

# Lakeland

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROGRAM GUIDE

Applied Studies Division

## Occupational Therapy Assistant

- Associate of Applied Science, Occupational Therapy Assistant

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# Occupational Therapy Assistant



Working with clients of all ages, occupational therapy assistants work under the supervision of licensed occupational therapists. They help people to develop and recover activities of daily living, like getting dressed, driving and working.

## Lakeland's Program

- Program follows the most recent version of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education standards.
- Program is approximately two years (six consecutive semesters including summers). The last four months will include full-time clinical field work.
- Students will attend classes in the state-of-the-art, new health technologies building which opened spring 2018.

## Career Opportunities

Work settings include:

- Hospitals
- Inpatient rehab centers
- Nursing homes
- School systems
- Outpatient therapy centers
- Mental health programs
- Home health agencies

## The Lakeland Advantage

- Lakeland's Occupational Therapy Assistant degree program prepares students to be competent entry-level therapy assistants.
- Upon satisfactory completion of the program requirements, graduates are eligible to apply for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and licensure through the appropriate state agency.

## For more information

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Occupational therapy assistants work under the supervision of qualified occupational therapists. They collaborate in the formulation of a treatment plan, deliver therapeutic interventions to address various disabilities, advocate for the rehabilitation needs of their patients and clients, educate patients and families on effective therapy participation, and accurately document occupational therapy services for reimbursement. They work with people of all ages in a variety of work settings which include hospitals, nursing homes, school systems, outpatient centers, specialized rehabilitation facilities, and mental health programs.

Lakeland's Occupational Therapy Assistant degree program prepares students to be competent entry-level therapy assistants. Upon satisfactory completion of the program requirements, graduates are eligible to apply for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and licensure through the appropriate state agency. Students convicted of any felony or misdemeanor may be prohibited from applying for the certification examination.

Students must be admitted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program to enroll in OTAS courses. Other courses may be taken prior to admission to the program.

All students enrolled in a nursing or allied health program/certificate must complete a criminal background check. In accordance with clinical site requirements, students with a criminal record may be ineligible to participate in a clinical fieldwork rotation. Delays, for any reason, in obtaining background results may cause an interruption in the clinical rotation sequence or inability to complete program requirements. Additional background screening may be required by individual facilities.

Drug testing may be requested in accordance with clinical affiliation requirements and/or for patient/ student health and safety.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 and a "C" grade or higher is required in all occupational therapy assistant and general education courses as listed in the curriculum guide for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Occupational Therapy Assisting.

### OTA PROGRAM ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The occupational therapy assistant program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). The program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

### First Semester

BIOL 2210	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENGL 1110	English Composition I (A) *	

or

ENGL 1111	English Composition I (B)	3
FYEX 1000	First Year Experience	1
HLTH 1215	Medical Terminology for Health Professions	3
OTAS 1100	Foundations of Occupational Therapy I	2
OTAS 1130	Special Topics in OT I: Activity and Occupation I	2
OTAS 1140	Special Topics in OT II: Documentation I	1

**Credit Hours 16**

### Second Semester

BIOL 2220	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
OTAS 1200	Foundations of Development Disabilities I	3
OTAS 1210	Techniques in Developmental Disabilities I	2
OTAS 1230	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology for the OTA I	3
PSYC 1500	Introduction to Psychology	3

**2nd 8 weeks**

OTAS 1220	Level I Fieldwork and Seminar: Developmental Disabilities I	1
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**Credit Hours 16**

### Summer Session 1

COMM 1000	Effective Public Speaking	
or		
COMM 1100	Effective Interpersonal Communications	3
MATH 1330	Statistics for the Health Sciences **	3
PSYC 2100	Lifespan Development for Nursing	3

**Credit Hours 9**

### Third Semester

OTAS 2100	Foundations of Physical Dysfunction I	3
OTAS 2110	Techniques in Physical Dysfunction I	2
OTAS 2130	Foundations and Techniques of Neurological Rehabilitation I	3
PSYC 2700	Abnormal Psychology	3

**2nd 8 weeks**

OTAS 2120	Level I Fieldwork and Seminar: Physical Dysfunction I	1
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**Credit Hours 12**

