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Occupational Therapy Assistants Louisiana

Summary of Job Duties

Occupational Therapy Assistants [Video](#) - Assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of treatments. Generally requires formal training.

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Detailed Job Description

Occupational Therapy Assistants Occupational therapy aides may handle some clerical tasks, like answering calls from patients and scheduling appointments.

Occupational therapy assistants and aides help patients develop, recover, improve, as well as maintain the skills needed for daily living and working. Occupational therapy assistants are directly involved in providing therapy to patients; occupational therapy aides typically perform support activities. Both assistants and aides work under the direction of occupational therapists.

Duties

Occupational therapy assistants typically do the following:

- Help patients do therapeutic activities, such as stretches and other exercises
- Lead children who have developmental disabilities in play activities that promote coordination and socialization
- Encourage patients to complete activities and tasks
- Teach patients how to use special equipment—for example, showing a patient with Parkinson's disease how to use devices that make eating easier
- Record patients' progress, report to occupational therapists, and do other administrative tasks

Occupational therapy aides typically do the following:

- Prepare treatment areas, such as setting up therapy equipment

- Transport patients
- Clean treatment areas and equipment
- Help patients with billing and insurance forms
- Perform clerical tasks, including scheduling appointments and answering telephones

Occupational therapy assistants collaborate with occupational therapists to develop and carry out a treatment plan for each patient. Plans include diverse activities such as teaching the proper way for patients to move from a bed into a wheelchair and advising patients on the best way to stretch their muscles. For example, an occupational therapy assistant might work with injured workers to help them get back into the workforce by teaching them how to work around lost motor skills. Occupational therapy assistants also may work with people who have learning disabilities, teaching them skills that allow them to be more independent.

Assistants monitor activities to make sure that patients are doing them correctly. They record the patient's progress and provide feedback to the occupational therapist so that the therapist can change the treatment plan if the patient is not getting the desired results.

Occupational therapy aides typically prepare materials and assemble equipment used during treatment. They may assist patients with moving to and from treatment areas. After a therapy session, aides clean the treatment area, put away equipment, and gather laundry.

Occupational therapy aides fill out insurance forms and other paperwork and are responsible for a range of clerical tasks, such as scheduling appointments, answering the telephone, and monitoring inventory levels.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Job Zone


The section below shows the job zone information for Occupational Therapy Assistants. Job Zone Three: Medium Preparation Needed.

Education	Experience	Training
Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree.	Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is required for these occupations. For example, an electrician must have completed three or four years of apprenticeship or several years of vocational training, and often must have passed a licensing exam, in order to perform the job.	Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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Jobs Available

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online in Louisiana for Occupational Therapy Assistants and for the related occupational group of Healthcare Support Occupations on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Occupation	Job Openings
Occupational Therapy Assistants 	<u>45</u>
Healthcare Support Occupations	<u>1,362</u>

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Source: Online advertised jobs data

Monthly Job Count

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana October, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Occupation	Job Openings
Occupational Therapy Assistants ✨	45

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Source: Online advertised jobs data

Jobs Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of number of job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana by parishes on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Data is from a 2019 survey.

Jobs in Related Occupations

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online in Louisiana for occupations related to Occupational Therapy Assistants on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Job Openings	*Related By
1	<u>Registered Nurses</u> ✨	\$64,044	<u>4,509</u>	O*NET
2	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> ✨	\$40,065	<u>697</u>	O*NET
3	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> ✨	N/A	<u>409</u>	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Job Openings	*Related By
4	Critical Care Nurses ♦	\$64,044	<u>358</u>	O*NET
5	Medical Assistants ♦	\$29,530	<u>295</u>	O*NET
6	Pharmacy Technicians ♦	\$33,109	<u>166</u>	O*NET
7	Social and Human Service Assistants ♦	\$29,210	<u>77</u>	O*NET
8	Respiratory Therapy Technicians	N/A	<u>66</u>	O*NET
9	Physical Therapist Assistants ♦	\$54,873	<u>52</u>	O*NET
10	Psychiatric Technicians ♦	\$26,817	<u>51</u>	O*NET
11	Occupational Therapy Assistants ♦	\$60,548	<u>45</u>	N/A
12	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors ♦	\$35,912	<u>36</u>	O*NET
13	Dental Hygienists ♦	N/A	<u>20</u>	O*NET
14	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education ♦	\$26,839	<u>17</u>	O*NET
15	Athletic Trainers ♦	\$44,627	<u>16</u>	O*NET
16	Nannies ♦	\$18,989	<u>13</u>	O*NET
17	Radiation Therapists ♦	\$70,724	<u>11</u>	O*NET
18	Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	\$49,218	<u>9</u>	O*NET
19	Psychiatric Aides ♦	N/A	<u>9</u>	O*NET
20	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	\$53,821	<u>8</u>	O*NET
21	Childcare Workers ♦	\$18,989	<u>7</u>	O*NET
22	Physical Therapist Aides ♦	\$21,512	<u>3</u>	O*NET
23	Residential Advisors ♦	\$29,856	<u>2</u>	O*NET
24	Occupational Therapy Aides ♦	\$28,839	<u>1</u>	O*NET

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Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

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Candidates Available

This section shows potential candidates in the workforce system in Louisiana for Occupational Therapy Assistants and for the related occupational group of Healthcare Support Occupations on November 23, 2020.

Occupation	Candidates
Occupational Therapy Assistants ♦	28
Healthcare Support Occupations	10,568

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Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Candidate Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of potential candidates in the workforce system for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana by parishes on November 23, 2020.

Rank	Area Name	Median Wage	Candidates
1	<u>Ouachita Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	14
2	<u>Morehouse Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	11
3	<u>Richland Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	10
4	<u>Union Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	8
5	<u>Jefferson Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	7
6	<u>Lincoln Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	7
7	<u>Jackson Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	6
8	<u>Orleans Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	6
9	<u>Caldwell Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	5
10	<u>Plaquemines Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	5

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

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Candidates in Related Occupations

This section shows how many potential candidates in the workforce system were looking for work in Louisiana in occupations related to Occupational Therapy Assistants on November 23, 2020.

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Candidates	*Related By
1	Medical Assistants 🌟	\$29,530	2,207	O*NET
2	Personal Care Aides 🌟	N/A	2,185	O*NET
3	Childcare Workers 🌟	\$18,989	1,372	O*NET
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses 🌟	\$40,065	815	O*NET
5	Registered Nurses 🌟	\$64,044	423	O*NET
6	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education 🌟	\$26,839	361	O*NET
7	Pharmacy Technicians 🌟	\$33,109	298	O*NET
8	Social and Human Service Assistants 🌟	\$29,210	290	O*NET
9	Psychiatric Technicians 🌟	\$26,817	115	O*NET
10	Dental Hygienists 🌟	N/A	109	O*NET
11	Physical Therapist Aides 🌟	\$21,512	103	O*NET
12	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors 🌟	\$35,912	99	O*NET
13	Psychiatric Aides 🌟	N/A	87	O*NET
14	Physical Therapist Assistants 🌟	\$54,873	57	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Candidates	*Related By
15	<u>Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School</u>	\$53,821	47	O*NET
16	<u>Nannies</u> ✨	\$18,989	47	O*NET
17	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> ✨	\$44,627	46	O*NET
18	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	\$49,218	32	O*NET
19	<u>Residential Advisors</u> ✨	\$29,856	31	O*NET
20	<u>Occupational Therapy Assistants</u> ✨	\$60,548	28	N/A
21	<u>Audio-Visual and Multimedia Collections Specialists</u>	N/A	14	O*NET
22	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> ✨	\$28,839	14	O*NET
23	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> ✨	\$64,044	11	O*NET
24	<u>Park Naturalists</u>	\$60,177	7	O*NET
25	<u>Speech-Language Pathology Assistants</u> ✨	\$27,234	7	O*NET
26	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	N/A	4	O*NET

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Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

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Jobs and Candidates Available

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online, as well as potential candidates in the workforce system in Louisiana for Occupational Therapy Assistants and for the related occupational group of Healthcare Support Occupations on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Occupation	Job Openings	Candidates	Candidates per Job
Occupational Therapy Assistants ✨	<u>45</u>	28	0.62
Healthcare Support Occupations	<u>1,362</u>	10,568	7.76

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Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Jobs and Candidates Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of number of job openings advertised online, as well as potential candidates in the workforce system for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana by parishes on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Area Name	Median Wage	Job Openings	Candidates	Candidates per Job
1	<u>St. Charles Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>1</u>	5	5.00

Rank	Area Name	Median Wage	Job Openings	Candidates	Candidates per Job
2	<u>Tangipahoa Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>1</u>	5	5.00
3	<u>Iberville Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>1</u>	4	4.00
4	<u>St. Martin Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>1</u>	4	4.00
5	<u>St. Bernard Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>2</u>	5	2.50
6	<u>St. Mary Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>2</u>	5	2.50
7	<u>Lafayette Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>2</u>	4	2.00
8	<u>Calcasieu Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>3</u>	3	1.00
9	<u>St. Tammany Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>7</u>	5	0.71
10	<u>Avoyelles Parish</u>	\$60,548 state level wages	<u>5</u>	3	0.60

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

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National Supply and Demand Summary

Occupational Therapy Assistants Employment of occupational therapy assistants is projected to grow 29 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Employment of occupational therapy aides is projected to grow 25 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. However, because it is a small occupation, the fast growth will result in only about 1,800 new jobs over the 10-year period.

