

Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ☒ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ☒ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ☒ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ☒ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Credit Hours: 74 total credit hours (including prerequisite coursework). Total hours may vary based on individual academic plan. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Applicants who **complete all requirements by the published application deadline** will be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements makes you eligible for consideration but **does not guarantee admission** to the program. See the program webpage for [additional admissions information](#).

Transcripts and OTA Course Credit

Applicants transferring from another educational institution must submit transcripts to the Student Records Office for processing and evaluation of credits. Official transcripts can be sent to Admissions Office, FSCJ, PO Box 40515, Jacksonville, FL 32203. You can also have your transcripts sent electronically, directly from the school only, to studentrecords@fscj.edu.

Once outside transcripts have been processed, course credits will be added to your official Florida State College at Jacksonville transcript. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing of transcripts by the Student Records Office. International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) documentation must be provided directly to the Assessment and Certification Center for credit evaluation and addition to the Florida State College at Jacksonville transcript. Please contact North Campus Assessment and Certification Center at (904) 713-6014 or email north_testing@fscj.edu for more information.

The FSCJ OTA program does not give OTA course credit for previous work experience. Official transcripts from all colleges attended are evaluated for Florida State College degree-seeking students and vocational certificate students only by qualified evaluators. OTA courses are accepted from institutions recognized and participating in the Florida Department of Education Statewide Course Numbering System. OT or OTA courses that are more than two years old are not accepted for transfer credit.

Acceptance into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is based upon academic performance and other criteria. Students are admitted via a point system that includes points for HESI A2 scores, overall GPA, course grades and healthcare or military experience. To be considered as a qualified applicant, individuals must complete the following by the application deadline:

- ☐ Complete an application to Florida State College at Jacksonville with Occupational Therapy Assistant as the Program Plan.
- ☐ Complete the prerequisite coursework with a minimum grade of C or higher. Only prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C or higher can be used. Course credit that was received for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or Advanced Placement (AP) courses will be evaluated based upon the score obtained.
- ☐ Achieve an overall grade point average of 2.5 for all coursework.
- ☐ Complete the Health Education Systems, Inc. Admission Test (HESI-A2). Students must take all 9 sections in one sitting. Points will be calculated based upon performance in the following four categories for ranking purposes: Anatomy & Physiology, Math, Vocabulary, and Reading Comprehension.
- ☐ Complete and submit the Healthcare or Military Experience documentation form if applicable.
- ☐ Applicants are required to submit official transcripts from both high school/GED® and any postsecondary education. Transcripts must be officially sealed and sent directly from the awarding institution via electronic delivery to studentrecords@fscj.edu or via mail to FSCJ Admissions Office, PO Box 40515, Jacksonville, FL 32203.

Admissions Process Information

Students who have completed the requirements by the application deadline will be ranked according to a point scale on the following:

- Course grades
- Overall grade point average
- Scores on the Health Education Systems, Inc. Admission Test (HESI-A2)
- Healthcare or Military Experience
- American Heart Association, Basic Life Support (BLS)

Candidates will be notified of their admissions status in the program via email approximately one month after the application deadline. The highest ranked students will be accepted and an alternate list will be established. In the event of forfeiture, the next highest ranked student will be notified of acceptance.

Additional Program Information

If admitted to the program, applicants will be required to complete a drug screen and background check to obtain entrance into the program.

Students must keep their physical examination, criminal background check, and American Heart Association CPR Certification current to attend class and participate in fieldwork.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

A minimum grade of C or higher is required in:

- ☐ All Prerequisite coursework
- ☐ All Professional coursework
- ☐ All General Education coursework

Stay on Track

Meet the associate in science degree graduation requirements:

- ☐ Complete all academic requirements for this program outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses applicable to the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses.
- ☐ Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit semester hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses.
- ☐ Complete at least 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Complete the required semester hours for the degree, as including a minimum of 15 semester hours in General Education.
- ☐ Demonstrate competency in civic literacy by:
 - ☐ Completing a civic literacy course – AMH 2010, AMH 2020, or POS 2041 – with a grade of C or higher.
 - ☐ Achieving of the required standard score on a state-approved assessment.
- ☐ Earn a grade of a C or higher in each course used to satisfy the general education requirements and any other area designated as requiring a grade of C or higher.
- ☐ Satisfy all financial and other obligations to the College prior to graduation.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=2355

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/2355

Application Deadline(s)

Application deadline is the close of business, February 15.

Prerequisite Coursework

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
ENC 1101 – English Composition I or ENC 1101C – English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102 – Writing About Texts	3-4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
Mathematics State Core course	3-5	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
BSC 2085C – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
DEP 2004 – Human Growth and Development	3	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
Humanities State Core course	3	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer

Sample Roadmap for Admitted Students

Term 1: Summer

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
OTH 1001 – Introduction to Occupational Therapy	2	Professional	Summer
OTH 1003C – Human Occupation Across the Lifespan	3	Professional	Summer
OTH 1411 – Pathological Conditions in Occupational Therapy Practice	2	Professional	Summer
SYG 2000 – Introductory Sociology	3	Professional Elective	Fall, Spring, Summer

Term 2: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
OTH 1014C – Functional Anatomy I	3	Professional	Fall
OTH 1704 – Professionalism and Documentation in Healthcare	2	Professional	Fall
OTH 2300C – Mental Health in Occupational Therapy	3	Professional	Fall
Civic Literacy course	3	General Education & Civic Literacy	Fall, Spring, Summer

Term 3: Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
OTH 1019C – Functional Anatomy II	2	Professional	Spring
OTH 1800 – Occupational Therapy Practicum I (Level I Fieldwork)	2	Professional	Spring
OTH 2165C – Adaptive Living Skills	3	Professional	Spring
OTH 2420C – Physical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy	4	Professional	Spring
OTH 2720 – Business Aspects of Occupational Therapy Practice	2	Professional	Spring

Term 4: Summer

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
OTH 1520C – Pediatrics in Occupational Therapy	4	Professional	Summer
OTH 2432C – Neurological Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy	4	Professional	Summer
OTH 2602C – Occupational Therapy with the Geriatric Population	3	Professional	Summer
OTH 2092 – Instructional Design and Professional Presentations	1	Professional	Summer

Term 5: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
OTH 2840 – Occupational Therapy Supervised Practice I (Level IIA Fieldwork)	5	Professional	Fall
OTH 2841 – Occupational Therapy Supervised Practice II (Level IIB Fieldwork)	5	Professional	Fall
OTH 2933 – Seminar for Clinical Practice	2	Professional	Fall