

RETENTION POLICY

The OTA Program and the Texas Higher Education Board (THECB) tracks retention rates of occupational therapy assistant students. Common reasons for withdrawal from an OTA Program include academic, health, financial, and/or personal reasons. The OTA faculty of Navarro College is committed to ensuring that each student has opportunities for success while enrolled in OTA coursework. Students having difficulty in OTA coursework and are considering withdrawal from the program are encouraged to meet with the Program Director to discuss options.

The following retention policies apply:

1. Students in the Navarro College OTA Program are required to achieve a minimum grade of “C” in each course.
2. A student receiving a grade less than a “C” in an OTHA course will be academically dismissed from the program. The student can reapply for admission into the program during the next open application period if eligible.
3. All additional coursework (non OTHA courses) require a grade of “C” or better to complete the program.
4. If for any reason a student must withdraw from the OTA program, readmission will require approval of the Program Director. (Refer to re-admission policies)
5. 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 fieldwork handbook)
6. Students who interrupt 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.
7. Students must complete proof of required or state mandated health screenings and immunizations and CPR training prior to fieldwork education (clinical and practicum level), or they will be dismissed from the program.
8. Within six months of completing all academic studies and OTA courses, students must enter Level II Fieldwork, or they will be dismissed from the program.