



Dear Occupational Therapy Assistant Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) programs of Kent State University at Ashtabula and East Liverpool. This Associate of Applied Science degree is offered in three convenient formats:

Program Cohort	Application Deadline	Program Start	Graduation Date
<b>Ashtabula Campus Hybrid Full-time</b>	<b>March 1, 2024</b>	June 2024	December 2025
<b>Ashtabula Campus Hybrid, Flex Part-time</b>	<b>March 1, 2024</b>	June 2024	December 2026
<b>East Liverpool Traditional Face to Face</b>	<b>April 30, 2024</b>	August 2024	May 2026

Successful completion of this program prepares you to be eligible to practice Occupational Therapy anywhere in the country, in various settings, and with many different types of patients. As an Occupational Therapy Assistant, you will enjoy a rewarding career that enables you to change your life while helping to improve the lives of many people.

To assist in learning about Occupational Therapy as a career and preparing for our OTA Program, the following information is included in this packet:

- ▶ Occupational Therapy as a career and OTA responsibilities, functions, and benefits
- ▶ Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Kent State University
  - Application procedures and admissions process
  - Selection process
  - List of program courses
  - 2 Occupational Therapy Observation forms

For more information or to schedule an appointment with an advisor, please contact

Ashtabula Campus: Theresa Hootman, Allied Health Administrative Clerk  
440-964-4252 or [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)

East Liverpool Campus: Nina Sullivan, AFWC and Program Advisor  
330-382-7457 or [nssulliv@kent.edu](mailto:nssulliv@kent.edu)

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Occupational therapy is a health rehabilitation profession that uses activities/occupations as treatment to help people of all ages perform the skills they need to live as independently as possible.

**Certified occupational therapy assistants (COTAs)** assist with the evaluation and treatment of individuals with or at risk for injuries, illnesses, cognitive impairments, psychosocial dysfunctions, mental illness, developmental or learning disabilities, physical disabilities, or other disorders or conditions. Under the supervision of registered occupational therapists (OTRs), COTAs:

- (1) contribute to the evaluation process through the administration of assessments (standardized and non-standardized) for which they have established competency; and
- (2) implement therapeutic interventions which use purposeful activity and occupations for developing, improving, sustaining or restoring function in areas of performance and wellness including, but not limited to, daily living skills, work performance, educational performance skills, and leisure capacities.

The client factors and performance skills are the elements of performance in which COTAs intervene for the purpose of attaining an individual's highest level of functional independence within the appropriate environmental context. Under the supervision of an OTR, COTAs also assist in the design, development, adaptation, application or training in the use of assistive technology devices and orthotic devices; training in the use of prosthetic devices; application of physical agent modalities; and the adaptation of environments and processes to enhance functional performance.

Therapists typically work during regular daytime hours, but evening, early morning, and weekend hours are available in some settings. Therapists can choose between full-time, part-time, or on-call/per diem schedules. School-based therapists often enjoy having summers off. Other types of therapy offer even more flexibility, such as home health therapy, which allows therapists to schedule patient treatments at his or her discretion.

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## CAREER INFORMATION

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Upon successful completion of the program, entry-level occupational therapy assistants are qualified to:

1. Plan and carry out occupational therapy intervention programs, with appropriate supervision, to prevent deficits and to maintain or improve function in daily living skills and in underlying client factors, e.g., muscle strength, range of motion, coordination, cognition, and visual-spatial perceptions.
2. Participate in managing Occupational Therapy services.
3. Direct activity programs.
4. Incorporate values and attitudes congruent with the profession's standards and ethics.

The job market for OTAs continues to have an excellent outlook. The U. S. Department of Labor states that the OTA job outlook shows growth much faster than average and projects that from 2020-2030 the need for OTAs will increase by 34% with a projected need for an additional 16,800 OTAs (<http://www.bls.gov>). The national median OTA salary for 2021 is reported at \$61,520. The Ohio median salary for an OTA is \$61,760.