Occupational therapy assistants and aides will be needed to help therapists treat additional patients and to ensure that treatment facility operations run smoothly. However, demand for occupational therapy services is related to the ability of patients to pay, either directly or through health insurance.

Demand for occupational therapy is likely to grow over the coming decade in response to the health needs of the aging baby-boom generation and a growing elderly population. Older adults are more prone than younger people to conditions and ailments such as arthritis and stroke. These conditions can affect one's ability to perform a variety of everyday activities. Occupational therapy assistants and aides will be needed to help occupational therapists in caring for these patients. Occupational therapy will also continue to be used to treat children and young adults with developmental disabilities, such as autism.

Healthcare providers, especially those specializing in long-term care such as nursing homes and home healthcare services, will continue to employ assistants to reduce the cost of occupational therapy services. After the therapist has evaluated a patient and designed a treatment plan, the occupational therapy assistant can provide many aspects of the treatment that the therapist prescribed.

Job Prospects

Occupational therapy assistants and aides with experience working in an occupational therapy office or other healthcare setting should have the best job opportunities. However, occupational therapy aides may face strong competition from the large pool of qualified people, because requirements for entry are low.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Employers by Number of Job Openings

This section shows the employers with the highest number of job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Employer Name	Job Openings
1	HealthPRO / Heritage	<u>17</u>
2	CHRISTUS Health	<u>4</u>
3	Kindred Healthcare, LLC	<u>3</u>
4	Ochsner Health System	<u>3</u>
5	TMC	<u>3</u>
6	Encompass Health Corporation	<u>2</u>
7	Lafayette General Health	<u>2</u>

Rank	Employer Name	Job Openings
8	Post Acute Medical LLC	<u>2</u>
9	Reliant Rehabilitation	<u>2</u>
10	Woman's Hospital	<u>2</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Advertised Job Skills

This section shows the top advertised detailed job skills found in job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana in October, 2020. (Jobs De-duplication Level 1)

Rank	Advertised Detailed Job Skill	Advertised Skill Group	Job Opening Match Count
1	Maintains records	Technical Writer Skills	<u>16</u>
2	Program planning	Human and Social Services Skills	<u>16</u>
3	Occupational therapy treatments	Occupational Therapist Skills	<u>7</u>
4	Improve patient care	Registered Nurse (RN) Skills	<u>5</u>
5	Organizational skills	Basic Skills	<u>4</u>
6	Interpersonal skills	Interpersonal Skills	<u>3</u>
7	Occupational therapy experience	Occupational Therapist Skills	<u>3</u>
8	Customer service	Customer Service Skills	<u>3</u>
9	Maintain equipment	Maintenance Technician Skills	<u>3</u>
10	Restore function	Physical Therapist Skills	<u>3</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Advertised Tools and Technology

This section shows the top advertised detailed tools and technologies found in job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana in October, 2020. (Jobs De-duplication Level 1)

Rank	Advertised Detailed Tool or Technology	Advertised Tool and Technology Group	Job Opening Match Count
1	Keyboard	Keyboards	<u>2</u>
2	Hot packs	Therapeutic Heating/Cooling Pads/Compresses or Packs	<u>1</u>
3	Sliding boards	Patient Shifting Boards or Accessories	<u>1</u>
4	Eye wash stations	Eyewashers or Eye Wash Stations	<u>1</u>
5	Dollies	Dollies	<u>1</u>
6	Gmail	Electronic Mail Software	<u>1</u>
7	Walkers	Walkers or Rollators	<u>1</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Typical Job Skills

This section shows the job skills that are related to Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Rank	Typical Job Skills	Typical Skill Category
1	Develop patient therapy programs	Mental Processes
2	Encourage patients during therapeutic activities	Interacting With Others
3	Monitor patient progress or responses to treatments	Information Input
4	Teach basic living or other adaptive skills to patients or caregivers	Interacting With Others
5	Teach medical procedures or medical equipment use to patients	Interacting With Others
6	Maintain medical records	Work Output
7	Record vital statistics or other health information	Work Output
8	Assist patients with daily activities	Interacting With Others
9	Implement therapeutic programs to improve patient functioning	Interacting With Others
10	Confer with other professionals to plan patient care	Interacting With Others
11	Administer screening tests to determine abilities or treatment needs	Information Input
12	Attend educational events to update medical knowledge	Mental Processes
13	Communicate patient status to other health practitioners	Interacting With Others
14	Prepare medical reports or documents	Work Output
15	Teach medical procedures to healthcare personnel	Interacting With Others
16	Perform clerical work in medical settings	Interacting With Others
17	Process medical billing information	Interacting With Others
18	Schedule patient procedures or appointments	Mental Processes
19	Clean medical equipment	Work Output
20	Maintain medical equipment or instruments	Work Output
21	Prepare medical instruments or equipment for use	Work Output
22	Inventory medical supplies or equipment	Interacting With Others
23	Move patients to or from treatment areas	Work Output
24	Make patient-assistive devices or device models	Work Output

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Personal Skills

This section shows the personal skills that are most useful for Occupational Therapy Assistants. Click on a link in the Personal Skills column to view more detailed information.

Personal Skill	Skill Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Active Listening</u>	Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.	72
<u>Speaking</u>	Talking to others to convey information effectively.	69
<u>Writing</u>	Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.	66
<u>Reading Comprehension</u>	Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.	66
<u>Social Perceptiveness</u>	Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.	66
<u>Time Management</u>	Managing one's own time and the time of others.	66
<u>Service Orientation</u>	Actively looking for ways to help people.	63
<u>Monitoring</u>	Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.	60
<u>Judgment and Decision Making</u>	Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.	60
<u>Instructing</u>	Teaching others how to do something.	56
<u>Critical Thinking</u>	Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.	56
<u>Coordination</u>	Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.	56
<u>Complex Problem Solving</u>	Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.	53
<u>Active Learning</u>	Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.	53
<u>Persuasion</u>	Persuading others to change their minds or behavior.	50
<u>Systems Analysis</u>	Determining how a system should work and how changes in conditions, operations, and the environment will affect outcomes.	50
<u>Management of Personnel Resources</u>	Motivating, developing, and directing people as they work, identifying the best people for the job.	47
<u>Negotiation</u>	Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences.	47
<u>Learning Strategies</u>	Selecting and using training/instructional methods and procedures appropriate for the situation when learning or teaching new things.	47

Personal Skill	Skill Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Operation Monitoring</u>	Watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly.	44
<u>Systems Evaluation</u>	Identifying measures or indicators of system performance and the actions needed to improve or correct performance, relative to the goals of the system.	41
<u>Mathematics</u>	Using mathematics to solve problems.	35
<u>Operation and Control</u>	Controlling operations of equipment or systems.	31
<u>Quality Control Analysis</u>	Conducting tests and inspections of products, services, or processes to evaluate quality or performance.	25
<u>Management of Material Resources</u>	Obtaining and seeing to the appropriate use of equipment, facilities, and materials needed to do certain work.	25
<u>Troubleshooting</u>	Determining causes of operating errors and deciding what to do about it.	22
<u>Science</u>	Using scientific rules and methods to solve problems.	22
<u>Technology Design</u>	Generating or adapting equipment and technology to serve user needs.	19
<u>Management of Financial Resources</u>	Determining how money will be spent to get the work done, and accounting for these expenditures.	16
<u>Repairing</u>	Repairing machines or systems using the needed tools.	10
<u>Operations Analysis</u>	Analyzing needs and product requirements to create a design.	10
<u>Equipment Maintenance</u>	Performing routine maintenance on equipment and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed.	6
<u>Installation</u>	Installing equipment, machines, wiring, or programs to meet specifications.	6
<u>Programming</u>	Writing computer programs for various purposes.	6
<u>Equipment Selection</u>	Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job.	3

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Typical Education Requirements

Occupational Therapy Assistants Occupational Therapy Assistants usually require at least an Associate's degree. However, not all employers may make this a hiring requirement.

Source: This information is based on the BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH).

