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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2025-2026

Occupational Therapy Assistant/Physical Assistant program (OTA/PTA) (ONSITE)

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Year One

TERM 1			TERM 2		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
IDST 100 (4) (lec/lab) <i>Introductory Communications for Helping Professionals</i>			KNES 265 (4) (lec/lab) <i>Functional Anatomy</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in KNES 261 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>		
KNES 261 (4) (lec/lab) <i>Human Anatomy</i>			^(IV) SOCI 2XX (3) (lec)		
^(I) PSYC 2XX (3) (lec)			TAPC 111 (4) (lec/lab) <i>Rehabilitation Process</i>		
^(II) ENGL 1XX or 2XX (3) (lec)			TAPC 112 (3) (lec/lab) <i>Health Disorders & Conditions in Rehabilitation</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in KNES 261 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>		
^(III) TAPC 110 (3) (lec/lab/fieldwork) <i>Introduction to Health Care and Rehabilitation</i>			TAPC 113 (3) (lec/lab) <i>Growth and Development for Rehabilitation Service Providers</i>		
TERM 3					
COURSE	DATE	GRADE			
OPTA 212 (3) (lec/lab) <i>Principles and Techniques of Client Contact</i> Prerequisite: min. C grade in KNES 265, TAPC 111, TAPC 112, & TAPC 113 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>					

^I Any 200-level Psychology course is acceptable, but PSYC 201 is recommended

^{II} Any 100-level or 200-level English course is acceptable, but **ENGL 200-level is recommended, especially for students wishing to continue on with their education at a university level**

^{III} TAPC 110 requires job-shadowing at various sites arranged with the program. **All required program immunizations, criminal record checks, and accompanied documentation MUST be completed before starting the program.**

^{IV} Any 200 level Sociology course is acceptable.

Year Two

TERM 1			TERM 2		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
OCTA 215 (4) (lec/lab) <i>OTA Therapeutic Processes I</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in KNES 265, TAPC 111, TAPC 112 & TAPC 113 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>			OCTA 217 (4) (pr) <i>OTA Therapeutic Processes III</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in OCTA 215, OCTA 216, PHTA 215, PHTA 216, & TAPC 210		
OCTA 216 (4) (lec/lab) <i>OTA Therapeutic Processes II</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in OPTA 212 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>			OPTA 217 (4) (pr) <i>OTA/PTA Therapeutic Processes IV</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in OCTA 215, OCTA 216, PHTA 215, PHTA 216 & TAPC 210		
PHTA 215 (4) (lec/lab) <i>PTA Therapeutic Processes I</i> Prerequisite: in C grade in OPTA 212 <i>[(or approval from Program Coordinator)]</i>			TAPC 218 (1) (lec) (online) <i>Career Preparation for the Therapist Assistant</i>		
PHTA 216 (4) (lec/lab) <i>PTA Therapeutic Processes II</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in KNES 265, TAPC 111, TAPC 112 & TAPC 113 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>			PHTA 217 (4) (pr) <i>PTA Therapeutic Processes III</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in OCTA 215, OCTA 216, PHTA 215, PHTA 216 & TAPC 210		
TAPC 210 (1) (lec) <i>Professional Integration for the Therapist Assistant</i> Prerequisite: min C grade in OPTA 212 <i>(or approval from Program Coordinator)</i>					

Program Notes

Continuation Requirements:

- Students must adhere to the professional commitment as outlined in the Therapist Assistant Programs Student Handbook. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.
- **All OCTA, OPTA, PHTA, TAPC, KNES, and IDST courses must be completed with grades of C or better.**
- Students must earn a grade of at least C- in all other courses.
- In order to continue in the program, a current and cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 is required at the end of each semester.
- Attendance in all courses is considered essential.
- Students will usually be permitted to repeat a particular OTA/PTA program course (OCTA, OPTA, PHTA, and TAPC) only once.
- Students are normally expected to complete courses in the sequence outlined in the calendar. Courses taken in a sequence other than what is outlined (including deferring courses into other terms) may compromise your standing in the program. This also facilitates proper planning for labs and fieldwork.
- Revised plans of study must be discussed and developed with the Academic Advisor and approved by the Program Coordinator.

Graduation Requirements:

- To graduate, students must have a current and cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 at the end of the program.

Time Limits for Program Completion:

- Students must complete the program within three years of completion of OPTA 212.

You should see your Academic Advisor or Program Coordinator if you:

- Would like to study at a reduced course load