PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Associate in Science (A.S.) in Occupational Therapy Assistant program develops and trains students for a rewarding career in the health care industry. Occupational therapist assistants help people of all ages regain, develop or master everyday skills in order to live independent, productive and satisfying lives. They are employed in a variety of traditional and emerging practice settings including hospitals, community settings, mental health facilities, public schools, rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities.

Upon successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- Complete a program application and submit clinical experience verification form by the May 15 deadline
- Complete prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better
- Must have American Heart Association CPR certification
- Check the catalog to learn about all course and program prerequisites

Note: A physical examination and criminal background check will be required upon acceptance into the program and again prior to clinical internships.

FSCJ’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited 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. To contact ACOTE (c/o AOTA), call (301) 652-AOTA or visit acoteonline.org.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I start?
New student enrollment for this program begins every year during the Fall Term. However, FSCJ enrolls students year-round. Application Deadline: May 15

Where are the educational courses held?
General education courses are offered at any of FSCJ’s campuses and centers. Professional core courses are offered at FSCJ North Campus.

What is the cost of the program?
Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. The approximate cost of tuition and fees is $7,342.*

Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about $80 per credit hour.

*Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.

What other programs are related to the field?
Students who have an interest in the Occupational Therapy Assistant (A.S.) may also be interested in the following FSCJ programs:

• Human Services (B.S.)
• Nursing (R.N.) (A.S.)
• Physical Therapist Assistant (A.S.)

Where can I get more information about potential careers?
Research local job opportunities, wage data, career paths and market trends at fscj.emsicareercoach.com.

CAREER PATHWAY

High School Diploma/High School Equivalency

Massage Therapy W.C.

Massage Therapists

Physical Therapy Assistant A.S.

Physical Therapist Assistants

Occupational Therapy Assistant A.S.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

JOB PROFILE

Occupational Therapy Assistants

| Local employment | .......................................................... 122 |
| Number of job openings | .......................................................... 22/year |
| 10-year job growth | .......................................................... 36% |

Expected salaries by area and occupation may be found at bls.gov/oes/tables.htm

Potential employers:

• Nassau County Public School District
• Brooks Rehabilitation
• Baptist Health
• Wolfson Children's Hospital
• UF Health

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