

Ivy Tech Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

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WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Start a meaningful career in a high-demand field. The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program combines in-person classes, hands-on lab experiences, and community-based clinical training. This hybrid format prepares you for licensure and equips you with the real-world skills to thrive as a confident, compassionate OTA.

CAREER OPTIONS

The Ivy Tech Occupational Therapy Assistant program prepares students for OTA careers in:

- In-home and Community-based settings (outpatient)
- Schools, Education
- Private and Corporate Facilities (private practice, hospitals)
- Specialty Practice, Business, Emerging Areas (management)

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Students interested in the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program must **apply to Ivy Tech first** using the Ivy Tech [general application](#) and apply for the Healthcare Specialist program with an interest in Occupational Therapy Assistant. NOTE: Ivy Tech is not able to accept applications to the OTA program until March 15, 2026, but current Ivy Tech students may apply for the program through the [online application](#) for health science programs. Pre-requisite courses must be completed by the end of Spring 2026 to apply for the OTA program that starts in Fall (August) 2026! Note: This Ivy Tech associate-degree-level occupational therapy assistant program has applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. *The program must be granted Candidacy Status, have a pre-accreditation 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).*

Ivy Tech's Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) is a full-time, daytime program with limited admission. The program will prepare you for a career in occupational therapy assisting, but students can follow varied routes upon achieving the degree:

- After graduation, pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy NBCOT® exam. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a licensed, certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).
- Transfer credits smoothly to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree that will empower students to pursue an advanced degree and/or future as an Occupational Therapist.

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HOW TO APPLY

Future Students:

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Current Ivy Tech Students

Current Ivy Tech Students: After you've completed your prerequisite courses, you may apply for the program through the online application for health science programs. Official OTA Program applications will be accepted next year, March 15th-May 15th, 2026. No late applications will be accepted and students planning to use transfer credits from another institution must have pre-requisites completed **by the end of December 2025** in order to be considered for the Fall/August 2026 inaugural OTA class

Selective admissions

The Occupational Therapy Assisting (OTA) program at Ivy Tech has a selective admissions process, which means not all students who apply to the program will be accepted.

Professional certifications

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program is designed as a terminal-degree program that prepares students to immediately enter the workforce upon graduation and licensure obtainment as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). While obtaining licensure is not guaranteed by the program, Ivy Tech works hard to prepare our students to satisfy requirements and pass the NBCOT® exam required for licensure to practice as an OTA.

Time to Complete

An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) degree requires students to complete a total of 63 credit hours, including one summer session between Year One and Year Two of coursework.

Required Courses

The courses required to complete 63 credit hours include:

- 21 general education course credits
- 41 program-specific course credits
- 1 student success credit (college requirement)

Prerequisite Courses Required for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program:

Completion of the following required prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher is required for admission consideration to the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program:

Prerequisite Courses

Course Name	Credit Hours
Anatomy & Physiology I APHY 101	3 credit hours
English Composition ENG 111	3 credit hours
Quantitative Reasoning (or above) MATH 123	3 credit hours
Intro to Interpersonal Comm./Public Speaking COMM 101 OR 102	3 credit hours
Introduction to Psychology PSYC 101	3 credit hours
Student Success IVYT 1XX (Ivy Tech requirement) *IVYT 1XX (student selects section) is a 1-credit college requirement (not a pre-req) that can be taken anytime, and not required to apply as a pre-req	1 credit hour

The Assessment Technologies Institute's (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required as part of the admissions process by the Ivy Tech School of Health Sciences programs.

Preparing for the TEAS TEST

A good time for a high school student to take the ATI TEAS test is during the last semester of high school or upon graduation. If an interested student graduated from high school over a year ago, the test should be taken after review of high school content and/or after at least some of the prerequisite courses OTA program have been completed. TEAS testing must be completed by **April 30th, 2026** in order to be considered for the corresponding Fall/August application period (**March 15th-May 15th, 2026**). Due to processing time for the ATI TEAS to appear in the student's application, it is recommended that testing times be scheduled 2 to 4 weeks prior to the posted TEAS test deadline date.

Note: All candidates must also attend an Ivy Tech OTA information session prior to applying.

Upcoming Virtual OTA Program Info Sessions:

Saturday Sessions:	Monday Sessions:
Feb 28, 2026	April 13, 2026
March 28, 2026	May 11, 2026
May 2, 2026	Time: 7:00 PM EST
Time: 9:30 AM EST	

Zoom Link



<https://ivytech.zoom.us/j/99623473538>