

To:

Dr. Lynne Rowan, Director of School of Speech Pathology and Audiology

From:

Harriett S. Bynum, OCAT Program Director

Date:

May 13, 2009

Re:

Program Change

The faculty and administration of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology Program have determined the need to increase the admission GPA requirement from 2.5 to 2.7. Attached you will find the CCP form and proposal summary explaining the rationale for the revision of this program requirement. Please forward the forms through the various departments. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at 77426 or email hbynum@kent.edu.

Proposal Summary

Title: Revision of the OCAT Program Minimum Admission Grade Point Average

Subject Specification: The intent of this proposal is to increase the OCAT program minimum admission grade point average from 2.5 to 2.7.

Background Information: This proposal is designed to raise the GPA admission requirement for the OCAT Program from 2.5 to 2.7 to increase student success in meeting OCAT program requirements for graduation. The rationale for increasing the admission GPA is as follows:

1. Students who have a GPA between 2.5 and 2.7 typically have difficulties completing program requirements successfully. These students either withdraw or fail related or core OCAT courses or withdraw or were dismissed from the program. This can be illustrated by reviewing numbers of the past three years:

2005-2007	Percentage of students	Graduates 2007-2009
Admission GPA	Who Had Difficulties	Completing the Program
2.5-2.6	89%	55%
2.7-3.0	12%	100%

Students with an admission GPA of 2.7-3.0 are able to complete the OCAT program successfully and with fewer difficulties.

2. The GPA requirement for other allied health programs at KSU is 2.7 or 2.75. The OCAT program GPA admission requirement would conform with that of other allied health program if it is increased to 2.7. Some student who are not accepted in other allied health program, turn to the OCAT program for admission. These students often have lower grade point averages, but meet OCAT Program admission requirement. Again, these students have difficulties completing the OCAT program successfully.

Raising the miniimum GPA will not impact the program fiscally. There has been an increased interest in the program and new classes have been full.

Alternatives and Consequences: The altrnative would be to maintain the current OCAT program minimum admission grade point average at 2.5. the consequence would be program acceptance of students with lower GPAs who may have to withdraw or will be dismissed from the program resulting in decreased OCAT retention rates. The percentage of students meeting program demands will continue to be mediocre (67%).

Specific Recommendation and Justification: Increase OCAT program minimum grade point average requirement from 2.5 to 2.7 to improve student retention and passage to the national certification examination.

Timetable and Actions Required:

Dr. Rowan, Director of Speech Pathology & Audiology, May 13, 2009

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

		Preparation Date	e 14-Apr-09	Curriculum Bulletin		
		Effective Date	Spring 2010	Approved by EPC		
Department	Regional Campus	es	1			
College	EH - Education, H	ealth and Human	Services			
Degree	AAS - Associate o	f Applied Science				
Program Name	Occupational The	erapy Assistant ⁻	Technology	Program Code OCAT		
Concentration(s)	Conce	ntration(s) Code(s	s)			
Proposal	Revise Program R	equirement				
Description of propo To increase the mini 2.7. This would be in	mum grade point a			o the OCAT Program from 2.5 to ut the University.		
Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours? Yes No Current total credit hours: 68 Proposed total credit hours 68 Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., encroachment and duplication issues;						
enrollment and staff There will be no imp	•	•	orerequisites; te	acher education licensure):		
Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal): OCAT Programs on East Liverpool and Ashtabula Campuses						
Department Chair	School Director / Ca	REQUIRED EN	511/	van <u>5 112 109</u> 5/18/09		
College Dean	***************************************					
Executive Dean of F	Regional Campuses	/ Dean of Gradua	ate Studies	and a second sec		
Senior Vice Preside	nt for Academic Aff	airs and Provost				