Occupational Therapy Assistants are employed in both traditional and nontraditional settings including acute care hospitals, rehabilitation centers, schools, nursing homes, home health agencies, and mental health facilities.

Graduates with an Associate of Applied Science degree may advance their career by attending other schools to receive a Master or Doctorate Degree in Occupational Therapy, including weekend or distance learning programs. A complete listing may be found at <http://www.aota.org/en/Education-Careers/Find-School.aspx>.

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## ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

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Essential functions describe required skills and abilities for completion of the OTA program and to work as a generalist occupational therapy assistant. This list is a summary of essential functions students are required to meet throughout program coursework and fieldwork experiences. Additional information can be found at <http://www.online.onetcenter.org>.

### **Motor Capabilities:**

1. Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
2. Transfer patients who may require physical assistance.
3. Guard and assist patients with ambulation, dressing, grooming and feeding tasks.
4. Perform therapeutic techniques, including applying resistance during exercise.
5. Lift and carry up to 50 pounds and exert up to 100 pounds of force (push/pull).
6. Squat, crawl, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, kneel, use standing balance, and climb stairs.
7. Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity.
8. Adjust, apply, and clean therapeutic equipment.
9. Perform CPR.
10. Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.
11. In the average clinical day, students sit 1-2 hours, stand 6-7 hours and travel 1-3 hours.

### **Sensory Capabilities:**

1. Convey verbal and manual instruction.
2. Assess patient's posture and response to treatment.
3. Respond in a timely manner to a timer, alarm or cries for help.
4. Monitor vital signs, changes in patient status, skin changes, etc.
5. Auditory, visual, and tactile abilities sufficient to assess patient status and perform treatments.

### **Communication Abilities:**

1. Communicate effectively, concisely, and accurately in English with patients, families and other healthcare providers; both verbal and written. (Examples: explain treatment procedures, teach patients and caregivers, document in charts.)
2. Effectively adapt communication for intended audience.
3. Interact and establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds, treating all fairly and equally.
4. Assume the role of a healthcare team member.
5. Function effectively under supervision.

**Problem Solving Abilities:**

1. Function effectively under stress.
2. Respond appropriately to emergencies.
3. Adhere to infection control procedures.
4. Demonstrate problem-solving skills in patient care. (Measure, calculate, reason, prioritize and synthesize data.)
5. Use sound judgment and safety precautions.
6. Address questions and/or problems to the appropriate person at the appropriate times.
7. Organize and prioritize job tasks.
8. Follow policies and procedures required by clinical and academic settings.
9. Develop skills to choose appropriate treatment ideas to fit patient needs and capabilities.

**Behavior Abilities**

1. Maintain patient confidentiality in accordance with site policies and applicable laws.
2. Demonstrate self-control, keeping emotions in check and controlling anger even in difficult situations.
3. Take constructive criticism and apply it to improve behavior and skills.
4. Manage time effectively.
5. Demonstrate conduct always reflecting professional and ethical behavior.
6. Demonstrate reliability, responsibility, dependability and fulfillment of obligations.

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

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The OTA Program at Kent State University prepares students to become an OTA in today's healthcare field. The program includes Occupational Therapy and related classes and fieldwork rotation experiences in varied therapy settings.

### Degree

An Associate of Applied Science Degree is granted following the successful completion of the program requirements. Program graduates are eligible to take the national certification examination. Upon successful completion of the exam and licensure, graduates will be qualified to begin practicing as an OTA.

### Accreditation

The occupational therapy assistant programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org).

### Credentialing

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

### Cohorts

Ashtabula campus offers:

- Full-time hybrid program features:
  - lecture content presented online asynchronously,
  - labs completed on campus on just one day per week
  - fieldwork experiences in a wide range of settings and geographical locations
  - complete technical study in just 18 months
- Flex part-time hybrid program (students may choose this option prior to or during the second semester of technical study)
  - same convenient hybrid program with labs one day week
  - allows busy students to continue through the program at a slower pace of 3 classes per semester (6-8 credits each)
  - complete program in a total of three years

East Liverpool campus offers:

- Traditional face-to-face program
  - Lecture and lab content presented on campus in traditional format
  - Fieldwork experiences in a wide range of settings and locations
  - Complete technical study in as little as 20 months/5 semesters

### Transfer Students

Students may take open enrollment (non-OTA) courses at other institutions. More transfer credit information can be found at <https://www.kent.edu/credittransfer/transferring-credit-coursework-exams-and-military-experience>.

