

Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Application

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to be admitted/enrolled at NSCC to apply to the OTA Program?**
 - Yes. Each applicant has to be admitted to NSCC before applying to the OTA Program.
- **Do I need to provide a copy of my NSCC Degree Works?**
 - Yes. All applicants must provide a copy of their NSCC Degree Works through online OTA program application.
- **What if the copy I have is poor and very difficult to read?**
 - We must be able to read all course, credit, grade and GPA information. If we cannot read your Degree Works, your file will be considered incomplete.
- **I have a GED. Do you need that information?**
 - Yes, if you have less than 30 college credit hours.
- **I have applied to the Program before. Do I need to complete a current application?**
 - Yes. All applicants must submit application.
- **When will I be notified if I get an interview?**
 - We will notify applicants approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the interview. Please hold open on your calendar interview dates listed on the NSCC OTA Program website.
- **Will I be notified if I do not get an interview?**
 - Yes.
- **If I do not get an interview, will you review my file and tell me why?**
 - No. Individual interview selection score vs. comparison range of selected scores will be available upon request.
- **After you review my file, will you call me and let me know if I am missing information?**
 - No. The Application Packet includes a checklist with all required information. It is the students' responsibility to ensure all required information is submitted per guidelines. Do not submit transcripts
- **The website says that I need to be familiar with computers, online testing, online assignment submissions, email, etc. Is this really true?**
 - Yes. Technology is an integral part of the OTA Program and students are expected to enter the program with basic computer knowledge and skills.
- **If I get accepted into the Program, how should I best prepare for Fall 2021?**
 - The OTA Program is rigorous. It is full time. Consider if you are prepared to participate in a full time, professional program. Consider your support system. If you have children, consider your alternative child-care plans if they get sick. Consider where you live and if you have reliable transportation to and from NSCC. Consider your financial support and available funding – we recommend that students do not work/have limited work responsibilities while enrolled in the OTA Program. Consider your computer skills – are you prepared to check email at least daily, upload documents, access information via web searches, etc.

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Application Checklist

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated based upon the original application submitted. Items may not be added at a later date. Review the checklist below carefully. All applications submitted by deadline will be considered equally. Please make sure to include an email address that is checked frequently. All communication between the OTA Program and the applicant will be sent via the email address provided on application.

Documents to have available for upload into online application:

- NSCC Student A#
- Typed Resume

- Copy of Degree Works from NSCC
Underline required General Education courses as well as grade received.

- Optional Supporting Documentation
 - While not required for admission, additional information regarding the applicant and their preparation is appreciated. Examples of optional documentation include: letters of recommendation, summary of observation or healthcare volunteer experience (does not need to be occupational therapy), summary of academic record, including poor performance history, and student hopes for the future

The Nashville State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

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