Required Level of Education

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common required level of education for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Rank	Required Level of Education	Percentage of Respondents
1	Associate's Degree (or other 2-year degree)	81.61%
2	Master's Degree	10.08%
3	Bachelor's Degree	8.31%

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On The Job Training

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common lengths of on the job training for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Rank	On The Job Training	Percentage of Respondents
1	Anything beyond short demonstration, up to and including 1 month	38.01%
2	Over 3 months, up to and including 6 months	19.42%
3	Over 1 month, up to and including 3 months	16.00%
4	Over 6 months, up to and including 1 year	12.50%
5	None or short demonstration	8.76%
6	Over 2 years, up to and including 4 years	4.77%
7	Over 1 year, up to and including 2 years	0.54%

Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

On-Site or In-Plant Training

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common lengths of on-site or in-plant training for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Rank	On-Site or In-Plant Training	Percentage of Respondents
1	Up to and including 1 month	39.78%
2	Over 1 month, up to and including 3 months	33.26%
3	Over 3 months, up to and including 6 months	12.39%
4	Over 6 months, up to and including 1 year	11.98%
5	None	1.30%
6	Over 2 years, up to and including 4 years	0.74%
7	Over 1 year, up to and including 2 years	0.54%

Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Education Level of Jobs and Candidates

This section shows the minimum level of education requested by employers on job openings advertised online, as well as the educational attainment of potential candidates in the workforce system that are looking for jobs as Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana on November 23,

2020. There were 39 job openings advertised online that did not specify a minimum education requirement (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).


Rank	Education Level	Job Openings	Percentage of Job Openings	Potential Candidates	Percentage of Potential Candidates
1	No Minimum Education Requirement	1	2.22%	0	N/A
2	High School Diploma or Equivalent	1	2.22%	0	N/A
3	1 Year of College or a Technical or Vocational School	0	N/A	4	14.29%
4	3 Years of College or a Technical or Vocational School	0	N/A	2	7.14%
5	Vocational School Certificate	0	N/A	1	3.57%
6	Associate's Degree	3	6.67%	12	42.86%
7	Bachelor's Degree	1	2.22%	5	17.86%
8	Master's Degree	0	N/A	4	14.29%
9	Not Specified	39	86.67%	0	N/A

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Education Training Programs

This section shows the Education Training Programs for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana.

Provider Name	Program Name	Location	Tuition	Length	WIOA Eligible
Bossier Parish Community College	Occupational Therapy Assistant - Associate of Applied Science An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A license recognized by the State involved or the Federal Government, An associate degree, Employment, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	Bossier City, LA	\$7,942	5 Semesters	
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Occupational Therapy Assistant	Monroe, LA	\$21,625	75 Semesters	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Midyear Estimates

Advertised Job Certifications

This section shows the top advertised certification groups found in job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana in October, 2020. (Jobs De-duplication Level 1)

Rank	Advertised Certification Group	Advertised Certification Sub-Category	Job Opening Match Count
1	National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	Medical Treatment and Therapy	<u>19</u>
2	American Heart Association (AHA) CPR & First Aid Certifications	Nursing	<u>17</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Training Program Completers

There is no data available for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana.

National Education, Training, Licensing and Qualifications

Occupational Therapy Assistants Educational services; state, local, and private 4

Occupational therapy assistants held about 39,300 jobs in 2016. The largest employers of occupational therapy assistants were as follows:

Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 42%

Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) 19

Hospitals; state, local, and private 17

Home healthcare services 6

Educational services; state, local, and private 5

Occupational therapy assistants and aides spend much of their time on their feet while setting up equipment and, in the case of assistants, providing therapy to patients. Constant kneeling and stooping are part of the job, as is the occasional need to lift patients.

Work Schedules

Most occupational therapy assistants and aides work full time. Occupational therapy assistants and aides may work during evenings or on weekends to accommodate patients' schedules.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Typical Work Experience Requirements

Occupational Therapy Assistants Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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Related Work Experience

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common related work experience for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Rank	Related Work Experience	Percentage of Respondents
1	Over 6 months, up to and including 1 year	24.15%

Rank	Related Work Experience	Percentage of Respondents
2	Over 3 months, up to and including 6 months	21.55%
3	Over 1 year, up to and including 2 years	14.61%
4	None	11.16%
5	Over 6 years, up to and including 8 years	9.71%
6	Up to and including 1 month	9.12%
7	Over 1 month, up to and including 3 months	5.69%
8	Over 2 years, up to and including 4 years	3.49%
9	Over 4 years, up to and including 6 years	0.51%

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Work Experience of Jobs and Candidates

This section shows the minimum required work experience requested by employers on job openings advertised online, as well as the experience level of potential candidates in the workforce system that are looking for jobs as Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020. There were 39 job openings advertised online that did not specify a minimum experience requirement (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Experience	Job Openings	Percentage of Job Openings	Potential Candidates	Percentage of Potential Candidates
1	Not Specified	39	86.67%	0	N/A
2	Entry Level	4	8.89%	0	N/A
3	Less than 1 year	1	2.22%	1	3.57%
4	1 Year to 2 Years	0	N/A	1	3.57%
5	2 Years to 5 Years	1	2.22%	1	3.57%
6	5 Years to 10 Years	0	N/A	3	10.71%
7	More than 10 Years	0	N/A	22	78.57%

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Current Job Order Wage Information

The employer has NOT indicated a salary range for this job. The information below shows statistics on typical salaries in the local labor market for Occupational Therapy Assistants. This data is NOT an indication of what this employer is willing to pay for this job.

Employment Wage Statistics

This section shows the estimated employment wage statistics for individuals in Louisiana employed for Occupational Therapy Assistants in 2019.

Rate Type / Statistical Type	Entry level	Median	Experienced
Annual wage or salary	\$34,281	\$60,548	\$90,465
Hourly wage	\$16.48	\$29.11	\$43.49

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Entry level and Experienced wage rates represent the means of the lower 1/3 and upper 2/3 of the wage distribution, respectively. Data is from an annual survey.

Wage Rates on Advertised Jobs

This section shows a statistical breakdown of available wage data on the 45 job openings advertised online for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana that posted a salary on November 23, 2020.

Rate Type / Statistical Type	Entry Level	Median	Experienced
Annual wage or salary	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hourly Wage	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Note: This information is based on actual job orders and is not based on a statistically valid labor market survey. Hourly wage rate calculations in this section assume a 40 hour work week.

Desired Salary of Available Candidates

This section shows the desired salary of potential candidates in the workforce system that are looking for jobs as Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020.

Rank	Desired Salary	Potential Candidates	Percentage of Potential Candidates
1	Not Specified	12	42.86%
2	\$20,000 - \$34,999	2	7.14%
3	\$35,000 - \$49,999	4	14.29%
4	\$50,000 - \$64,999	5	17.86%
5	\$65,000 - \$79,999	4	14.29%
6	\$95,000 or more	1	3.57%

Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Wage Rates Area Distribution

There is no data available for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana.

Wage Rates in Related Occupations

This section shows a comparison of 2019 median annual rates for occupations that are in the same occupational family as Occupational Therapy Assistants for Louisiana.

Rank	Occupation	Median	*Related By
1	Radiation Therapists 🌟	\$70,724	O*NET
2	Registered Nurses 🌟	\$64,044	O*NET
3	Critical Care Nurses 🌟	\$64,044	O*NET
4	Occupational Therapy Assistants 🌟	\$60,548	N/A
5	Park Naturalists	\$60,177	O*NET
6	Physical Therapist Assistants 🌟	\$54,873	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Median	*Related By
7	<u>Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School</u>	\$53,821	O*NET
8	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	\$49,218	O*NET
9	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> ♦	\$44,627	O*NET
10	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> ♦	\$40,065	O*NET
11	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> ♦	\$35,912	O*NET
12	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> ♦	\$33,109	O*NET
13	<u>Residential Advisors</u> ♦	\$29,856	O*NET
14	<u>Medical Assistants</u> ♦	\$29,530	O*NET
15	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> ♦	\$29,210	O*NET
16	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> ♦	\$28,839	O*NET
17	<u>Speech-Language Pathology Assistants</u> ♦	\$27,234	O*NET
18	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> ♦	\$26,839	O*NET
19	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> ♦	\$26,817	O*NET
20	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> ♦	\$21,512	O*NET
21	<u>Childcare Workers</u> ♦	\$18,989	O*NET
22	<u>Nannies</u> ♦	\$18,989	O*NET

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Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Entry level and Experienced wage rates represent the means of the lower 1/3 and upper 2/3 of the wage distribution, respectively. Data is from an annual survey.

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Wage Rates by Industry

There is no data available for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana.

National Earnings Data Summary

Occupational Therapy Assistants The median annual wage for occupational therapy assistants was \$59,010 in May 2016. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$39,160, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$80,090.