### Student Expectations

The OTA program is an intensive program. Before applying, each student should give careful consideration regarding their ability to meet all program requirements. Considerations include:

- Ability to work online independently and meet regular course deadlines.
- Travel and regular attendance to on-campus classes and labs.
- Schedule flexibility for completing required fieldwork hours.
- Availability for 25 or more hours per week of class preparation and study, outside of lab and fieldwork (12-15 hours for part-time track).

Many students work part-time while enrolled in the program, but this is dependent upon the flexibility of the student's job, the number of courses that the student has completed prior to entering the program, and the semester schedule. Please discuss with the OTA advisor if you plan to work while in the OTA Program.

All students accepted into the program will be required to complete state and federal background checks prior to attending fieldwork experiences. Felony convictions may result in the following:

- Fieldwork sites may refuse admission to OTA students with a conviction. If a student is unable to complete the clinical portions of the program, he/she will be unable to complete the OTA program.
- OTA graduates with convictions may be denied the opportunity to take the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification exam. OTA applicants with convictions are referred to [www.nbcot.org](http://www.nbcot.org) for more information.
- OTA graduates with convictions may be denied permission to obtain a license to practice. OTA applicants are referred to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board at <http://otptat.ohio.gov> for more information.

**Important note: A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.**

For additional counseling, contact the OTA program advisor.

# HYBRID PROGRAM RESOURCES

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## Technology Requirements

Students in the OTA Program must have access to sufficient technology for successful participation. The Online Learning Page at KSU provides detailed information on technology requirements (<https://www.kent.edu/onlinelearning>). **PLEASE NOTE: Mobile Devices are not recommended for some program applications, such as exams.**

### Hardware requirements

- A laptop or desktop with a minimum of a 2GHz processor
- Recommend 8GB of RAM (minimum of 4GB of RAM)
- A web cam with 640x480 video pixel resolution (web cams built into laptops or monitors are acceptable)
- Headphones connected to the computer
- A microphone connected to the computer (your web cam or laptop may already have one built into it)

### Internet Access

- A reliable high speed internet connection (minimum 768 Kbps/384 Kbps Download/Upload)
- A DSL, cable connection or greater is recommended

### Software Requirements

Kent State University provides technical support for a limited number of operating systems and software applications. The following required computer operating systems and software applications are supported by the KSU Helpdesk:

- Windows 11 or newer system operating software for PC computers
- Mac OS 12 or newer system operating software for Apple Mac computers
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Antivirus for Windows OS, enable Windows Defender
- Antivirus for Mac OS, Sophos (<https://home.sophos.com/en-us/download-mac-anti-virus.aspx>)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>)

The Division of Information Technology ([www.kent.edu/it](http://www.kent.edu/it)) provides the tools that make it possible to connect with courses, instructors, students and other KSU resources:

- Training in FlashLine, Gmail, Canvas, and more at [support.kent.edu](http://support.kent.edu)
- 24/7 Support at 330-672-HELP (4357) and live chat
- FREE Microsoft Office 365
- Distance learning technology, including GlobalProtect VPN and Respondus Lockdown Browser

## ADMISSION PROCESS

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### Minimum Qualifications for Consideration:

1. Admitted Kent State University student; apply [HERE](#)
2. Demonstrate College Readiness through results of KSU Admission testing or ACT, SAT scores.  
**Ashtabula campus:** more information [HERE](#)  
**East Liverpool campus:** more information [HERE](#)
3. Declare the OTA major (contact your advisor or see [HERE](#))
4. Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA from the most recent academic experience of 6 credit hours or more

