



Pursue an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant paired with a Bachelor of Science in Community and Public Health

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT AND COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH

At the University of Southern Indiana, we understand the importance of versatility and expertise in the healthcare field. Our innovative program allows you to pursue an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) simultaneously with a Bachelor of Science in Community and Public Health. This combination gives you a competitive edge in the job market and opens up a world of career opportunities.

Benefits of the dual degree option

Comprehensive education: Gain a strong foundation in both occupational therapy and health services, making you an asset to healthcare organizations that value versatile professionals.

Hands-on experience: Engage in immersive clinical experiences and internships, where you will apply your skills and knowledge in real healthcare settings.

Enhanced career prospects: The dual degree option prepares you for diverse roles, including occupational therapy assistants, healthcare administrators and other healthcare related positions.

Time and cost efficiency: By pursuing both degrees concurrently, you save time and tuition costs compared to completing them separately.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of both degree programs will have a wide range of career options in the healthcare industry. Some potential career paths include:

Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA): Work alongside occupational therapists to assist patients in regaining independence and improving their daily living skills.

Healthcare Administrator: Manage healthcare facilities, plan and coordinate services and ensure the smooth operation of medical organizations.

Public Health Coordinator: Collaborate with communities and organizations to promote health and wellness initiatives and disease prevention.

At the University of Southern Indiana's Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions, we are committed to empowering students like you to become skilled, compassionate and forward-thinking healthcare professionals. Embark on an exciting journey, making a positive impact on individuals and communities alike.

Ignite your healthcare career with this pathway to a dual degree!

Apply now and unlock endless possibilities in the world of healthcare!

ACCREDITATION

The University of Southern Indiana is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. The USI Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 510E, North Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number, c/o AOTA, is (301) 652-6611, and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant and Bachelor of Science in Community & Public Health Curriculum

Students will work closely with an advisor to determine an individual schedule.

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FIRST YEAR

FALL – 15 credit hours			SPRING – 15 credit hours		
ENG 101*	Rhetoric and Composition I	3	ENG 201	Rhetoric and Composition II	3
BIOL 121*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIOL 122*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CMST 101 OR 107	Introduction to Public Speaking OR Interpersonal Communication	3	PSY 201*	Introduction to Psychology	3
MATH 114	Quantitative Reasoning	3	SOC 121	Principles of Sociology	3
UNIV 101*	First Year Experience	1	HP 115	Medical Terminology	2
KIN 192	Concepts of Health and Wellness	1			

*The first-year classes marked with * must be completed by the end of Summer I for students beginning the OTA program.
Grades in courses marked with * are included in admission GPA for the OTA program.*

SECOND YEAR

FALL – 15 credit hours			SPRING – 15 credit hours			SUMMER – 12 credit hours		
OTA 213	Pathophysiology and Conditions I	3	OTA 214	Pathophysiology and Conditions II	3	OTA 298	Practicum Seminar B	2
OTA 221	Technical Communication	3	OTA 242	Occupational Performance Components II	5	OTA 344	Occupational Performance Areas II	4
OTA 231	Therapeutic Media	3	OTA 297	Practicum Seminar A	2	OTA 345	Occupational Performance in Pediatrics	3
OTA 232	Media and Modalities	2	OTA 343	Occupational Performance Areas Components	5	OTA 372	Management for Occupational Therapy Assistants	3
OTA 241	Occupational Performance Components I	4						

THIRD YEAR

FALL – 15 credit hours			SPRING – 15 credit hours		
OTA 397	Technical Fieldwork A	3	IPH 356	Ethics & Healthcare in a Pluralistic Society	3
OTA 398	Technical Fieldwork B	3	GERO 318	Healthy Aging	3
GERO 215	Introduction to Global Aging & Healthcare	3	—	BS World Language & Culture	3
HP 211	Healthcare System & Policy	3	—	CPH Methods/Processing Elective	3
PH 284	Public Health	3	—	CPH Methods/Processing Elective	3

FOURTH YEAR

FALL – 15 credit hours			SPRING – 15 credit hours		
GERO 317	Health Care Continuum & Community Services	3	HP 481	Capstone	3
HP 305	Structure & Theory: Public Health & Health Promotion	3	HP 498	Current Concepts in Health Professions	3
HP 475	Professionalism in Health Care	3	HP 302	Biostatistics	3
PH 484	Environmental Health	3	PH 486	Public Health Administration	3
PH 485	Epidemiology	3	—	CPH Methods/Processing Elective	3

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