**OTA FAQs**

**Separate OTA program application required**
Learn about the separate OTA program application and selection process below and by clicking *Requirements* to the right.

**When will OTA program applications be available?**
Applications are available beginning the first week of December each year. The application period runs through the first Monday in February. The application procedures are clearly outlined in the application packet, including selection criteria, timelines for interviews, notifications, etc.

**How many students are selected for the program?**
30 seats are available for incoming students.

**How many people apply?**
Over the past several years the OTA program has received over 200 applications for each application period.

**Are volunteer hours required?**
No, volunteer hours are not required.

**What courses do I need to take in order to be able to apply?**
Course information is outlined in detail on our Program [advising sheet](http://ww2.nscc.edu/depart/docs/ot/Adv_OTA-AAS.pdf) (PDF).

**What about Learning Support coursework or English as a Second Language?**
[Download PDF](http://ww2.nscc.edu/depart/docs/ot/Adv_OTA-ESOL-LS-Reqs.pdf) of ESOL and Learning Support Requirements for OTA Program Application

**Must I complete all General Education coursework before I apply to the OTA Program?**
No. However, if you require Learning Support coursework (new NSCC students are notified via the Admissions office), those courses must be completed prior to application.
Points are awarded during the application review process for any required General Education course that is completed or in progress (proof via transcript required at time of application).

**How long is the Program?**
The NSCC OTA Program is two years in length (fall and spring semesters only), regardless of the prior completion of general education coursework. Students will spend three semesters in campus-based OTA coursework and one semester in internships.

**I’ve already completed a degree (at any level). Will it still take two years?**
Yes.

**Are evening classes available? Where can I take the classes?**
All OTA classes are day classes on the Nashville State [Main Campus](https://www.nscc.edu/campuses/main-campus), there are no evening or weekend options available. While some of our courses are offered online, students can expect to spend 2–4 days a week on campus the first three semesters (schedule varies by semester), and must complete two eight-week internships (full time, days only) the last semester in the program.

**How much does it cost to go through the OTA Program?**
Updated information regarding current tuition and fees may be found [here](https://www.nscc.edu/financial-aid-tuition/tuition-costs). For financial aid information, please contact our [financial aid office](https://www.nscc.edu/financial-aid-tuition/apply-for-financial-aid). Students can expect to spend approximately $500 per semester for books and supporting materials.

**What skills do I need to be successful in the OTA Program and as an OTA?**
The skills necessary to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant will be learned through the OTA Curriculum. However, there are certain skills and abilities that are required of all students who enroll in the OTA Program. Please click *Requirements* on the right and review the *Functional Requirements for Program Participation* information.