### Steps to APPLY to the OTA Program:

1. Attendance at an Information Session or meeting with an advisor for the OTA Program is not required but highly recommended. To schedule an appointment:  
**Ashtabula campus:** contact Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu) or click [HERE](#).  
**East Liverpool campus:** contact Nina Sullivan at [nssulliv@kent.edu](mailto:nssulliv@kent.edu) or click [HERE](#).
2. Submit the online OTA Program Technical Study Application.  
**THIS IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION FROM THE APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY.**  
**Ashtabula campus:** [APPLY HERE](#)  
**East Liverpool campus:** [APPLY HERE](#)
3. Demonstrate college readiness with completion of ALL developmental course work (as prescribed during KSU admission process based on placement test results, high school grade point average and/or prior college courses) with a “C” or better by the beginning of the OTA program. Applicants may be “provisionally accepted” to the OTA program if enrolled in developmental courses and on track to pass with “C” or better in the semester prior to entrance/acceptance to the program.
4. Complete a biology course (high school or college course such as BSCI 10001 or BSCI 11010) with a letter grade of ‘C’ or better.
5. Applicants must successfully **complete BSCI 11010—Anatomy and Physiology I for Allied Health or equivalent course by the end of the spring semester for Ashtabula campus and end of summer semester for East Liverpool campus** to be eligible to start the following semester. Applicants may be “provisionally accepted” to the OTA program if enrolled in A&P I and on track to pass with “C” or better in the semester prior to entrance/acceptance to the program.
6. Complete required observation (16 hours total in two different settings) and submit forms. The forms are found in the back of the packet.
7. Complete non-critical OTA, Kent Core and related courses as able to reduce course load during the technical study program.



## SELECTION PROCESS

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The OTA Programs at each campus admit one new cohort of students per year. The Ashtabula campus accepts up to **28 students** total for the full-time and part-time tracks. The East Liverpool campus accepts up to **25 students** for the traditional face-to-face cohort. If there are more qualified applicants than available student slots, applicants will be ranked on a point scale. Points are assigned based on grade point average (GPA), writing sample and completion of open enrollment courses. The candidates with the highest points will be accepted.

Applicants who have not met all program admission requirements (e.g., current enrollment in BSCI 11010 or developmental courses) may be **provisionally accepted**, pending successful completion (C or better grade) of the courses by the end of the semester. Provisionally accepted students who **do not** meet all program admission requirements at the conclusion of the semester prior to the start of technical study will not be eligible to start the program.

Applicants will be notified by their kent.edu email of acceptance status within one month of the application deadline. Information regarding the selection results will not be given over the phone. Students may only apply to the OTA program two times.

**Pursuant to federal regulations and state law, Kent State University is committed to provide all persons equal access to its programs, facilities, employment, without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or identification as a disabled veteran, or veteran of the Vietnam era. Inquiries regarding federal regulations and state law may be directed to the Office of Affirmative Action, Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.**

## **TUITION AND FEES**

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### **TUITION/MISCELLANEOUS FEES:**

Kent State University Regional Campus tuition and fees are published here:  
<https://www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees>

Withdrawal and refund schedules may be found at [www.kent.edu/registrar](http://www.kent.edu/registrar).

OTA students also incur the following costs and fees:

- books: usually average \$350 per semester
- program fees: approximately \$110 per semester  
(includes course supplies and fees, AOTA 1-year membership, fieldwork management system student fee, KSU student nametag, BCI/FBI fingerprinting and background checks, program uniform)
- current physical examination and immunizations
- CPR certification
- clinical education expenses (travel, uniform, name tag and meals)
- licensure fees to national and state licensing board (following graduation)

### **HOUSING & TRAVEL**

There is no on-campus housing available on the KSU Ashtabula and East Liverpool campuses. However, there are students who move to the campus area to complete their education. Please contact the program director for more information about housing and travel options.

