

## Program Features

Choosing Allegany College of Maryland for your Occupational Therapy Assistant training has many advantages:

**Affordable tuition**  
**Small class size**  
**Flexible scheduling**

## Transfer Information

Students should recognize that this program is primarily designed to prepare students to work as Occupational Therapy Assistants after graduation and certification.

Students transferring to some four-year colleges and universities may not receive credit for OTA courses taken at Allegany College of Maryland.

## Continuing Education

OTAs have the opportunity to continue their education by receiving a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. Contact the American Occupational Therapy Association at 301-652-2602 or [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org) for a list of such programs.



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## Program Accreditation

Allegany College of Maryland's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited (August 2014) by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814; 301-652-2682 or <https://acoteonline.org>. 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), One Bank Street, Suite 300, Gaithersburg, MD 20878; 301-990-7979 or <https://secure.nbcot.org/data/schoolstats.aspx>. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) and can obtain licensure in whatever state he/she chooses to be employed.

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## Program Overview

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA), working under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, assists with evaluation and intervention for individuals whose ability to complete daily living tasks is impaired by injury, disease, aging, developmental deficits, or psychosocial dysfunction.

This associate in Applied Science degree is a program designed to prepare students to work as occupational therapy assistants.

**Occupational Therapy Assistants help individuals learn to succeed in:**

- ▶ Self-care
- ▶ School
- ▶ Work
- ▶ Play
- ▶ Leisure skills

**Jobs are found in a variety of places:**

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Hospices
- ▶ Nursing homes
- ▶ Rehabilitation facilities
- ▶ Day care centers
- ▶ Public and private schools
- ▶ Private homes
- ▶ Mental health programs

## Prerequisite Courses (Phase I)

- ▶ Freshman English I
- ▶ Mathematics Elective
- ▶ General Psychology
- ▶ Humanities Elective
- ▶ Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II
- ▶ Human Growth and Development
- ▶ Introduction to Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Diversity and Health Determinants

## Major Course Requirements (Phase II)

- ▶ Dynamics of Human Motion
- ▶ Intervention Techniques I & II
- ▶ Intervention in Physical Rehabilitation
- ▶ Mental Health Concepts & Techniques
- ▶ Intervention with Children and Adolescents
- ▶ Intervention with the Geriatric Population
- ▶ Domain of Occupational Therapy
- ▶ OT Program Development
- ▶ OT Specialty Skills Development
- ▶ Clinical Internship I & II
- ▶ Physical Agent Modalities

▶ **Total Credit Hours: 70**

## Admissions and Application Requirements

The OTA program is a 1+1 program. Students are required to complete all Phase I courses before applying to Phase II. Phase II is a selective admissions process, and completion of Phase I does not guarantee admission into Phase II.

### Phase I Enrollment Requirements

Enrollment requirements are upon acceptance into Phase II, unless requested by the facility where you are completing observation hours.

- ▶ CPR certification
- ▶ Criminal record check
- ▶ Child abuse history clearance (for PA placements only)

### Phase II Enrollment Requirements

- ▶ Successful completion of all Phase I courses with a grade of C or better.
- ▶ Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all Phase I courses.
- ▶ Minimum of 8 volunteer observation hours.\*
- ▶ Deadline to apply: April 15

### \*Other Information

Please note, not all requirements are listed in full detail. For more information on specific requirements, please visit our website at [www.allegany.edu/ota](http://www.allegany.edu/ota).