



Careers in the Licensed Professions

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Occupational therapy assistants (OTA) provide occupational therapy and client related services under the direction and supervision of an Occupational Therapist (OT) or Physician. These services can include but are not limited to:

- contributing to evaluations by gathering data, reporting observations and conducting assessments;
- assisting the supervising OT or Physician in making determinations on treatment plans;
- carrying out activities and/or treatment programs developed by the supervising OT or Physician;
- recognizing and suspending any treatment that appears harmful and alerting supervisor.

Education

OTA: Associate degree in a department-registered occupational therapy assistant licensure program, an OTA program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), or equivalent.

Examination

Examinations of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy

Salary and Projected Growth

- OTA salary range: \$51,984-\$78,015
- Projected growth: faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Hospitals and nursing homes
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Schools
- Home care agencies

Your Interests and Abilities

- Health-related sciences
- Helping people affected by injury or disability
- Mental and behavioral health

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Dependability
- Patience
- Communication

