Program Description
Tulsa Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program is designed to prepare a student to perform occupational therapy procedures and related tasks under the direction and supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist. The Occupational Therapy Assistant performs various treatment procedures delegated by the Registered Occupational Therapist to patients with physical, psychological, or cognitive disabilities. The Assistant also will work independently in programs to prevent disability and maintain health, such as Activity Director.

Program Information
TCC 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, P O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. AOTAs phone number is (301) 652-2682 (Website: www.aota.org).

Graduates of the program will be able 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). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

Application Process
The program admits one class each year in the summer term. Prospective students are required to complete the application process by January 15 of each year.

Procedures for Application:
1. Submit completed program application form and required materials by January 15 to the Allied Health Services Division located in the Alfred M. Philips Building, room MP458, 909 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74119.

2. All prospective Occupational Therapy Assistant program students must complete an application for enrollment to the College, submit their high school transcripts, ACT scores and previous college transcripts to the Metro Campus Registrars Office at 909 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74119. Incomplete submissions will not be considered for admission into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

3. Acceptance to Tulsa Community College does not guarantee admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

4. Interviews will be granted to applicants who meet the programs minimum requirements. All interviewed applicants will be notified by mail regarding their selection status.

5. In order to enroll in courses that include a clinical component and are part of the program degree plan, students must receive clearance on a criminal background check, including sex offender registry. Potential students need to be aware that drug testing and clearance is a requirement for participation in all clinical components.
All applicants must have the following:

ACT/SAT Composite Scores. A minimum score of 15 or above on the enhanced ACT or 10 on or above on the older ACT assessment is required.

Grade Point Average - Cumulative College Grade Point Average of at least 2.0. (Retention GPA will be considered, if BIO 1314 is completed with a grade of "C" or better). For further information on the retention GPA contact the registrars office.

or

High School GPA (if less than 12 college credit hours) of at least 2.0. High school GPA will be averaged with any college hours taken if college hours are less than 12. The average must be a 2.0.

or

GED scores will be converted to a GPA. A minimum score of 45 is required in each area.

Each interviewed applicant receives points which are weighted as follows: Interview (30 points), GPA (30 points), Writing Sample (20 points), and ACT/SAT scores (10 points). Applicants are ranked from highest to lowest according to their accrued points. Class positions will be assigned in order of rank. Applicants will be notified of their status in the program by April.

Transfer Students:

Students who wish to transfer from another OTA program follow the procedures listed above. When the transfer student is accepted to the program course descriptions from the previous institution are reviewed and compared with courses in the Tulsa Community College program. A plan of study that ensures the student is receiving an education that covers all of the standards required by the accrediting body is developed and proposed to the transfer student. The transfer student accepts or rejects the plan of study and acceptance into the program.

Degree Awarded: Associate in Applied Science

General Education Requirement Hours: 22

Biology 4 hours
*BIOL BIOL 1314 Human Anatomy and Physiology

English 6 hours
*ENGL 1113 Composition I
*ENGL 1213 Composition II

Psychology 3 hours
PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology
and select one course from the following:
*PSYC 2023 Developmental Psychology
*PSYC 2193 Personality Theories

Social Science 6 hours
POLS 1113 American Federal Government
and select one course from the following:
HIST 1483 U.S. History 1492 to Civil War Era
HIST 1493 U.S. History Civil War Era to Present

Special Course Requirements Credit Hours: 46

*OCTA 1203 Introduction to Occupational Therapy
*OCTA 1293 Introduction to Occupational Therapy II
*OCTA 1303 Clinical Conditions, Terminology, and Skills
*OCTA 1352 Neuro Anatomy and Physiology for OTAs
*OCTA 1363 Applied Anatomy for OTAs
*OCTA 1403 Therapeutic Media
*OCTA 1483 Physical Disabilities
*OCTA 1443 Psychosocial Theory and Practice
*OCTA 1502 Fieldwork I
*OCTA 2203 Therapeutic Adaptations
*OCTA 2233 Developmental Disabilities Theory and Practice
*OCTA 2263 Current Trends in Occupational Therapy
*OCTA 2356 Fieldwork II A
*OCTA 2376 Fieldwork II B

Total Credit Hours: 68

*Course has prerequisite (See course description section of catalog). * Course must be completed with a "C" or above. It is recommended that students intending to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy counsel with an OCTA faculty member to select appropriate electives.

*Course must be completed with a "C" or above.

NOTE: An extensive criminal background check, including but not limited to a 7 year county of residence and nationwide criminal history check, national sexual predator screening, Social Security check, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud screening is required by all clinical affiliates. All Allied Health Service students participating in clinical are required to complete these background checks and a drug screening test by the Allied Health Division office deadline and prior to the first clinical rotation. Any positive findings may be subject to review by the clinical affiliates and could prevent the student from completing clinical requirements.