### **FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS**

Information on general financial aid and scholarships is available from the Office of Financial Aid at each campus:

**Ashtabula campus:** website: <https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid>

email: [ashtabulafinancialaid@kent.edu](mailto:ashtabulafinancialaid@kent.edu)

phone 440-964-4213

**East Liverpool campus:** website: <https://www.kent.edu/columbiana/financial-aid>

email: [ballison@kent.edu](mailto:ballison@kent.edu)

phone: 330-385-3805

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at  
<https://studentaid.gov/>.

**Kent State University at Ashtabula**  
**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**  
**Suggested sequence of courses for completing the program in two years**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
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**FIRST YEAR**

**Spring Semester**

* BSCI	11010	Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health I	3
* KENT CORE COMPOSITION ELECTIVE			3
* PSYC	11762	General Psychology	3
* UC	10001	Flashes 101	1
* KENT CORE HUMANITIES OR FINE ARTS ELECTIVE			<u>3</u>
			13

**Summer Semester (following acceptance into technical study program)**

* BSCI	11020	Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health II	3
* OTA	10000	Foundations in Occupational Therapy	2
OTA	10003	Occupational Therapy Practice Skills Lab	<u>1</u>
			6

(Choose full-time track below OR flex part-time track on next page)

**Fall Semester**

* AHS	12005	Concepts in Lifespan Development	3
* PSYC	21211	Psychology of Everyday Life OR	3
* PSYC	40111	Psychopathology	3
AHS	22002	Clinical Kinesiology	3
AHS	22003	Clinical Kinesiology Lab	1
OTA	10001	Occupational Therapy Practice Skills II	3
OTA	10002	Occupational Performance in Psychosocial Health	4
OTA	10192	Fieldwork 1a	<u>1</u>
			18

**SECOND YEAR**

**Spring Semester**

* KENT CORE MATH ELECTIVE			3
* AHS	12010	Professionalism in Healthcare	1
OTA	20002	Occupational Performance in Physical Health	3
OTA	20392	Fieldwork 1b	1
OTA	20001	OT Management and Leadership Skills	2
OTA	20003	Occupational Therapy Practice Skills III	<u>3</u>
			13

**Summer Sessions**

OTA	20004	Occupational Performance in Pediatric Populations	3
OTA	20006	Occupational Performance in Physical Health II	3
OTA	20492	Fieldwork 1c	<u>1</u>
			7

**Fall Semester**

OTA	21092	Clinical Applications I	4
OTA	21192	Clinical Applications II	<u>4</u>
			8

**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: 65 Hours**

\* Indicates the open enrollment courses. These courses can be taken prior to admission to the technical study program.

**NOTE:** The curriculum listed above does not include prerequisites. It is highly recommended that some open enrollment courses be taken prior to admission to allow a more manageable credit load during program and a December graduation following the second year of the program. The minimum grade accepted for all prerequisite and required courses is 'C'. Pass/fail grades will not be accepted.

**Kent State University at Ashtabula**  
**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**  
**Flex Part-Time Track--Sequence of courses**

Course Number		Course Title	Credit Hours
<b><u>Fall Semester</u></b>			
*AHS	22002	Clinical Kinesiology	3
OTA	10001	Occupational Therapy Practice Skills II	<u>3</u>
			6
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>			
<b><u>Spring Semester</u></b>			
OTA	10002	Occupational Performance in Psychosocial Health	4
OTA	10192	Fieldwork 1a	<u>1</u>
			5
<b><u>Summer Sessions</u></b>			
* PSYC	21211	Psychology of Everyday Life <b>OR</b>	
*PSYC	40111	Psychopathology	3
AHS	12005	Concepts in Lifespan Development	<u>3</u>
			6
<b><u>Fall Semester</u></b>			
AHS	22003	Clinical Kinesiology Lab	1
AHS	12010	Professionalism in Healthcare	1
KENT CORE MATH ELECTIVE			<u>3</u>
			5
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>			
<b><u>Spring Semester</u></b>			
* OTA	20002	Occupational Performance in Physical Health	3
OTA	20392	Fieldwork 1b	1
OTA	20003	Occupational Therapy Practice Skills III	<u>3</u>
			8
<b><u>Summer Sessions</u></b>			
OTA	20001	OT Management and Leadership Skills	2
OTA	20004	Occupational Performance in Pediatric Populations	3
OTA	20006	Occupational Performance in Physical Health II	3
OTA	20492	Fieldwork 1c	<u>1</u>
			9
<b><u>Fall Semester</u></b>			
OTA	21092	Clinical Applications I	4
OTA	21192	Clinical Applications II	<u>4</u>
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**Kent State University East Liverpool**  
**Occupational Therapy Assistant Program**

