

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Nashville State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is to:

- 1.) Provide high quality Occupational Therapy Assistant education
- 2.) Instill the values of lifelong learning in our students
- 3.) Prepare competent, entry level practitioners for the field of Occupational Therapy

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, consistent with and supportive of the college mission, serves a diverse population in age, cultural background, level of education, and life experiences. Students representing diverse backgrounds provide opportunities for developing and understanding of multi-cultural values of others and how these factors affect the delivery of health care services to the consumer. Also consistent with the college mission, the OTA Program strives to create a learning environment that is accessible and progressive.

The faculty of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program work closely with health care personnel and OT professionals to respond to existing and emerging occupational needs within our community. Additionally, faculty members pursue continuing education, consulting and collaboration opportunities to upgrade skills and to keep current with practice issues.

This continuous dialogue with occupational therapy practitioners ensures that the Program is meeting the needs of the community and offers the opportunity to the professional community to participate in our Program by providing guest lectures, field trips, and special demonstrations and through fieldwork supervision.

In support of the college mission to be responsive to community needs, the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is committed to educating the public concerning OT and advancing the skills of practicing COTAs. The OTA faculty is available for workshops and provides continuing education courses at NSCC, as well as volunteering for state and national professional associations.

The Occupational Therapy faculty support and the students take pride in their SOTA Organization as they participate in a variety of community service and public relations activities for the College and the profession. The SOTA Organization is an active and integral part of the OTA Program as well as the college student activities system. It provides many opportunities for developing leadership skills for the world of work and for life and a basis for lifelong learning.

The NSCC OTA Program's unique focus and emphasis on occupation and use of the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework throughout the curriculum effectively prepares students to practice client centered, evidence based, occupation focused, therapy.