Prerequisite Course Requirements

COL100 Intro to College, COL101 Freshman Seminar or COL136 Mastering the College Experience
BIO211 Anatomy and Physiology I
BIT122 Medical Terminology
ENG101 English Composition I
PSY101 General Psychology

* These courses must be completed with a “C” or better prior to admittance to the program.

Program Description
Jefferson College's Occupational Therapist Assistant Program culminates in an Associate of Applied Science degree. In keeping with the college's commitment to meet community and student needs, this program offers a health occupations curriculum providing students with the opportunity to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Job Description
Occupational therapy services are provided for the purpose of promoting health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) focus on “doing” the occupations or activities that are meaningful to the individual; creating solutions that assure living life to its fullest. These solutions help clients:
• Achieve goals & function at the highest possible level,
• Concentrate on what matters most to them,
• Maintain or rebuild their independence, and
• Participate in daily activities that they need or want to do.

Job Environment
OTAs work in a variety of practice settings. OTAs work in the home, in schools, hospitals, workplaces, community settings, and a variety of other environments. Clients may be an individual or persons, organizations or populations.

Skills
As an OTA you will use: active listening, judgment and decision making, time management skills, writing and communicating skills, critical thinking, instructing, and problem solving. These specific skills are developed during your student experience in the Jefferson College OTA program. Occupational therapy assistants need a moderate degree of strength because of the physical exertion required in assisting patients with their treatment. In some cases, assistants need to lift patients.

Salary Range
The median annual wage of occupational therapy assistants was $51,010 in May 2010.