ALL APPLICANTS:
- You must apply to the OTA Program by the deadline date, meet all the minimum criteria to apply, and submit all the necessary parts of the application packet by **FEBRUARY 15**.
- All **completed** application packets will be reviewed, a decision will be made, and you will be notified of your status, by mid to late April. This program is very competitive with only 24 seats.
- There is no admittance into the OTA Program for the spring semester. However, students can enroll and select from the general education courses for degree completion (BI 150/151, BI 152/153, EN 110, PS 100, PS 202, or SO 100). An OTA department member can help with the selection of appropriate general education courses.

**NOTE:** Students must acquire computer literacy skills prior to enrolling in OT 101 (either established or acquired through CS 101).

**ADMISSION CRITERIA:**
1. **Minimum Grade Point Average:**
   - 80% for high school students within 5 years of prospective admission; or
   - 2.8 over-all GPA for college students, within 5 years of prospective admission
   - Grade point to be verified by official high school and college transcripts.
   - Should an individual only have college GPA information older than 5 years, overall GPA will be considered. Should an individual only have high school GPA information older than 5 years, they need to establish a college GPA with at least some of the OTA general education courses.

2. Waiver from English/Math placement test; or
   - Successful passing scores on the Placement Test: English 110 & higher than the Math 006 level; or
   - Successful completion of developmental English and Math

**A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET INCLUDES:**
1. An online application, indicating OTA as your program of choice for Fall Admission.
2. Submission of an entrance essay (formal, typed document, with a title page) addressing all of the following (type your name on all pages of your document):
   - Demonstrate your research into the field of Occupational Therapy by describing the roles and responsibilities of an Occupational Therapy Assistant in two diverse areas of practice. Identify, compare, and contrast the roles and responsibilities of the OTA and OT.
   - Describe your plan for balancing personal life and academic responsibilities to optimize your ability to be successful in this rigorous program of study.
   - Describe personal attributes, accomplishments, and experiences you believe will contribute most to your effectiveness and success as an Occupational Therapy Assistant.
   - Explain your reasons for entering the field at the Occupational Therapy Assistant level. Entry point degrees for the field of Occupational Therapy are as an Occupational Therapist and as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. What are your reasons for pursuing the OTA degree?
3. Complete 15 hours (minimally) of observation, volunteering or shadowing in an occupational therapy area of practice. Provide a signed certificate of completion or signed letter of completion, on facility letterhead, in a sealed envelope. You may distribute your observation/shadowing hours across two areas of practice. Volunteer, observation, or shadowing hours must be completed within a year of application deadline to be considered valid.

*Send your entrance essay and proof of volunteer hours to:*
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