



Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program

Students petitioning for the OTA program must meet the following minimum criteria.

Qualifying Criteria Rubric

| Qualifying Criteria | Criteria met/not met |
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| 1. The grade earned in A&P is B- or higher | Yes or No |
| 2. The score earned on the program qualifying exam is 75 or higher | Yes or No |
| 3. Cum. GPA is 2.5 or higher | Yes or No |

Upon meeting the minimum qualifying criteria, the OTA program selection committee will group the qualified students into three (3) groups based on cumulative GPA. These groupings are based on MATC Board of Director recommendations to provide all qualified students reasonable access to MATC programs.

Group 1: students with 3.5 - 4.0 Cumulative GPA; will compose 40% of program capacity

Group 2: students with 3.0 - 3.49 Cumulative GPA; will compose 35% of program capacity

Group 3: students with 2.5 - 2.99 Cumulative GPA; will compose 25% of program capacity

The OTA program selection committee, composed of program faculty, other health program faculty, and a student success liaison will then score the students in each grouping. For example, group 1 students will be rated only against other group 1 students; group 2 students will be rated only against other group 2 students, etc. The scoring will be based on the rubric provided below. Students who achieved the top scores in each group will be selected for entry into the OTA program. The number of students selected in each group is based on program capacity. Students not selected are encouraged to re-petition during the next petition window.

After the selection committee has completed the selection process, students will be notified as to their status within 4-5 weeks of the petition window closing.



Selection Criteria Rubric

| Selection Criteria | Points Awarded |
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| The grade earned in A&P <i>Students must receive a B- grade or higher in A&P to qualify for the program.</i> | A= 14 points A- = 12 points B+ = 10 points B= 8 points B- = 6 points |
| The number of times the student has petitioned for admittance to the program. | 1x = 10 2x = 20 3x = 35 4x+ = 50 |
| The score earned on the program entrance exam, HPA2 | 94—100 = 15 90—93 = 13 85—89 = 11 80—84 = 9 75—79 = 6 |
| Veterans | +5 points |
| In District | +5 points |

This program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), aota.org/Education-Careers/Accreditation.aspx, located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number, C/O AOTA is 301-652-6611; web address is www.acoteonline.org.