

2018-19

Occupational Therapy Program

Admission Packet

Catonsville

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<https://ccbc.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#login>



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SCHOOL OF
HEALTH PROFESSIONS

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Program Description

The field of occupational therapy involves work with those who have either been unable to attain independence or who have suffered a disruption to independent functioning in their daily occupation and roles. Occupational therapy practitioners see patients of all ages and all disabilities in an attempt to facilitate functional living, which may include self-care, work, education skills; fulfillment of societal roles; self-determination and mastery over the environment. Occupational therapy practitioners may be employed in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, sub-acute facilities, psychiatric and community-based programs, home health, the school system, private practice and other settings.

The CCBC Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program is a two-year, technical level program from which graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree. It is designed to prepare students to function as entry-level certified occupational therapy assistants under the supervision of the registered occupational therapist. Courses DO NOT automatically transfer to professional level occupational therapy programs. Students desiring to pursue a professional level degree in occupational therapy are advised to contact those programs directly.

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited 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. The OTA Program is accredited through 2024.

Graduates of the program 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). To view current program pass rates on the NBCOT examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, click on this link <https://secure.nbcot.org/data/schoolstats.aspx>. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most states require licensure which is usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

Students enrolled in the OTA program should be aware that a prior felony conviction may affect the graduate's ability to sit for the National Certification Examination and/or attain state licensure. For further clarification, contact NBCOT at 301-990-7979 or the Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice at 410-402-8556.

Year Entered	# Admitted into OTA Program	# who graduated within 2-3 years of starting	Graduation Rates (year graduated)
2012	38	33	87% (2014)
2013	35	28	80% (2015)
2014	38	37	98% (2016)
2015	33	31*	94% (2017)*
2016	32	28	88% (2018)
Total	211	191	89% overall graduation

**December 2017*

Admissions Deadline

June 1st for a Fall start.

Prerequisites

All prerequisites, general program requirements, and general education requirements for this program must be completed with a 'C' or better grade by the application deadline.

- ENGL 101
- CMNS 101
- CSIT 120*
- BIOL 220
- BIOL 221
- ENGL 102
- PSYC 101
- MATH 153
- PSYC 103

*One of these courses must satisfy the Gen Ed Diversity requirement

Admission Criteria

- A 2.50 GPA on above listed courses.
- A CCBC GPA of 2.00 or higher for any courses completed at CCBC.

- Must demonstrate health insurance coverage which must be maintained throughout the program. Any lapse in health insurance coverage during enrollment in the OTA program is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- All paperwork must be received by the application deadline. Applications with missing documentation will be considered ineligible for admission into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.
- Students must answer two writing prompts posted in the CCBC CAS application. The response must be 9999 characters or less. The two prompts are:
 - How did you hear about the professions of occupational therapy?
 - Describe 3 personal attributes you think will support you in becoming an Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Where to Apply

Applications for this program are found in the CCBC CAS at <https://ccbc.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.

Additional application instructions are found at www.ccbcmd.edu/cas.

This program requires that all official college transcripts be submitted to the CCBC CAS preferably 4-6 weeks prior to the admission deadline.

Admission Response

Admissions decisions are mailed to students approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the application deadline.

Post-admission

Once admitted into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program students must attend a School of Health Professions Orientation followed by an OTA Program Orientation. The date and time of these orientations are provided in the acceptance letter.

In addition, students must comply with several health requirements in order to participate in the clinical portion of the OTA program. These requirements may include:

- Current CPR
- Recent physical examination
- Background check and drug screening
- Updated immunizations
- Recent PPD
- Hepatitis vaccination

Please note this list is not all inclusive. Students are responsible for all costs associated with the requirements for participating in the clinical portion of the program which may also include travel costs and specific dress (uniform) requirements.

Re-Admit Policy for OTA Program

- Any student who interrupts the sequence of OTA courses for any reason must contact the OTA Program Director immediately.
- The student will be placed on a waiting list for reinstatement into the OTA program on a first/come/first serve basis.
- The student will re-enter the OTA program on a space available basis with no guarantee that he/she will re-enter in any requested semester or year.
- The student is allowed to repeat one (failed) OTA course.
- The student will not be allowed to be placed on the waiting list a second time.

Who to Contact

Academic Advising – Advising is available at all campuses and extension centers. Be sure to ask for a **Pathways Health Academic Advisor**. For the Catonsville campus call 443-840-4382 or visit the Student Services Center room 102-113. The hours, addresses and phone numbers for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Resources-for-Students/Academic-Advisement/Contact-an-Academic-Advisor.aspx>.

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