In May 2016, the median annual wages for occupational therapy aides in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

Educational services; state, local, and private \$33,320
Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) 31,260
Hospitals; state, local, and private 28,880
Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 25,460
Social assistance 25,340

In May 2016, the median annual wages for occupational therapy assistants in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

Home healthcare services \$66,430
 Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) 64,710
 Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 59,600
 Hospitals; state, local, and private 52,770
 Educational services; state, local, and private 47,560

Most occupational therapy assistants and aides work full time. Occupational therapy assistants and aides may work during evenings or on weekends to accommodate patients' schedules.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Occupational Employment & Future Employment Outlook

This section shows the long term employment projections for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana from 2016-2026.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Total 2016- 2026 Employment Change	2016-2026 Annual Avg. Percent Change
Occupational Therapy Assistants	620	765	145	2.12%
Total All	2,034,986	2,203,144	168,158	0.80%

Source: Occupational Employment Projections

Employment Data Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of the 2016 estimated employment for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana by regional labor market area.

Rank	Area	2016 Estimated Employment
1	<u>1st Regional Labor Market Area, New Orleans</u>	167
2	<u>2nd Regional Labor Market Area, Baton Rouge</u>	121
3	<u>8th Regional Labor Market Area, Monroe</u>	46
*	<u>3rd Regional Labor Market Area, Houma</u>	Confidential
*	<u>4th Regional Labor Market Area, Lafayette</u>	Confidential
*	<u>5th Regional Labor Market Area, Lake Charles</u>	Confidential
*	<u>6th Regional Labor Market Area, Alexandria</u>	Confidential
*	<u>7th Regional Labor Market Area, Shreveport</u>	Confidential

* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Employment Data in Related Occupations

This section shows the 2016 Estimated Employment in Louisiana for occupations related to Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Rank	Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	*Related By
1	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> ♦	44,616	O*NET
2	<u>Registered Nurses</u> ♦	44,616	O*NET
3	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> ♦	35,012	O*NET
4	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> ♦	21,051	O*NET
5	<u>Childcare Workers</u> ♦	12,317	O*NET
6	<u>Nannies</u> ♦	12,317	O*NET
7	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> ♦	6,182	O*NET
8	<u>Medical Assistants</u> ♦	5,665	O*NET
9	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> ♦	3,548	O*NET
10	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> ♦	3,212	O*NET
11	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> ♦	2,283	O*NET
12	<u>Speech-Language Pathology Assistants</u> ♦	2,255	O*NET
13	<u>Dental Hygienists</u> ♦	1,942	O*NET
14	<u>Physical Therapist Assistants</u> ♦	1,443	O*NET
15	<u>Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School</u>	1,437	O*NET
16	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> ♦	1,315	O*NET
17	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> ♦	1,263	O*NET
18	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> ♦	1,158	O*NET
19	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	1,008	O*NET
20	<u>Park Naturalists</u>	659	O*NET
21	Occupational Therapy Assistants ♦	620	SOC4
22	<u>Residential Advisors</u> ♦	579	O*NET
23	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	519	O*NET
24	<u>Radiation Therapists</u> ♦	407	O*NET
25	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> ♦	190	O*NET
*	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> ♦	Confidential	O*NET
*	<u>Audio-Visual and Multimedia Collections Specialists</u>	Confidential	O*NET

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Source: Occupational Employment Projections

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SOC4 - Occupational grouping based on 1st 4 digits of the Standard Occupational Classification system.

Projected Annual Openings

This section shows the long term projected annual openings for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana from 2016 to 2026.

Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	Annual Average Openings Due to Growth	Annual Average Openings Due to Replacement
Occupational Therapy Assistants	N/A	N/A	N/A
Healthcare Support	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Projections Program

Projected Annual Openings Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of the total annual average openings for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana by regional labor market area from 2016 to 2026.

Rank	Area	Total Annual Average Openings
1	<u>1st Regional Labor Market Area, New Orleans</u>	N/A
2	<u>2nd Regional Labor Market Area, Baton Rouge</u>	N/A
3	<u>8th Regional Labor Market Area, Monroe</u>	N/A
*	<u>3rd Regional Labor Market Area, Houma</u>	Confidential
*	<u>4th Regional Labor Market Area, Lafayette</u>	Confidential
*	<u>5th Regional Labor Market Area, Lake Charles</u>	Confidential
*	<u>6th Regional Labor Market Area, Alexandria</u>	Confidential
*	<u>7th Regional Labor Market Area, Shreveport</u>	Confidential

There is no total annual average openings data available for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana.

* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Projections Program

Projected Annual Openings in Related Occupations

This section shows the projected total annual average openings in Louisiana for occupations related to Occupational Therapy Assistants from 2016 to 2026.

Rank	Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	*Related By
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Rank	Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	*Related By
1	<u>Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School</u>	N/A	O*NET
2	<u>Childcare Workers</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
3	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
4	<u>Dental Hygienists</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
5	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
6	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
7	<u>Medical Assistants</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
8	<u>Nannies</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
9	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
10	Occupational Therapy Assistants ✨	N/A	SOC4
11	<u>Park Naturalists</u>	N/A	O*NET
12	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
13	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
14	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
15	<u>Physical Therapist Assistants</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
16	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
17	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
18	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
19	<u>Radiation Therapists</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
20	<u>Registered Nurses</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
21	<u>Residential Advisors</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
22	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	N/A	O*NET
23	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
24	<u>Speech-Language Pathology Assistants</u> ✨	N/A	O*NET
25	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	N/A	O*NET
*	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> ✨	Confidential	O*NET
*	<u>Audio-Visual and Multimedia Collections Specialists</u>	Confidential	O*NET

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* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Source: Occupational Employment Projections

Industries by Employment

This section shows the industries that employed the highest number of Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana in 2016.

Rank	Industry Title	Estimated Employment	Percent of Total Employment
1	<u>Ambulatory Health Care Services</u>	424	68.39%

Rank	Industry Title	Estimated Employment	Percent of Total Employment
*	<u>Administrative and Support Services</u>	Confidential	Confidential
*	<u>Educational Services</u>	Confidential	Confidential
*	<u>Hospitals</u>	Confidential	Confidential
*	<u>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities</u>	Confidential	Confidential

* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission, Occupational Projections Program

Work Activities

This section shows the most common work activities required by Occupational Therapy Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Work Activity column to view more detailed information.

Work Activity	Work Activity Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Assisting and Caring for Others</u>	Providing personal assistance, medical attention, emotional support, or other personal care to others such as coworkers, customers, or patients.	94
<u>Getting Information</u>	Observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources.	86
<u>Documenting/Recording Information</u>	Entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining information in written or electronic/magnetic form.	83
<u>Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates</u>	Providing information to supervisors, coworkers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.	82
<u>Performing General Physical Activities</u>	Performing physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling of materials.	82
<u>Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships</u>	Developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others, and maintaining them over time.	80
<u>Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work</u>	Developing specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish your work.	76
<u>Performing for or Working Directly with the Public</u>	Performing for people or dealing directly with the public. This includes serving customers in restaurants and stores, and receiving clients or guests.	75
<u>Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge</u>	Keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to your job.	75
<u>Making Decisions and Solving Problems</u>	Analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems.	74

Work Activity	Work Activity Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Training and Teaching Others</u>	Identifying the educational needs of others, developing formal educational or training programs or classes, and teaching or instructing others.	71
<u>Evaluating Information to Determine Compliance with Standards</u>	Using relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations, or standards.	70
<u>Monitor Processes, Materials, or Surroundings</u>	Monitoring and reviewing information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.	70
<u>Interacting With Computers</u>	Using computers and computer systems (including hardware and software) to program, write software, set up functions, enter data, or process information.	69
<u>Thinking Creatively</u>	Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.	65
<u>Communicating with Persons Outside Organization</u>	Communicating with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone or e-mail.	65
<u>Scheduling Work and Activities</u>	Scheduling events, programs, and activities, as well as the work of others.	64
<u>Processing Information</u>	Compiling, coding, categorizing, calculating, tabulating, auditing, or verifying information or data.	64
<u>Developing and Building Teams</u>	Encouraging and building mutual trust, respect, and cooperation among team members.	63
<u>Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events</u>	Identifying information by categorizing, estimating, recognizing differences or similarities, and detecting changes in circumstances or events.	63
<u>Analyzing Data or Information</u>	Identifying the underlying principles, reasons, or facts of information by breaking down information or data into separate parts.	63
<u>Judging the Qualities of Things, Services, or People</u>	Assessing the value, importance, or quality of things or people.	62
<u>Coordinating the Work and Activities of Others</u>	Getting members of a group to work together to accomplish tasks.	60
<u>Handling and Moving Objects</u>	Using hands and arms in handling, installing, positioning, and moving materials, and manipulating things.	58