Critical	Open Enroll	Course Subject & Title	Cr Hours	Grade
Semester Pre- Summer				
!	*	BSCI 11010 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology I <sup>1</sup>	3	
Semester One - Fall				
!	*	BSCI 11020 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology II <sup>1</sup>	3	
!	*	OTA 10000 Foundations in Occupational Therapy	2	
!		OTA 10003 Occupational Therapy Practice Skills Laboratory <sup>4</sup>	1	
	*	AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare	1	
	*	PSYC 11762 General Psychology	3	
	*	UC 10001 Flashes 101	1	
	*	Kent Core Requirement (Composition ENG 11011 or 11002)	3	
Semester Two - Spring				
!		OTA 10001 Occupational Therapy Practice Skills II <sup>4</sup>	3	
!		OTA 10002 Occupational Performance in Psychosocial Health <sup>4</sup>	4	
!		OTA 10192 Fieldwork 1A <sup>4</sup>	1	
!		AHS 22002 Clinical Kinesiology <sup>4</sup>	3	
!		AHS 22003 Clinical Kinesiology Laboratory <sup>4</sup>	1	
	*	AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development (3) <u>or</u>	3	
	*	NURS 20950 Human Growth and Development (3)		
	*	PSYC 21211 Psychology of Everyday Life (3) <u>or</u>	3	
	*	PSYC 40111 Psychopathology (3)		
Semester Three - Summer				
!		OTA 20002 Occupational Performance in Physical Health <sup>4</sup>	3	
!		OTA 20003 Occupational Therapy Practice Skills III <sup>4</sup>	3	
!		OTA 20392 Fieldwork 1B <sup>4</sup>	1	
Semester Four - Fall				
!		OTA 20004 Occupational Performance in Pediatric Populations <sup>4</sup>	3	
!		OTA 20006 Occupational Performance in Physical Health II <sup>4</sup>	3	
!		OTA 20001 OT Management & Leadership Skills <sup>4</sup>	2	
!		OTA 20492 Fieldwork 1C <sup>4</sup>	1	
	*	Kent Core Requirement (MATH 10040 Intro to Statistics Plus)	3-5	
	*	Kent Core Requirement (Humanities, Fine Arts, History)	3	
Semester Five - Spring				
!		OTA 21092 Clinical Applications I <sup>4</sup>	4	
!		OTA 21192 Clinical Applications II <sup>4</sup>	4	

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**Kent State University  
Occupational Therapy Assistant Program**

<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OBSERVATION FORM</b>
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**Observation Requirement:** A minimum of **16 hours** (minimum of eight hours at two different sites) must be completed prior to admission in the technical study portion of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

For each facility, complete this form in its entirety. Completed forms must be received by the application deadline for admission eligibility.

**Professionalism Requirements:** While shadowing, students are considered a visitor in the clinical setting. It is expected that the applicant will conduct themselves as courteous professionals. Although the student experience is observation only, the shadowing program is intended to be an interactive learning process with the opportunity for student-professional-patient interactions. Applicants must dress professionally per the requirements of the facility, refrain from cell phone use, keep all information confidential to ensure patient privacy, and adhere to other applicable facility requirements.

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Location (City/State) of Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Number of Hours	OT Practitioner Initials

List eight concepts/topics that you learned/observed about OT during this shadowing experience. Do **not** include any specific or identifying client information.

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**Print Name and Credentials of OT Practitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OT Practitioner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State & License #** \_\_\_\_\_

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