

Degree Requirements

The Associate in Applied Science Occupational Therapy Assistant degree consists of 60 credit hours, which includes sixteen (16) weeks of full-time fieldwork in occupational therapy settings under the supervision of an occupational therapist. The degree consists of fifteen (15) credit hours of academic courses, five (5) credit hours of technical courses, and forty (40) credit hours of program-specific courses.

Requirements for Academic Progression

The OTA faculty of Navarro College are committed to ensuring that each student has opportunities to experience success while enrolled in the OTA coursework. Common reasons for withdrawal from the OTA Program include academic, health, financial, and/or personal reasons. Students experiencing difficulty and considering withdrawal from the program are encouraged to meet with the program director to discuss options.

Progression Requirements:

- The student must complete proof of required or state mandated health screenings and immunizations and CPR training prior to client contact, which includes coursework and fieldwork education (clinical and practicum level), or they will not be allowed to continue in the program.
- Occupational therapy courses must be taken in sequential order. Students are not allowed to “jump ahead” in occupational therapy coursework.
- A student who interrupts the sequence of OTHA courses may require additional coursework to ensure clinical readiness. Faculty will determine if a student will be required to take additional courses prior to readmission to the program.
- All coursework (core courses and OTHA courses) must be taken prior to Level II fieldwork and must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better in order for a student to be eligible to proceed with Level II fieldwork. Refer to OTA Fieldwork Manual for specific policies.
- If for any reason a student must withdraw from the OTA program, readmission will require approval of the Program Director. (**Refer to Readmission Procedure**)
- Interruption of sequence of studies may require additional coursework to help ensure clinical readiness.
- A felony conviction may affect the student’s ability to progress with coursework, sit for the NBCOT certification examination, and/or obtain state licensure.

Grade Requirements

A minimum grade of C (≥ 75) must be earned in each occupational therapy course to progress in the program. All additional coursework (non-OTHA courses) require a grade of C (≥ 70) or better to complete the program. The final grade for each Level II fieldwork rotation will be graded and recorded as either pass or fail. Refer to page 38 for the grading system.

A student receiving a grade less than a “C” in an OTHA course will be academically dismissed from the program. The student can apply for readmission into the program during the next open application period if eligible. (**Refer to Readmission Procedure**)

Time Limits

Entry into Level II fieldwork must occur within six (6) months of completing academic studies or the student will be dismissed from the program. Completion of Level II fieldwork must occur within sixteen (16) months of completion of academic studies.

The entire program must be completed within four (4) years of registration of the first OTHA course.