Work Activity	Work Activity Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Interpreting the Meaning of Information for Others</u>	Translating or explaining what information means and how it can be used.	57
<u>Developing Objectives and Strategies</u>	Establishing long-range objectives and specifying the strategies and actions to achieve them.	55
<u>Estimating the Quantifiable Characteristics of Products, Events, or Information</u>	Estimating sizes, distances, and quantities; or determining time, costs, resources, or materials needed to perform a work activity.	51
<u>Coaching and Developing Others</u>	Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge or skills.	50
<u>Resolving Conflicts and Negotiating with Others</u>	Handling complaints, settling disputes, and resolving grievances and conflicts, or otherwise negotiating with others.	49
<u>Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Material</u>	Inspecting equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.	49
<u>Provide Consultation and Advice to Others</u>	Providing guidance and expert advice to management or other groups on technical, systems-, or process-related topics.	46
<u>Controlling Machines and Processes</u>	Using either control mechanisms or direct physical activity to operate machines or processes (not including computers or vehicles).	45
<u>Performing Administrative Activities</u>	Performing day-to-day administrative tasks such as maintaining information files and processing paperwork.	44
<u>Guiding, Directing, and Motivating Subordinates</u>	Providing guidance and direction to subordinates, including setting performance standards and monitoring performance.	36
<u>Selling or Influencing Others</u>	Convincing others to buy merchandise/goods or to otherwise change their minds or actions.	33
<u>Drafting, Laying Out, and Specifying Technical Devices, Parts, and Equipment</u>	Providing documentation, detailed instructions, drawings, or specifications to tell others about how devices, parts, equipment, or structures are to be fabricated, constructed, assembled, modified, maintained, or used.	21
<u>Monitoring and Controlling Resources</u>	Monitoring and controlling resources and overseeing the spending of money.	20
<u>Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment</u>	Running, maneuvering, navigating, or driving vehicles or mechanized equipment, such as forklifts, passenger vehicles, aircraft, or water craft.	20

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Tasks

This section shows the most common tasks required by Occupational Therapy Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Task column to view more detailed information.

Tasks	Task Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Select therapy activities to fit patients' needs and capabilities.	Core	92
Monitor patients' performance in therapy activities, providing encouragement.	Core	92
Observe and record patients' progress, attitudes, and behavior and maintain this information in client records.	Core	91
Maintain and promote a positive attitude toward clients and their treatment programs.	Core	91
Instruct, or assist in instructing, patients and families in home programs, basic living skills, or the care and use of adaptive equipment.	Core	91
Aid patients in dressing and grooming themselves.	Core	88
Implement, or assist occupational therapists with implementing, treatment plans designed to help clients function independently.	Core	88
Communicate and collaborate with other healthcare professionals involved with the care of a patient.	Core	87
Evaluate the daily living skills or capacities of physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabled clients.	Core	86
Attend continuing education classes.	Core	85
Report to supervisors, verbally or in writing, on patients' progress, attitudes, and behavior.	Core	83
Alter treatment programs to obtain better results if treatment is not having the intended effect.	Core	82
Work under the direction of occupational therapists to plan, implement, or administer educational, vocational, or recreational programs that restore or enhance performance in individuals with functional impairments.	Core	79
Teach patients how to deal constructively with their emotions.	Core	78
Demonstrate therapy techniques, such as manual or creative arts or games.	Core	76
Perform clerical duties, such as scheduling appointments, collecting data, or documenting health insurance billings.	Core	76
Assemble, clean, or maintain equipment or materials for patient use.	Core	75

Tasks	Task Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Attend care plan meetings to review patient progress and update care plans.</u>	Core	73
<u>Order any needed educational or treatment supplies.</u>	Core	73
<u>Transport patients to and from the occupational therapy work area.</u>	Core	69
<u>Design, fabricate, or repair assistive devices or make adaptive changes to equipment or environments.</u>	Core	68
<u>Assist educational specialists or clinical psychologists in administering situational or diagnostic tests to measure client's abilities or progress.</u>	Supplemental	68

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National Working Conditions

Occupational Therapy Assistants Occupational therapy assistants may work with children who have developmental disabilities.

Occupational therapy aides held about 7,500 jobs in 2016. The largest employers of occupational therapy aides were as follows:

Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 38%
Hospitals; state, local, and private 27
Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) 11
Social assistance 5
Educational services; state, local, and private 4

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Typical Work Conditions

This section shows the most common work conditions required by Occupational Therapy Assistants in order of importance.

Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
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Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Contact With Others	How much does this job require the worker to be in contact with others (face-to-face, by telephone, or otherwise) in order to perform it?	97
Indoors, Environmentally Controlled	How often does this job require working indoors in environmentally controlled conditions?	97
Work With Work Group or Team	How important is it to work with others in a group or team in this job?	96
Face-to-Face Discussions	How often do you have to have face-to-face discussions with individuals or teams in this job?	94
Frequency of Decision Making	How frequently is the worker required to make decisions that affect other people, the financial resources, and/or the image and reputation of the organization?	90
Exposed to Disease or Infections	How often does this job require exposure to disease/infections?	88
Electronic Mail	How often do you use electronic mail in this job?	83
Physical Proximity	To what extent does this job require the worker to perform job tasks in close physical proximity to other people?	82
Exposed to Contaminants	How often does this job require working exposed to contaminants (such as pollutants, gases, dust or odors)?	80
Impact of Decisions on Co-workers or Company Results	What results do your decisions usually have on other people or the image or reputation or financial resources of your employer?	79
Freedom to Make Decisions	How much decision making freedom, without supervision, does the job offer?	78
Time Pressure	How often does this job require the worker to meet strict deadlines?	76
Spend Time Standing	How much does this job require standing?	75
Structured versus Unstructured Work	To what extent is this job structured for the worker, rather than allowing the worker to determine tasks, priorities, and goals?	73
Coordinate or Lead Others	How important is it to coordinate or lead others in accomplishing work activities in this job?	72
Importance of Being Exact or Accurate	How important is being very exact or highly accurate in performing this job?	71

Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Deal With Unpleasant or Angry People	How frequently does the worker have to deal with unpleasant, angry, or discourteous individuals as part of the job requirements?	71
Deal With External Customers	How important is it to work with external customers or the public in this job?	70
Importance of Repeating Same Tasks	How important is repeating the same physical activities (e.g., key entry) or mental activities (e.g., checking entries in a ledger) over and over, without stopping, to performing this job?	69
Telephone	How often do you have telephone conversations in this job?	63
Spend Time Walking and Running	How much does this job require walking and running?	63
Spend Time Using Your Hands to Handle, Control, or Feel Objects, Tools, or Controls	How much does this job require using your hands to handle, control, or feel objects, tools or controls?	61
Spend Time Bending or Twisting the Body	How much does this job require bending or twisting your body?	61
Responsible for Others' Health and Safety	How much responsibility is there for the health and safety of others in this job?	60
Level of Competition	To what extent does this job require the worker to compete or to be aware of competitive pressures?	59
Wear Common Protective or Safety Equipment such as Safety Shoes, Glasses, Gloves, Hearing Protection, Hard Hats, or Life Jackets	How much does this job require wearing common protective or safety equipment such as safety shoes, glasses, gloves, hard hats or life jackets?	58
Spend Time Kneeling, Crouching, Stooping, or Crawling	How much does this job require kneeling, crouching, stooping or crawling?	58
Spend Time Keeping or Regaining Balance	How much does this job require keeping or regaining your balance?	54
Consequence of Error	How serious would the result usually be if the worker made a mistake that was not readily correctable?	54
Sounds, Noise Levels Are Distracting or Uncomfortable	How often does this job require working exposed to sounds and noise levels that are distracting or uncomfortable?	51
Letters and Memos	How often does the job require written letters and memos?	50
Spend Time Making Repetitive Motions	How much does this job require making repetitive motions?	46

Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Cramped Work Space, Awkward Positions	How often does this job require working in cramped work spaces that requires getting into awkward positions?	46
Responsibility for Outcomes and Results	How responsible is the worker for work outcomes and results of other workers?	39
Frequency of Conflict Situations	How often are there conflict situations the employee has to face in this job?	34
Spend Time Sitting	How much does this job require sitting?	31
Deal With Physically Aggressive People	How frequently does this job require the worker to deal with physical aggression of violent individuals?	29
Exposed to Minor Burns, Cuts, Bites, or Stings	How often does this job require exposure to minor burns, cuts, bites, or stings?	27
Public Speaking	How often do you have to perform public speaking in this job?	24
Wear Specialized Protective or Safety Equipment such as Breathing Apparatus, Safety Harness, Full Protection Suits, or Radiation Protection	How much does this job require wearing specialized protective or safety equipment such as breathing apparatus, safety harness, full protection suits, or radiation protection?	22
In an Enclosed Vehicle or Equipment	How often does this job require working in a closed vehicle or equipment (e.g., car)?	20
Degree of Automation	How automated is the job?	20

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Work Values and Needs

This section shows the information on the current work values for your selected occupation.

