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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in Delgado Community College and the **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (OTA)**. This packet contains specific information about the program.

The **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program** is an Allied Health Program that has been granted accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). For further information contact ACOTE at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814 or phone 301-652-AOTA.

When the student has successfully completed the program, student will then be eligible to take the national certification examination administered by National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) for Occupational Therapy Assistants. ***The licensing boards of Louisiana and other states may refuse to grant licensure to persons who have been convicted of a felony. Conviction of a felony may also prohibit sitting for the certification examination administered by National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).*** Successful completion of this exam is necessary before state licensure in Louisiana will be granted.

The OTA program is divided into two components: (1) pre-clinical (prerequisite) courses and (2) OTA courses. The OTA component admits one class per year and includes **FOUR SEMESTERS OF FULL-TIME, DAY-TIME** class work and fieldwork experiences. The final semester of the program is spent in full-time fieldwork affiliations and may require travel to facilities outside the New Orleans area.

Delgado Community College is an open admissions college; however acceptance into the OTA Program is by selection. The Admissions Committee for the OTA Program reviews and evaluates each application on an impartial basis. Refer to attached "Selection Process and Supplemental Information". Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

Students wishing to apply for admission to the OTA Program must submit a completed application to the Allied Health Admissions Office **NO LATER THAN May 15th**. This application is completed only when all information requested is received.

Students are eligible to apply for admission to the OTA program when:

1. All courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to admission to program.

Prerequisite Courses:

ENGL 101	English Composition I	3
MATH 120	Math Survey	3
OR HIGHER		
BIOL 251	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 253	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIOL 252	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 254	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PSYC 127	General Psychology	3
PSYC 240	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 226	Human Growth and Development	3
SOCI 151	Introductory Sociology	3
Humanities Elective		3

NOTE: OCTA 201 may be taken prior to entrance into the program.

*Prerequisites for BIOL 251 and 253 are BIOL 141 and 143 or departmental permission.

2. Achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all courses (grade reports from Delgado may not reflect this information) and **a grade of "C" or better in all prerequisite courses**. Prerequisite grade point average is calculated on the basis of all courses taken, including those repeated.
3. Completed a **minimum** of 30 clock hours of observation, volunteer or work experience in two different occupational therapy settings under the direct supervision of two different licensed Occupational Therapists or Occupational Therapist Assistants prior to the time of application. Additional hours will increase competitiveness. DOE forms may be copy as needed. Hours do not necessarily have to be divided equally between facilities.
5. Completed high school or GED equivalent.

SELECTION PROCESS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection to the OTA Program is based on evaluation of the following criteria for each student:

1. Total application, includes school, work and life experiences, knowledge, autobiographical information
2. Overall GPA
3. Prerequisite courses GPA, including courses repeated
4. Documentation of experience forms (DOE)
5. Essay and personal interview may be required
6. Professional documented experiences and recommendations related to those experiences

Delgado Community College assumes equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or veteran's status in the admission to, participation in, or employment in the programs and activities of the college.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Persons accepted into the OTA Program will be required to:

1. Pass a physician's physical examination upon admission to the program.
Initiate the Hepatitis B Vaccine series prior to admission to the program.
Be tested for tuberculosis prior to admission to the program.
2. Be willing to work with sick and disabled persons, be accurate, thorough, congenial, flexible and ambitious, be dependable, responsible, reliable, and abide by rules, regulations, and schedules.
3. Be prepared to travel and be able to provide own transportation to clinical sites.
4. Meet the technical standards of the OT profession which are available for review in the Allied Health office.
5. Be responsible for their own medical insurance coverage.
6. Students must register with Castlebranch, which includes drug screening and criminal background checks. All medical documents, examination forms and related must be uploaded to Castlebranch.

TUITION:

Four full-time semesters Delgado Community College tuition. OTA students pay the same fee for each semester as other credit students enrolled in the college.

*Louisiana Resident's Fee	\$ 2039.52
*Non-Louisiana Resident's Fee	\$ 4183.92
Lab Fees (approximately)	\$ 325.00

***All fees subject to change**

OTHER COSTS:

Textbooks, uniforms over duration of program (approximately) \$1000.

Possible travel to fieldwork facilities (approximately \$1000). See website for specific details.

*Students may be required to travel to fieldwork facilities in Louisiana and/or surrounding states during the final semester of study. However, every effort will be made to place students with unusual circumstances in the New Orleans area.

FINANCIAL AID:

Information on financial aid may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The completed application packet must be received by the Allied Health Division **ON OR BEFORE MAY 15TH** for your application to be considered for admission to the upcoming class of the OTA Program.

COMPLETE THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET. READ AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.

The two DOCUMENTATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXPERIENCE FORMS must be completed by two licensed Occupational Therapists or Occupational Therapists Assistants from two different occupational therapy settings where you received prerequisite experience (minimum of 30 hours).

NOTE 1: Notify the Allied Health Admissions Office, Delgado Community College, 615 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, promptly of changes in your address/phone number.

NOTE 2: Please make the necessary arrangements to have all application documents (application, transcripts, Documentation of Experience Forms, etc.) bear **ONE** name.

APPLICANTS WITH COLLEGE CREDITS OLDER THAN 10 YEARS SHOULD CONTACT THE ALLIED HEALTH ADMISSIONS OFFICE FOR ADVISING. ADVISING HOURS ARE FROM 8:30AM TO 11:30AM AND FROM 1PM TO 4PM.

Delgado has a policy which addresses Academic Renewal. Academic Renewal is the act of declaring void all prior credits attempted and earned. If you are interested in information regarding Academic Renewal and the procedure to initiate this process you must contact the Delgado Admissions Office.

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OTA COURSES:

OCTA 201 Intro to Occupational Therapy*	3	OCTA 211 Health Care Systems	1
OCTA 202 Group Skills	3	OCTA 212 Developmental Considerations	2
OCTA 203 Kinesiology & Occupational App.	3	OCTA 213 Neuro & Occup. Applications	3
OCTA 204 Conditions & App I	3	OCTA 214 Conditions * App. II	3
OCTA 205 Occup. Theory & App I	3	OCTA 215 Occup. Theory & App. II	3
OCTA 206 Therapeutic Media	3	OCTA 217 Clinical Appl. I	3
OCTA 207 Community Occup.	2	OCTA 220 Clinical Appl. II	3
OCTA 208 Psychosocial App. OT	3	OCTA 221 OT Asst. Seminar	1

*It is suggested that OCTA 201 be taken prior to entrance into the program.