

# Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Associate Degree

Newport County Campus • Applications for Fall 2020-22 • OCTA

Program start date: Fall • Evening/Weekend program

## Admissions Guidelines

### Minimum requirements to apply to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program:

1. Complete a CCRI application for enrollment into General Studies with a Pre-Occupational Therapy Assistant concentration.
  2. Submit an official copy of your high school transcript or GED® transcript that includes your graduation date. If you hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, submit an official copy of your college transcript which must indicate the degree awarded.
  3. Complete a required standardized test Accuplacer administered by CCRI through the Department of Advising and Counseling. Competency of at least 250 for Next Generation Accuplacer and 75 for the Classic Accuplacer is required for reading comprehension or completion of ENGL 0890: Critical Reading or ENGL 0950: Integrated Critical Reading and Writing with a grade of "B-" or better.
  4. Completion of RHAB 1100: Foundational Kinesiology is recommended and may be considered in the performance-based acceptance process.
  5. Completion of the following required prerequisite courses with a grade of "B-" or better. (These courses are limited to two attempts.)
    - BIOL 1010: Human Anatomy or BIOL 2201: Anatomy & Physiology 1 (A&P1)
    - OCTA 1000: Introduction to Occupational Therapy
    - RHAB 1010: Medical Terminology for Rehab Health
  6. Completion of the following required prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better. (These courses are limited to two attempts.)
    - BIOL 1020: Human Physiology or BIOL 2202: Anatomy & Physiology 2 (A&P2)
    - MATH 1025: Introduction to college Math or MATH 1200, 2110, 1139, 1138, 1175, 1240, 1241, 1179, 1181, 2077, 2138, 2111, 2141, 2142, 2243. (The highest grade earned in any of these courses will be calculated in the point system.)
    - ENGL 1010: Composition I (ENGL 1300 will not substitute.)
    - PSYC 2010: General Psychology
    - PSYC 2030: Developmental Psychology
    - COMM 1100: Public Speaking
- Note: All attempts prior to Aug. 31, 2016, including transfers, are considered to be ONE attempt regardless of the number of times the class was taken.**
7. A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better for all college courses taken.
  8. Complete **Preadmission Degree Evaluation**.
  9. Complete and submit a **Performance-Based Health Sciences Application Form**. Please note the performance criteria located on the back of this form. The application and instructions can be found at <http://www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/index.html>.

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*All the above requirements must be completed satisfactorily BEFORE submission of the Performance-Based Health Sciences application and do not guarantee acceptance to the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a Performance-Based Health Sciences application for the program and meet the current admission requirements for the application period in which they reapply. Once accepted into the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Rehabilitative Health Department.*

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**Technical standards:** The physical activity level for the Occupational Therapy Assistant is classified as "medium" by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles. Students must have the ability to perform essential physical skills and demonstrate the cognitive and behavioral skills or be able to perform them using compensatory techniques and/or adaptive devices. These essential skills can be found at [http://www.ccri.edu/rehabhealth/OCTA/essential\\_skills.html](http://www.ccri.edu/rehabhealth/OCTA/essential_skills.html).

Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from the Office of Enrollment Services. Final acceptance to the program is dependent on the results of the background check. A felony conviction will not preclude admission to the program. However, it can impact Level I and II fieldwork placement availability, as well as graduate eligibility for certification and credentialing. No incident or probation can have occurred within the past seven years. Applicants convicted of a felony will need to comply with state licensure requirements from the Rhode Island Department of Health. For more information, contact the department chairperson.

### General policies following acceptance

After being accepted and prior to beginning the program:

- Students must have a physical examination and required immunizations completed prior to starting the program.
- Students must have a current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider Level) obtained through an American Heart Association-recognized community training center (course is available at CCRI, HEAL 0200).

**For more information;** visit [www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.shtml](http://www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.shtml)

Contact Deborah Watson on the Newport County Campus at [dwatson@ccri.edu](mailto:dwatson@ccri.edu).

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Please Note: requirements are subject to change.

# OCTA Program Admission Criteria Point System

The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the OTA program. A point system has been assigned to each of the performance criteria listed in the admissions information on the CCRI website.

The criteria will include:

- Program GPA:
- Grades in BIOL 1010 or BIOL 2201, BIOL 1020 or BIOL 2202, COMM 1100, ENGL 1010, MATH 1025 (or other approved math courses), PSYC 2010, PSYC 2030, RHAB 1010 and OCTA 1000
  - The above are prerequisite courses
- Accuplacer Reading score

**Average program and prerequisite GPA**

**Points**

- Average GPA X 10  
(Example: 3.67 X 10 = 36.7) Maximum 40

**Grades in the prerequisite courses using the following scale:**

| Grades | Points |
|--------|--------|
| A      | 40     |
| A-     | 37     |
| B+     | 33     |
| B      | 30     |
| B-     | 27     |
| C+     | 23     |
| C      | 20     |

- Grade in BIOL 1010 or BIOL 2201
- Grade in BIOL 1020 or BIOL 2202
- Grade in MATH 1025
- Grade in ENGL 1010
- Grade in COMM 1100
- Grade in PSYC 2010
- Grade in PSYC 2030
- Grade in RHAB 1010
- Grade in OCTA 1000

Maximum 360

**Reading score**

- Classic Accuplacer Score of 87 to 120 OR  
Next Generation Accuplacer score of 263 to 300 28-40 pts
- OR
- OR
  - Bachelor's degree or higher 40
  - ENGL 0890 or ENGL 0950 Grade of A 40

| Next Generation Score | Performance Points | Classic Score |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 263 – 268             | 28                 | 87 - 91       |
| 269 - 274             | 30                 | 92 - 96       |
| 275 – 280             | 32                 | 97 - 101      |
| 281 – 286             | 34                 | 102 - 107     |
| 287 – 292             | 36                 | 108 - 112     |
| 293 – 298             | 38                 | 113 - 117     |
| 299 – 300             | 40                 | 118 - 120     |

**Maximum point total**

**440 points**

In the event of a tie in the performance rating, students who have completed RHAB 1100: Foundational Kinesiology will receive preference over those who have not and further preference will be given according to the grade achieved using the following point system.

**Maximum tie-breaker points**

**240 points**

**Grade in RHAB 1100**

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| A (94-100) = 40 points | B+ (87-89) = 33 points | C+ (77-79) = 23 points |
| A- (90-93) = 37 points | B (84-86) = 30 points  | C (70-77) = 20 points  |
|                        | B- (80-83) = 27 points |                        |

**Credits granted through AP, CLEP, challenge exams or assessment for prior learning will be recognized as satisfying course requirements and will be assigned points equivalent to a “B.”**

*Please review the Rhode Island Department of Health website at [www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php](http://www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php) to learn about licensing requirements for the health sciences professions.*

**Please Note:** A Social Security number is required to begin the licensing process for the health sciences professions.