical terms and their connection to human body regions and structures.
- Explain various body systems and common body system disorders.

OTA003: Activities of Daily Living and Adaptive Equipment

This course will discuss activities of daily living (ADLs), including ADLs common to each developmental stage, and it will describe adaptive equipment that can be used to help people perform these activities.

By the end of this course, you'll be able to

- Describe activities of daily living (ADLs) as they relate to each developmental stage.
- Explain what adaptive equipment is and how it contributes to independent living.

OTA004: Therapy and Safety Skills

This course will examine different therapy treatments and the modalities used in those treatments. It will also describe the components of building positive relationships among the aide, patients, and others. Finally, the course will explain how safety applies to the aide in maintaining the facility and taking precautions for infection control.

By the end of this course, you'll be able to

- Identify common therapeutic practices used in the occupational therapy clinic
- Analyze the importance of developing an effective customer relationship in the healthcare sector
- Analyze the role that safety plays in a healthcare setting

Clinical Work Experience Option

This program includes an optional work experience component. Looking to your future, you'll be provided with a Work Experience Option Supplement that can be used to help you find a position as a trainee in a medical facility.

Note: The titles of your learning materials may be different from those listed on your program outline. There is no need to call your instructor about these differences. While the titles of certain learning materials may differ, the educational content is the same. All learning materials are designed to give you the finest education in your field. If you need instructional assistance, however, be sure to call for help. We reserve the right to revise the program of study and the instructional materials and to substitute for the items of equipment offered.