### Fourth Semester

**1st 8 weeks**

OTAS 2200	Foundations of Psychosocial Dysfunction I	2
OTAS 2210	Techniques and Fieldwork in Psychosocial Dysfunction I	1
OTAS 2230	Special Topics in OT III: Professional Development and Management I	1

**2nd 8 weeks**

OTAS 2250	Level IIA Fieldwork I	4
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**Credit Hours 8**

### Summer Session 2

**8-week session**


OTAS 2350	Level IIB Fieldwork I	4
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**Credit Hours 4**

**Total Credit Hours 65**

\* English course selection is based on placement test results (ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B) is 4 credits, only 3 credits apply to the degree).

\*\* Students planning to transfer to a four-year college should take a sequence of math as advised by their counselor.

 This course is designated as a technical course in the program. Students must earn a "C" grade or higher in the course to fulfill the college's graduation requirements policy.

## Admission Procedures

**Students must meet specific admission requirements for this program.** Listed below are requirements for admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program:

### Option 1: High School Option

This option is for current high school seniors or high school graduates who apply to the program within two years of high school graduation.

- Complete college application(s).
- Composite score of 21 or higher on the American College Test (ACT) or combined score of 1400 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
- Place into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or higher or pass MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra.
- Complete high school algebra, chemistry, and biology with a "C" grade or higher.
- An overall high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Meet with a counselor to review program prerequisites and requirements.
- Complete a minimum of 20 hours of observation in an occupational therapy department under the supervision of a licensed OT or OTA. The hours must be in a minimum of two different occupational therapy settings, ten hours at each site. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact an occupational therapy department to arrange for this observation. It is advisable to begin your observation experiences as soon as possible to ensure this career path is the most appropriate for you.

Upon successful completion of the above criteria, the applicant will be admitted into the program. Students must complete HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professions with a "C" grade or higher prior to enrolling in their first health technology course.

### Option 2: College Option

This option is for students who do not qualify for admission under Option 1.

- Complete college application(s).

- Submit high school transcript as well as any college transcript(s).
- Successful passing score on the required program pre-admission test.
- Meet with a counselor to review program prerequisites and requirements.
- Complete a minimum of 20 hours of observation in an occupational therapy department under the supervision of a licensed OT or OTA. The hours must be in a minimum of two different occupational therapy settings, ten hours at each site. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact an occupational therapy department to arrange for this observation. It is advisable to begin your observation experiences as soon as possible to ensure this career path is the most appropriate for you.
- The following courses, or equivalent courses from other regionally accredited colleges, must be completed with a "C" grade or higher and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher:
  - HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professions
  - BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I

**NOTE:** Students must meet one of these requirements to take BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I with a "C" or higher:

1. High school biology within last five years and high school chemistry.
2. High school biology within last five years and CHEM 1100 Elementary Chemistry.
3. BIOL 1200 Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies

Students are required to take the Math Placement Test and be placed into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or complete MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra with a "C" grade or higher.

### Option 3: Advanced Education Option

Students pursuing this option must have an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing or Allied Health, Bachelor of Science Degree in a natural science, or an Associate of Science Degree to be waived from the preadmission testing. All other Option 2 requirements apply.

Curriculum and program requirements are subject to change. Find the most up-to-date information in the college catalog, available on the website at [lakelandcc.edu](http://lakelandcc.edu).



### Quality Education

Lakeland prepares you for a high-demand career or for transfer to a four-year college or university. Professors at Lakeland are experts in their fields with real-world experience. Small class sizes allow for personalized attention.

### Affordable Tuition

Save thousands on your college education. Lakeland's tuition is about one-third the cost of most four-year schools. Financial assistance is available, including federal and state grants, scholarships, loans, and work study employment.

### Convenience

Lakeland offers convenient day, evening and weekend class times, and a growing number of online courses. The main campus in Kirtland is only 20 miles northeast of Cleveland. Classes are also offered in Madison.

### Focus on Students

Lakeland offers a variety of student services to help you succeed, such as counseling, tutoring, wireless computer labs, career services, free parking, and affordable child care.

### Accreditation

Lakeland Community College is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and participates in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, phone: 800.621.7440, [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org).