Work Value	Work Value Description	Rank By Extent (Out of 100)
Relationships	Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment. Corresponding needs are Co-workers, Moral Values and Social Service.	83
Achievement	Occupations that satisfy this work value are results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment. Corresponding needs are Ability Utilization and Achievement.	67

Work Value	Work Value Description	Rank By Extent (Out of 100)
Working Conditions	Occupations that satisfy this work value offer job security and good working conditions. Corresponding needs are Activity, Compensation, Independence, Security, Variety and Working Conditions.	64
Support	Occupations that satisfy this work value offer supportive management that stands behind employees. Corresponding needs are Company Policies, Supervision: Human Relations and Supervision: Technical.	61
Independence	Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to work on their own and make decisions. Corresponding needs are Creativity, Responsibility and Autonomy.	56
Recognition	Occupations that satisfy this work value offer advancement, potential for leadership, and are often considered prestigious. Corresponding needs are Advancement, Authority, Recognition and Social Status.	28

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Typical Tools

This section shows common tools used by Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Detailed Tool	Tool Group
Augmentative communication systems	Adaptive communication switches for the physically challenged
Arm braces	Arm orthopedic softgoods
Slings	Arm orthopedic softgoods
Punching awls	Awls
Back braces	Back or lumbar or sacral orthopedic softgoods
Balance boards	Balance beams or boards or bolsters or rockers for rehabilitation or therapy
Beading needles	Bead accessories
Vises	Bench vises
Sphygmomanometers	Blood pressure cuff kits
Braille writers	Braille devices for the physically challenged
C clamps	C clamps
Canes	Canes or cane accessories
Ceramic modeling tools	Clay or modeling tools
Slip mixers	Clay or modeling tools
Hydraulic lifts	Clinical hydraulic lifts or accessories
Industrial clothes dryers	Clothes dryers
Automatic dishwashing systems	Commercial use dishwashers

Detailed Tool	Tool Group
Commercial microwave ovens	Commercial use microwave ovens
Commercial cooking ovens	Commercial use ovens
Continuous passive motion CPM equipment	Continuous passive motion CPM devices or accessories
Crochet hooks	Crochet hooks
Crutches	Crutches or crutch accessories
Desktop computers	Desktop computers
Dynamometers	Dynamometers
Metalsmith molds	Foundry molds
Hydrotherapy equipment	Full body immersion hydrotherapy baths or tanks
Gait belts	Gait belts for rehabilitation or therapy
Transfer belts	Gait belts for rehabilitation or therapy
Joy sticks	Game pads or joy sticks
Glue guns	Glue guns
Safety goggles	Goggles
Goniometers	Goniometers
Hammers	Hammers
Knitting needles	Hand sewing needles
Headpointers	Headpointers or mouthsticks for the physically challenged
Mouthsticks	Headpointers or mouthsticks for the physically challenged
Optical pointers	Headpointers or mouthsticks for the physically challenged
Heat guns	Heat guns
Alternative computer keyboards	Keyboards
Ceramics kilns	Kilns for firing ceramics
Lacing needles	Lacing or stringing accessories
Laser facsimile machines	Laser fax machine
Light commercial washing machines	Laundry type washing machines
Leather scissors	Leather accessories
Rotary punches	Leather accessories
Wing dividers	Leather accessories
Lower extremity braces	Leg orthopedic softgoods or accessories
Communication boards	Letter or symbol boards for the physically challenged
Macrame boards	Macrame accessories
Rawhide mallets	Mallets
Treatment tables	Mats or platforms for rehabilitation or therapy
Mechanical stethoscopes	Medical acoustic stethoscope or accessory
Protective gowns	Medical staff isolation or cover gown
Surgical masks	Medical staff isolation or surgical masks
Needlenose pliers	Needlenose pliers
Notebook computers	Notebook computers

Detailed Tool	Tool Group
Orthotic devices	Orthotics or foot care products
Page turners	Page turners for the physically challenged
Sliding boards	Patient shifting boards or accessories
Stretchers	Patient stretchers or stretcher accessories
Personal computers	Personal computers
Photocopying equipment	Photocopiers
Patient positioning devices	Positioning devices
Hand drills	Power drills
Power hand sanders	Power sanders
Safety gloves	Protective gloves
Mini punch sets	Punches or nail sets or drifts
Rasps	Rasps
Reflex hammers	Reflex hammers or mallets
Rivet setters	Rivet tools
Multi-purpose saw sets	Saws
Mini screwdriver sets	Screwdrivers
Sewing needles	Sewing needles
Metal shears	Shears
Slip joint pliers	Slip or groove joint pliers
Squares	Squares
T squares	T squares
Tablet computers	Tablet computers
Cold packs	Therapeutic heating or cooling pads or compresses or packs
Therapeutic hot packs	Therapeutic heating or cooling pads or compresses or packs
Trackpads	Touch pads
Triangles	Triangles
Precision knives	Utility knives
Compressive garments	Vascular or compression apparel or support
Compression devices	Vascular sequential compression devices or tubing
Talking word processor software	Voice synthesizers for the physically challenged
Walkers	Walkers or rollators
Latch hooks	Weaving accessories
Wheelchairs	Wheelchairs
Wire cutters	Wire cutters
Wood burners	Wood burning tools
Wood chisels	Wood chisels
Word prediction software	Writing aids for the physically challenged
Writing support software	Writing aids for the physically challenged

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Typical Technology

This section shows common technology used by Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Detailed Technology	Technology Group
Accounting software	Accounting software
Billing software	Accounting software
Bookkeeping software	Accounting software
Fifth Walk BillingTracker	Accounting software
Financial record software	Accounting software
BrainTrain SmartDriver	Action games
Scheduling software	Calendar and scheduling software
BrainTrain IVA+Plus	Computer based training software
Language arts educational software	Computer based training software
Math educational software	Computer based training software
Database software	Data base user interface and query software
dBASE	Data base user interface and query software
FileMaker Pro	Data base user interface and query software
Microsoft Access	Data base user interface and query software
Screen reader software	Device drivers or system software
Email software	Electronic mail software
Microsoft Outlook	Electronic mail software
Graphics software	Graphics or photo imaging software
Web browser software	Internet browser software
BrainTrain Captain's Log	Medical software
Client caseload management software	Medical software
Laboratory information system LIS	Medical software
Patient documentation software	Medical software
SpectraSoft DocuPRO	Medical software
TheraClin Systems iMAPR	Medical software
Visual Health Information VHI PC-Kits	Medical software
Microsoft Office	Office suite software
Microsoft Windows	Operating system software
Text scanning software	Optical character reader OCR or scanning software
Microsoft PowerPoint	Presentation software
Microsoft Excel	Spreadsheet software
Spreadsheet software	Spreadsheet software
Voice recognition software	Voice recognition software
Facebook	Web page creation and editing software
Microsoft Word	Word processing software
Word processing software	Word processing software

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Licensing Information

There is no data available for Occupational Therapy Assistants in Louisiana.

Typical Knowledge Categories

This section shows the most common knowledge categories required by Occupational Therapy Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Knowledge Category column to view more detailed information.

