

OTA Program Admission Requirements – Asheville Campus:

1. **Apply to South College** following the general admission procedures outlined in the South College Catalog.
 - *Applicants interested in this program are required to visit the college and meet individually with an admissions representative and program faculty to ascertain if their goals can be met by the College.*

Admissions Contact Information: Knoxville (865) 251-1800 / Nashville (629) 802-3000 (OR)
<https://www.south.edu/admissions/>

2. Complete the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Application and submit form to the OTA program chair immediately after completing the general admission requirements to South College.
3. Meet at least one of the following admission requirements to the OTA Program:
 - Present documentation of a score of 19 or higher on the ACT Assessment examination
 - Meet minimum score requirements required by the OTA program on all sections of the college entrance examination.
 - Present documentation of a 900 combined score or higher on the SAT I examination
 - Have earned transfer credit of 27 quarter/18 semester hours of college level courses with a cumulative grade point average with at least a 3.0 GPA or better.
 - Achieve a GPA of at least 3.0 for the program's pre-requisite general education courses (MAT 1100, ENG 1201, BIO 1110, BIO 1120, ENG 1211, BIO 1130, BIO 1140, and AHS 1010).
4. Complete all required general education core courses and earn the minimum grade required below*

Prerequisite courses required for program admission:

- MAT 1100, ENG 1201, ENG 1211, and AHS 1010- A **minimum grade of "C"** or better is required for each of these courses.
- BIO 1110, BIO 1120, BIO 1130, and BIO 1140- A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for these Anatomy and Physiology courses/labs) and must be achieved on the first or second attempt unless otherwise approved by the OTA department chair.

General academic courses required for program completion:

- PSY 1811, COM 1261, and an approved Humanities Elective (see College Catalog for course options) - a **minimum grade of "C"** or better is required for each of these courses.
5. Attend a **required information/advising** session provided by the **OTA Faculty**. Faculty members from the OTA program will provide quarterly information/advising sessions for students each quarter. OTA faculty members will be available during these sessions to provide an overview of the program, review student applications, answer questions, make recommendations, and guide the students through the application phase as needed. Students applying to the program are **required** to attend at least one of these information sessions; however, anyone interested in learning more about the OTA program may attend.
 6. Submit the **Applicant Checklist Form** with Signature of Understanding.
 7. Submit proof of at least eight (8) **observation hours** in a minimum of two (2) different settings offering occupational therapy using the form provided by the OTA program. *
 8. Be able to commit to full attendance and participation in a rigorous educational program which requires class attendance, significant out-of-class preparation time, and clinical education assignments off-campus.