Admission Requirements

See OTA student handbook for official documents of admission requirements.

Because of the academic demands of a curriculum that prepares graduates to take a national certification examination, applicants must meet certain academic standards for admission. Selection into the program is based on completion of all admission criteria, on a first come, first served basis. Admission criteria are: Applicants must make an appointment with an advisor prior to making application to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

ACT Test Scores or coursework within past 2 years
- English 18 or above, ENG 099 w "B" or better
- Math 23 or above, MTH 128 w "B" or better
- Reading 18 or above, ENG 012 w "B" or better

COMPASS Test or coursework within past 2 years
- Writing 70 or above, ENG 099 w "B" or better
- Algebra 66 or above, MTH 128 w "B" or better
- Reading 81 or above, ENG 012 w "B" or better

Must submit high school transcript or GED certificate with scores.

Students can complete either ACT or Compass test, both are not required. HESI-a2 Assessment (for Occupational Therapy Assistant) completed prior to being eligible for application to the program.

All pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better
- Anatomy and Physiology I BIO 211* w/in 3 years
- English Composition I ENG101
- Medical Terminology BIT 122

Cumulative GPA must be 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- General Psychology PSY 101
- Intro to College COL 101 or Mastering College Experience GUD 136

OTHER GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE A.A.S.

Can be completed prior to enrolling in OTA program

All co-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better
- Anatomy Physiology II BIO 212 w/in 2 years
- Abnormal Psychology PSY 225
- Microcomputer Soft Apps CIS 133
- Oral Communications SPD 105
- Human Development PSY 205
- US & Mo Gov't & Constitution PSC 102 or US History I HST 103

APPLICATION MATERIALS / SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Prior to acceptance:
- 4 hours clinical observation; 2 hours at 2 different sites of your choosing. (Observation form.)
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Application can be obtained through Advising.
- Written Essay Submission (1 typed page, single spaced, 12-point font)

After acceptance:
- Background Check-Physical Exam/Vaccinations-CPR Certification-Proof of Health Insurance

*In order to enroll in BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology I, students must have completed CHM 101 Intro to Chemistry or have one full year of High School Chemistry w/ a lab with a grade of "C" or better in the past five years.