Knowledge Category	Knowledge Category Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Customer and Personal Service</u>	Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.	77
<u>English Language</u>	Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.	71
<u>Psychology</u>	Knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioral and affective disorders.	71
<u>Therapy and Counseling</u>	Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for career counseling and guidance.	70
<u>Medicine and Dentistry</u>	Knowledge of the information and techniques needed to diagnose and treat human injuries, diseases, and deformities. This includes symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions, and preventive health-care measures.	63
<u>Sociology and Anthropology</u>	Knowledge of group behavior and dynamics, societal trends and influences, human migrations, ethnicity, cultures and their history and origins.	50
<u>Clerical</u>	Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.	48
<u>Public Safety and Security</u>	Knowledge of relevant equipment, policies, procedures, and strategies to promote effective local, state, or national security operations for the protection of people, data, property, and institutions.	44

Knowledge Category	Knowledge Category Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Computers and Electronics</u>	Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.	43
<u>Law and Government</u>	Knowledge of laws, legal codes, court procedures, precedents, government regulations, executive orders, agency rules, and the democratic political process.	40
<u>Philosophy and Theology</u>	Knowledge of different philosophical systems and religions. This includes their basic principles, values, ethics, ways of thinking, customs, practices, and their impact on human culture.	39
<u>Administration and Management</u>	Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources.	38
<u>Biology</u>	Knowledge of plant and animal organisms, their tissues, cells, functions, interdependencies, and interactions with each other and the environment.	37
<u>Personnel and Human Resources</u>	Knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, training, compensation and benefits, labor relations and negotiation, and personnel information systems.	32
<u>Sales and Marketing</u>	Knowledge of principles and methods for showing, promoting, and selling products or services. This includes marketing strategy and tactics, product demonstration, sales techniques, and sales control systems.	29
<u>Communications and Media</u>	Knowledge of media production, communication, and dissemination techniques and methods. This includes alternative ways to inform and entertain via written, oral, and visual media.	28
<u>Economics and Accounting</u>	Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis and reporting of financial data.	26
<u>Chemistry</u>	Knowledge of the chemical composition, structure, and properties of substances and of the chemical processes and transformations that they undergo. This includes uses of chemicals and their interactions, danger signs, production techniques, and disposal methods.	23
<u>Mathematics</u>	Knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and their applications.	21

Knowledge Category	Knowledge Category Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Foreign Language</u>	Knowledge of the structure and content of a foreign (non-English) language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition and grammar, and pronunciation.	20
<u>Telecommunications</u>	Knowledge of transmission, broadcasting, switching, control, and operation of telecommunications systems.	20

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Typical Work Abilities Required

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Work Ability	Work Ability Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Oral Expression</u>	The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.	75
<u>Oral Comprehension</u>	The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.	72
<u>Problem Sensitivity</u>	The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.	72
<u>Written Comprehension</u>	The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.	69
<u>Written Expression</u>	The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.	69
<u>Near Vision</u>	The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).	63
<u>Information Ordering</u>	The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).	60
<u>Speech Clarity</u>	The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.	60
<u>Speech Recognition</u>	The ability to identify and understand the speech of another person.	60
<u>Deductive Reasoning</u>	The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.	56
<u>Inductive Reasoning</u>	The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).	56
<u>Selective Attention</u>	The ability to concentrate on a task over a period of time without being distracted.	53
<u>Category Flexibility</u>	The ability to generate or use different sets of rules for combining or grouping things in different ways.	50

Work Ability	Work Ability Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Finger Dexterity</u>	The ability to make precisely coordinated movements of the fingers of one or both hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble very small objects.	50
<u>Fluency of Ideas</u>	The ability to come up with a number of ideas about a topic (the number of ideas is important, not their quality, correctness, or creativity).	50
<u>Originality</u>	The ability to come up with unusual or clever ideas about a given topic or situation, or to develop creative ways to solve a problem.	50
<u>Static Strength</u>	The ability to exert maximum muscle force to lift, push, pull, or carry objects.	50
<u>Time Sharing</u>	The ability to shift back and forth between two or more activities or sources of information (such as speech, sounds, touch, or other sources).	50
<u>Arm-Hand Steadiness</u>	The ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.	47
<u>Far Vision</u>	The ability to see details at a distance.	47
<u>Manual Dexterity</u>	The ability to quickly move your hand, your hand together with your arm, or your two hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble objects.	47
<u>Flexibility of Closure</u>	The ability to identify or detect a known pattern (a figure, object, word, or sound) that is hidden in other distracting material.	44
<u>Multilimb Coordination</u>	The ability to coordinate two or more limbs (for example, two arms, two legs, or one leg and one arm) while sitting, standing, or lying down. It does not involve performing the activities while the whole body is in motion.	44
<u>Perceptual Speed</u>	The ability to quickly and accurately compare similarities and differences among sets of letters, numbers, objects, pictures, or patterns. The things to be compared may be presented at the same time or one after the other. This ability also includes comparing a presented object with a remembered object.	44
<u>Visualization</u>	The ability to imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged.	44
<u>Control Precision</u>	The ability to quickly and repeatedly adjust the controls of a machine or a vehicle to exact positions.	41
<u>Gross Body Coordination</u>	The ability to coordinate the movement of your arms, legs, and torso together when the whole body is in motion.	41
<u>Trunk Strength</u>	The ability to use your abdominal and lower back muscles to support part of the body repeatedly or continuously over time without 'giving out' or fatiguing.	41

Work Ability	Work Ability Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Extent Flexibility</u>	The ability to bend, stretch, twist, or reach with your body, arms, and/or legs.	38
<u>Stamina</u>	The ability to exert yourself physically over long periods of time without getting winded or out of breath.	35
<u>Auditory Attention</u>	The ability to focus on a single source of sound in the presence of other distracting sounds.	31
<u>Mathematical Reasoning</u>	The ability to choose the right mathematical methods or formulas to solve a problem.	31
<u>Memorization</u>	The ability to remember information such as words, numbers, pictures, and procedures.	31
<u>Speed of Closure</u>	The ability to quickly make sense of, combine, and organize information into meaningful patterns.	31
<u>Depth Perception</u>	The ability to judge which of several objects is closer or farther away from you, or to judge the distance between you and an object.	28
<u>Dynamic Strength</u>	The ability to exert muscle force repeatedly or continuously over time. This involves muscular endurance and resistance to muscle fatigue.	28
<u>Gross Body Equilibrium</u>	The ability to keep or regain your body balance or stay upright when in an unstable position.	28
<u>Hearing Sensitivity</u>	The ability to detect or tell the differences between sounds that vary in pitch and loudness.	28
<u>Number Facility</u>	The ability to add, subtract, multiply, or divide quickly and correctly.	28
<u>Visual Color Discrimination</u>	The ability to match or detect differences between colors, including shades of color and brightness.	28
<u>Rate Control</u>	The ability to time your movements or the movement of a piece of equipment in anticipation of changes in the speed and/or direction of a moving object or scene.	22
<u>Reaction Time</u>	The ability to quickly respond (with the hand, finger, or foot) to a signal (sound, light, picture) when it appears.	22
<u>Response Orientation</u>	The ability to choose quickly between two or more movements in response to two or more different signals (lights, sounds, pictures). It includes the speed with which the correct response is started with the hand, foot, or other body part.	22
<u>Speed of Limb Movement</u>	The ability to quickly move the arms and legs.	22
<u>Wrist-Finger Speed</u>	The ability to make fast, simple, repeated movements of the fingers, hands, and wrists.	22
<u>Spatial Orientation</u>	The ability to know your location in relation to the environment or to know where other objects are in relation to you.	3

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Typical Work Interests

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common work interests for Occupational Therapy Assistants in order of importance.

Work Interest	Work Interest Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Social	Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.	100
Realistic	Realistic occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.	56
Investigative	Investigative occupations frequently involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. These occupations can involve searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.	39
Artistic	Artistic occupations frequently involve working with forms, designs and patterns. They often require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.	33
Conventional	Conventional occupations frequently involve following set procedures and routines. These occupations can include working with data and details more than with ideas. Usually there is a clear line of authority to follow.	28

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Typical Work Styles

This section shows the most common work styles required by Occupational Therapy Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Work Style column to view more detailed information.

Work Style	Work Style Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Integrity	Job requires being honest and ethical.	92
Adaptability/Flexibility	Job requires being open to change (positive or negative) and to considerable variety in the workplace.	89
Self Control	Job requires maintaining composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger, and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations.	87
Dependability	Job requires being reliable, responsible, and dependable, and fulfilling obligations.	86

Work Style	Work Style Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Cooperation</u>	Job requires being pleasant with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude.	85
<u>Attention to Detail</u>	Job requires being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks.	84
<u>Concern for Others</u>	Job requires being sensitive to others' needs and feelings and being understanding and helpful on the job.	82
<u>Social Orientation</u>	Job requires preferring to work with others rather than alone, and being personally connected with others on the job.	82
<u>Stress Tolerance</u>	Job requires accepting criticism and dealing calmly and effectively with high stress situations.	76
<u>Initiative</u>	Job requires a willingness to take on responsibilities and challenges.	73
<u>Achievement/Effort</u>	Job requires establishing and maintaining personally challenging achievement goals and exerting effort toward mastering tasks.	72
<u>Independence</u>	Job requires developing one's own ways of doing things, guiding oneself with little or no supervision, and depending on oneself to get things done.	72
<u>Innovation</u>	Job requires creativity and alternative thinking to develop new ideas for and answers to work-related problems.	71
<u>Analytical Thinking</u>	Job requires analyzing information and using logic to address work-related issues and problems.	70
<u>Persistence</u>	Job requires persistence in the face of obstacles.	66
<u>Leadership</u>	Job requires a willingness to lead, take charge, and offer opinions and direction.	58

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Related Occupations

This section shows a list of occupations related to Occupational Therapy Assistants. Click an occupation title to see more information about that occupation.

