



HUERTAS COLLEGE

INSTITUCIÓN LÍDER, FORJANDO LÍDERES

Vice Presidency of Academic and Students Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate Degree Program in Occupational Therapy Assistant prepares students to perform successfully as an occupational therapy assistant in different work scenarios. Based on the standards established by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), the program intends to graduate health allied professionals following the trends and competencies of the profession. The graduate can, under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, implement intervention plans to work towards the rehabilitation of people with special needs. The program is also based on knowledge of scientific human behavior and the social sciences. All graduates will be prepared to take the ATO examination board established by law and work as an occupational therapy assistant in Puerto Rico and the United States. The requirements to take the examination board are: applicant must be 18 years or older and a Puerto Rico resident, for the past six months, prior to the application test date. All occupational therapist assistants should submit to the board a diploma or graduation certification, as well as an official credit transcript, and a negative certificate of penal record.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

FIRST SEMESTER

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
ATOC 4301	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	3
BIOL 1124R	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 1134	Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I	1
SOC 1015	General Psychology	3
REME 2201	Medical Terminology	<u>3</u>
	Total	13

SECOND SEMESTER

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
ATOC 4302	Applied Kinesiology Occupational Therapy	1
ATOC 4302L	Applied Kinesiology Occupational Therapy Laboratory	2
ATOC 4303	Psychosocial Area Occupational Therapy	3
BIOL 1125	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 1135	Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory II	1
ESP 1021	Basic Spanish I	<u>3</u>
	Total	13

THIRD SEMESTER

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
ATOC 4304	Pediatric Occupation Theory	3
ATOC 4305	Occupational Therapy Applied to the Psychosocial Area	1
ATOC 4305L	Occupational Therapy Applied to the Psychosocial Area Laboratory	2
ATOC 4306	Health Concepts in Physical Dysfunction	2
ATOC 4306L	Health Concepts in Physical Dysfunction Laboratory	1
ESP 1022	Basic Spanish II	<u>3</u>
Total		12

FOURTH SEMESTER

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
ATOC 4307	Pediatric Therapeutic Media	2
ATOC 4307L	Pediatric Therapeutic Media Laboratory	2
ATOC 4308	Psychosocial Therapeutic Media	1
ATOC 4308L	Psychosocial Therapeutic Media Laboratory	2
ATOC 4309	Clinical Experience Level I	2
ING 1031	Basic English I	3
MAT 1041	General Mathematics	<u>3</u>
Total		15

FIFTH SEMESTER

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
ATOC 4310	Occupational Therapy Ethics and Effective Documentation	2
ATOC 4311	Physical Dysfunction Therapeutic Media	1
ATOC 4311L	Physical Dysfunction Therapeutic Media Laboratory	2
ATOC 4312	Geriatrics Occupational Therapy	2
ATOC 4313	Occupational Therapy Assistive Technology	2
ING 1032	Basic English II	<u>3</u>
Total		12

SIXTH SEMESTER

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
ATOC 4314	Clinical Experience Level II	<u>14</u>
Total		14

The courses of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree Program must be approved with a minimum grade of "C". The laboratory courses must be approved with a minimum grade of "B".

Total Credits: 79, Duration: 24 months

CREDITS DISTRIBUTION	
General Education Courses	18
Related Courses	11
Major Courses	34
Internship/Practice	<u>16</u>
Total Credits	79

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is currently in the AOTA accreditation process with the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) during a two year period. ACOTE is located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. Acote's telephone number is: (301)652-AOTA and its Web Address is: www.acoteonline.org. If the institution obtains the accreditation, students admitted in the program will be able to take the national board examination of the U.S., otherwise they may take the Puerto Rico board examination.