Wallace State Community College OTA Program
Program Advising Worksheet

> **OTA 2021 Admission Statistics**
> Applications: 73 (69 qualified)
> Total Accepted: 59
> Average Prerequisite GPA: 3.59
> Average ACT Score: 22

Suggested OTA Program Pathway

All students must complete listed courses in semesters 1 and 2 prior to program application. Once accepted into the program, all students will begin OTA Core Courses on a full-time basis during Fall Semester of the entry year. See most current issue of the Wallace State Community College Catalog for additional program information.

NOTE: *Prerequisite courses may be completed on a full- or part-time basis* unless specified below, but ALL must be completed before the June 1 application deadline. BIO 201/202 and PSY 200/210 must be taken in the sequence as indicated below.

Year 1: Prerequisite Course Semesters
Suggested Sequence for Fall Semester (Semester 1)

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Completed?	Institution Where Completed	Comments
ORI 110	Freshman Seminar*	1			
ENG 101	English Composition	3			
PSY 200	General Psychology	3			
MTH 100	Intermediate College Algebra	3			
BIO 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I**	4			

Suggested Sequence for Spring Semester (Semester 2)

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Completed?	Institution Where Completed	Comments
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3			
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4			
HUM 101	Introduction to Humanities***	3			

*ORI 110 is a college requirement, not an OTA program requirement. You are exempt from ORI 110 if you are a transfer student with at least 12 credit hours of college work, or if you attended WSCC prior to 2004. ORI 110 is required for WSCC freshmen in all divisions. It is NOT factored into your GPA for ranking purposes.

**OTA students are not required to complete BIO 103 as a prerequisite to BIO 201 at WSCC. OTA students are exempt from BIO 103. You may begin with BIO 201 in the BIO 201/202 sequence.

***HUM 101 – Introduction to Humanities is preferred. Any 3 credit hour code A humanities course from art, music, theatre, religion, philosophy, humanities, or literature may be substituted to meet this requirement.

After Completion of All Courses Listed Above in Semesters 1 and 2:

- Apply to OTA Program by June 1 application deadline. The OTA online application and instructions may be found on the WSCC website.
- **All classes in prerequisite semesters 1 and 2 must be completed PRIOR to program application.**
- All applicants are required to submit a minimum ACT composite score of 20, regardless of educational background–no exceptions! The OTA program does not place a date restriction on the scores.
- 24 observation hours are scheduled by the applicant at any minimum of two locations, supervised by a COTA or OTR. The hours may be divided in any way between settings. It is the responsibility of the applicant to locate, schedule, and complete these hours.

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Year 2: OTA Core Courses
These may only be completed after acceptance into the OTA program. Students will complete semesters 3-5 of the program on a full-time basis as a cohort. <u>See the OTA section of the WSCC catalog for course pathway for semesters 3-5.</u>

Estimated Program Cost for OTA Program Year (semesters 3-5):
$9000.00 (In-state students - includes tuition, fees, books, and miscellaneous expenses; does not include fieldwork related expenses). We make every effort to place students within a two-hour drive time of their home for full-time fieldwork (clinical) rotations. However, this is not always possible. Students are responsible for the costs associated with fieldwork and travel to/from these sites.

Links to Know:
OTA Program Website: http://www.wallacestate.edu/programs/health-division/occupational-therapy-assistant
OTA Program Application Link and Instructions: OTA Program Website (above) then click "Program Application"
OTA Observation Forms: included in the program application packet (see above)
WSCC Catalog: http://www.wallacestate.edu/catalog
WSCC Admissions: http://www.wallacestate.edu/admissions
WSCC Financial Aid Questions: http://www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid
WSCC OTA Virtual Tour: https://youtu.be/xIwGBuXPR4U
WSCC OTA Virtual Advising Session: https://youtu.be/w_0d9V73SNU

Application Ranking Process:
Applicants who have submitted a COMPLETE application packet by the June 1 deadline qualify to have their applications ranked for admissions consideration.

Ranking Formula: (Prerequisite courses GPA x 9) + ACT score = application score. A scoring form is included with the OTA program application online instructions.

How to Calculate a Prerequisite Course GPA:
Visit http://gpa.wallacestate.edu/gpa/myapp and input your classes and grades. Include prerequisite classes only for 23 total credit hours. **Do NOT include ORI 110 (Freshman Seminar)!**

How Can I Improve My Chances of Acceptance Into the OTA Program?
- Improve your prerequisite course GPA by retaking classes
- Increase your ACT score – WSCC Class Schedule for current semester Residual ACT dates
- No extra credit is available
- Letters of Recommendation will not be factored into the admissions process
- Observation hours in excess of the 24 required will not be considered for extra credit

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Student Signature: _____ Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____