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
1	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> ♦	Evaluate and advise individuals to assist recovery from or avoid athletic-related injuries or illnesses, or maintain peak physical fitness. May provide first aid or emergency care.	O*NET
2	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> ♦	Provide advanced nursing care for patients in critical or coronary care units.	O*NET

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
3	<u>Dental Hygienists</u> ♦	Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop x rays, or apply fluoride or sealants.	O*NET
4	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> ♦	Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.	O*NET
5	<u>Medical Assistants</u> ♦	Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by physician.	O*NET
6	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> ♦	Under close supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, perform only delegated, selected, or routine tasks in specific situations. These duties include preparing patient and treatment room.	O*NET
7	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> ♦	Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.	O*NET
8	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> ♦	Under close supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, perform only delegated, selected, or routine tasks in specific situations. These duties include preparing the patient and the treatment area.	O*NET
9	<u>Physical Therapist Assistants</u> ♦	Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist. Generally requires formal training.	O*NET
10	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> ♦	Assist mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed patients, working under direction of nursing and medical staff. May assist with daily living activities, lead patients in educational and recreational activities, or accompany patients to and from examinations and treatments. May restrain violent patients. Includes psychiatric orderlies.	O*NET
11	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> ♦	Care for individuals with mental or emotional conditions or disabilities, following the instructions of physicians or other health practitioners. Monitor patients' physical and emotional well-being and report to medical staff. May participate in rehabilitation and treatment programs, help with personal hygiene, and administer oral or injectable medications.	O*NET

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
12	<u>Radiation Therapists</u> ♦	Provide radiation therapy to patients as prescribed by a radiologist according to established practices and standards. Duties may include reviewing prescription and diagnosis; acting as liaison with physician and supportive care personnel; preparing equipment, such as immobilization, treatment, and protection devices; and maintaining records, reports, and files. May assist in dosimetry procedures and tumor localization.	O*NET
13	<u>Registered Nurses</u> ♦	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required.	O*NET
14	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	Provide respiratory care under the direction of respiratory therapists and physicians.	O*NET
15	<u>Speech-Language Pathology Assistants</u> ♦	Assist speech-language pathologists in the assessment and treatment of speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. Implement speech and language programs or activities as planned and directed by speech-language pathologists. Monitor the use of alternative communication devices and systems.	O*NET
16	<u>Audio-Visual and Multimedia Collections Specialists</u>	Prepare, plan, and operate multimedia teaching aids for use in education. May record, catalogue, and file materials.	O*NET
17	<u>Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School</u>	Teach occupational, career and technical, or vocational subjects at the secondary school level in public or private schools.	O*NET
18	<u>Childcare Workers</u> ♦	Attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and childcare institutions. Perform a variety of tasks, such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play.	O*NET
19	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> ♦	Instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities. Demonstrate techniques and form, observe participants, and explain to them corrective measures necessary to improve their skills.	O*NET
20	<u>Nannies</u> ♦	Care for children in private households and provide support and expertise to parents in satisfying children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs. Duties may include meal planning and preparation, laundry and clothing care, organization of play activities and outings, discipline, intellectual stimulation, language activities, and transportation.	O*NET
21	<u>Park Naturalists</u>	Plan, develop, and conduct programs to inform public of historical, natural, and scientific features of national, state, or local park.	O*NET

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
22	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> ✨	Assist the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities at the person's home or in a care facility. Duties performed at a place of residence may include keeping house (making beds, doing laundry, washing dishes) and preparing meals. May provide assistance at non-residential care facilities. May advise families, the elderly, convalescents, and persons with disabilities regarding such things as nutrition, cleanliness, and household activities.	O*NET
23	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> ✨	Instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development facility. May be required to hold State certification.	O*NET
24	<u>Residential Advisors</u> ✨	Coordinate activities in residential facilities in secondary and college dormitories, group homes, or similar establishments. Order supplies and determine need for maintenance, repairs, and furnishings. May maintain household records and assign rooms. May assist residents with problem solving or refer them to counseling resources.	O*NET
25	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> ✨	Assist in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services. May assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care.	O*NET
26	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	Teach or instruct vocational or occupational subjects at the postsecondary level (but at less than the baccalaureate) to students who have graduated or left high school. Includes correspondence school, industrial, and commercial instructors; and adult education teachers and instructors who prepare persons to operate industrial machinery and equipment and transportation and communications equipment. Teaching may take place in public or private schools whose primary business is education or in a school associated with an organization whose primary business is other than education.	O*NET

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Career Ladder

This section shows the top 10 occupations and the corresponding individuals in the workforce system who were previously Occupational Therapy Assistants and have changed their occupation over the last 5 years.

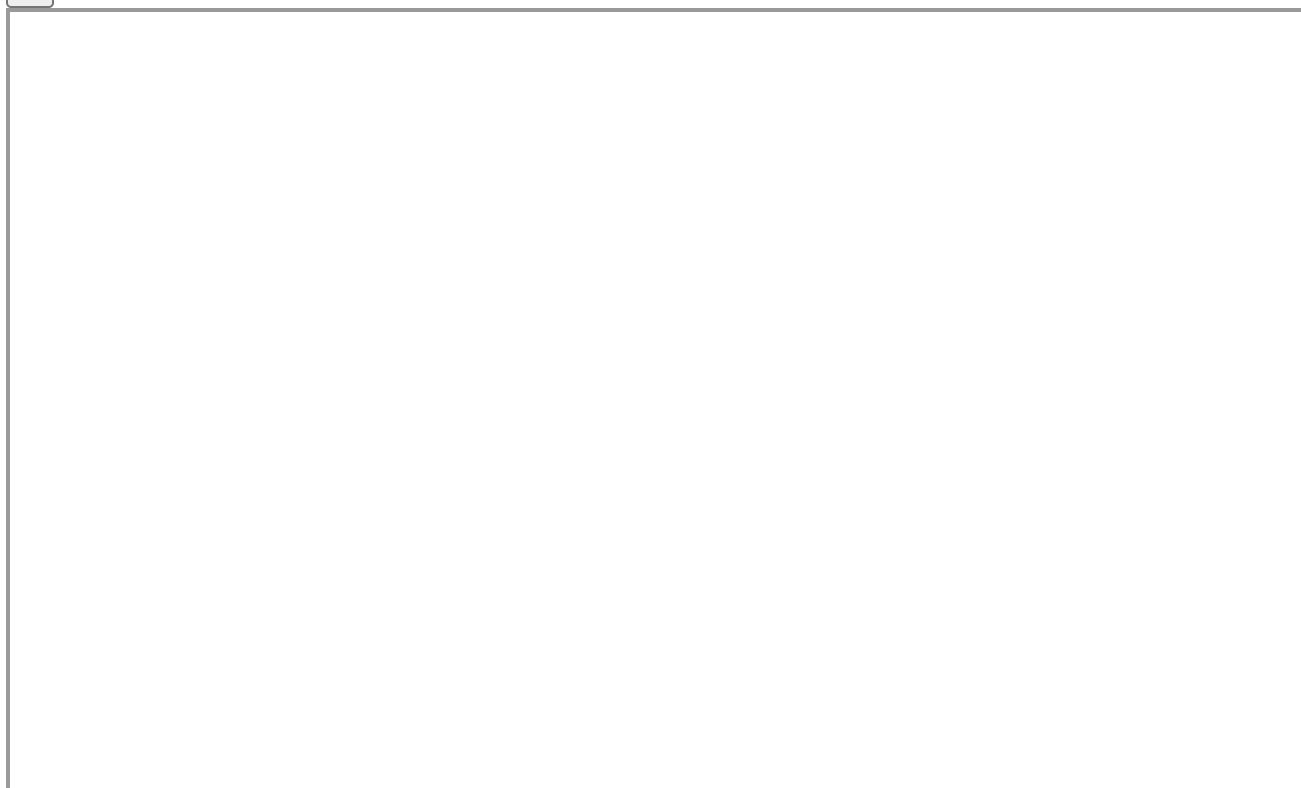
Occupation Title	Number of Individuals that Moved	Percentage of Individuals that Moved
<u>Occupational Therapists</u> ✨	4	14.29%
<u>Waiters and Waitresses</u> ✨	4	14.29%

Occupation Title	Number of Individuals that Moved	Percentage of Individuals that Moved
<u>Retail Salespersons</u> ✨	4	14.29%
<u>Nursing Assistants</u> ✨	3	10.71%
<u>First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers</u> ✨	3	10.71%
<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> ✨	2	7.14%
<u>Childcare Workers</u> ✨	2	7.14%
<u>Personal Care Aides</u> ✨	2	7.14%
<u>Cashiers</u> ✨	2	7.14%
<u>Billing, Cost, and Rate Clerks</u> ✨	2	7.14%

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Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

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