



The **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Nashville State** currently admits students to the program each fall. Interviews are held in the spring for the program beginning each fall semester. The program typically takes two years to complete, but alternative scheduling is available after discussion with program faculty.

Application Process

Students must complete an OTA application packet and participate in an interview. Interviews are offered three times a year; dates and times of interviews cannot be negotiated. Application process is as follows:

1. Submit a complete NSCC application to the Admissions Department
(NOTE: if you are a current NSCC student, skip to #4)
2. Submit official transcripts from college(s) and/or high school. High school transcripts are only necessary if you have taken any college level courses in high school that you want evaluated for transfer, or have never attended college
3. Take a Compass Placement Test if
 - a. You are under 21 years of age and have an ACT English, Math or composite score of 18 or less, or SAT score of 710 or less
 - b. You have not successfully (grade of "C" or better) completed College-level English and/or Math courses.
4. Contact the OTA program at 353-3708 in January 2007 for your OTA program application, or open/print on the NSCC/OT web site when it becomes available in January 2007 following this path: www.nsc.edu>Departmental Websites>Occupational Therapy>Application Process
5. Return all application materials to the OTA program per application packet guidelines checklist
6. Once all application materials have been received, your packet will then be considered eligible, and you will be invited by mail to attend one of the three interviews.

Please note that you must successfully complete (grade of "C" or better) any and all Remedial/Developmental coursework before you can begin the OTA program if should you be accepted. You may still apply to the program if currently enrolled in R/D coursework, but **all R/D must be successfully completed before beginning the program in the fall semester.**

You must have a grade of "C" or better in any course you would like considered for transfer to NSCC, and to count towards the OTA curriculum. Please check with our Registrar's office at 353-3210 to confirm that your coursework is transferable. Most Anatomy and Physiology coursework should have been taken within the past 5 years to be considered for the degree (stipulations apply).

Acceptance into the OTA Program will be based on your Grade Point Average, a writing sample and interview score. Preference is given to Tennessee residents. While not required, work related experience and volunteer experiences are reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

Once accepted to the program, students may be required to complete a Criminal Background Check. Results of the Background Check will not be used as criteria for program participation, but may be used by clinical affiliate sites to determine a student's eligibility for internship participation. Successful completion of two internships is a requirement for graduation from the OTA program. Interested students may wish to seek additional information regarding Criminal Background Checks prior to submitting an application to the program. See below for contact information.

The courses listed below are required for the Occupational Therapy AAS degree, however may be taken in advance of application and admission to the program. **Please note: Successful completion of courses listed below does not guarantee acceptance into program.**

ENGL 1010: English Composition I
SPCH 1010: Speech
Humanities Elective (See NSCC catalog for approved courses)

BIOL 2010 Anatomy and Physiology I
PSYC 1111: Intro to Psychology

NOTE: ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY (BIOL 2010) must be completed by FALL 2008 with a grade of C or better.

Enrollment in any course beginning with the rubric "OTA" requires OTA Program Faculty approval.

If you have any further questions, please contact the OTA department at 615-353-3708