

Occupational Therapy
Assistant Program



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO THE
NSCC OTA PROGRAM**

All NSCC OTA students are required to participate in clinical fieldwork experiences in hospitals, school systems and in the community. NSCC and the clinical fieldwork site must have an agreement in place in order for a student to participate in such an experience. As part of this agreement, many clinical sites require that students submit a recent criminal background check and/or a drug screen. Based on the results of the background check and/or drug screen, an affiliated clinical site may decide to not allow a student's presence at their facility.

Prior to enrolling in the program, it is important for potential students to be aware of the following information:

- Accepted students are responsible for initiating, completing and paying for the criminal background check and drug screen in a timely manner. If accepted, dates will be outlined in the Orientation letter. Estimated cost: ~ \$110.00
- All accepted students are required to have personal Health Insurance and maintain enrollment through the duration of the academic experience if accepted into the Program
- All accepted students will be required to purchase Student Liability Insurance. Cost and due dates will be outlined in the Orientation letter.
- Clinical affiliate sites will determine if a student's background check information and/or drug screen meets their standards. NSCC will not make that determination.
- Clinical affiliations are a requirement for Program completion; a criminal history or positive drug screen might impact ability to complete the course of study.
- Some clinical sites require students to complete an ADDITIONAL background check or drug screen based on their specific criteria, Student is responsible for cost.
- All students are required to have current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Certification (2 years), no substitutions allowed. Students must maintain certification while enrolled in the OTA Program. A CPR course will be provided on campus before classes begin.

NOTE: While NSCC will attempt to locate clinical fieldwork sites for all students, NSCC is not obligated to provide clinical fieldwork experiences for students with a positive criminal history or positive drug screen. Students with a positive criminal history or drug screen could potentially complete the academic portion of the program, but be unable to participate in the required clinical fieldwork experiences. A student in that situation would not be awarded a degree.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the criminal background check, please call 615-353-3647

Additional information may be found at www.nbcot.com and <http://tn.gov/health/article/OT-about>