

OTA Admission Policies
ACOTE Standards A.3.1 and A.3.3

Program Pre-requisites: There are no courses that are prerequisite to begin the program for cohort beginning fall of 2019.

Students who apply to the OTA Program must attend an Information Session prior to submission of application. A certificate of attendance will be given at the Information Session, which should be attached to the application packet.

All required documentation must be submitted in full to Enrollment Services during the open application period.

Admission criteria:

Option #1

1. A score of 78 or higher (**or equivalent score on Accuplacer Next Gen**) in the Reading Comprehension portion of the ACCUPLACER test taken within the past two years OR score of 21 or higher on the reading subject area of the ACT test taken within the past 2 years OR Anoka Technical College READ 0900 with a grade of "B" or better within the past two years.
2. A score of 81 or higher (**or equivalent score on Accuplacer Next Gen**) in the Arithmetic Skills portion of the ACCUPLACER test taken within the past two years OR score 22 or higher on the Mathematics subject area of the ACT test taken within the past 2 years OR Anoka Technical College MATH 0801 with a grade of "B" or better within the past two years.
3. A score of 65% or higher on the Test of Essential Academic Skills for Allied Health, (ATI-TEAS). There is a cost associated with the test. It is the responsibility of the applicant to pay this fee.
4. Submit Certificate of Attendance from Information Session.

Option #2: Students who have a Bachelor's or Master's degree

1. Submit an official transcript of Bachelor's or Master's degree.
2. Submit Certificate of Attendance from Information Session.
3. The Accuplacer assessment or the ATI-TEAS are not required.

OTA Program Application Guidelines:

All required documents must be submitted as an entire package; the Enrollment Services Department (Rm #117) will accept them via email as a PDF file, or in person. All students who meet the admission requirements can apply to the program. Qualified application packets will first be accepted on October 1, 2019 between 9am-4pm for the cohort starting Fall 2020. Qualified application packets will continue to be accepted until there are 30 applicants. If there are more than 30 qualified applicant packets received on October 1, 2019, all qualified applicant packets received that day will be placed into a lottery. If less than 30 qualified applicant packets have been received on October 1, 2019, all qualified applicant packets received that day will be accepted. If there are remaining seats open after October 1, 2019 and more qualified applicant packets are received than seats available, a lottery will determine accepted applicants. After 30 qualified applicants are accepted, the remaining applicants will be placed on a "temporary wait list." Upon submission of a complete applicant packet, applicants will be notified within 10 business days via email, if they have a seat in the program or have been added to the wait list. Qualified application packets will continue to be accepted after the cohort is full, however, these applicants will continue to be placed on a "temporary wait list" in the order received. Applicants on the "temporary wait list" will be accepted into the program if a seat becomes available for the current cohort only. "Temporary wait list" applicants will be notified via email/phone call and will have 48 hours to accept their seat. If no response is received within 48 business hours, the next person will move up on the wait list and the applicant who did not respond will move to the bottom of the "temporary wait list". There will be a deadline date described in the correspondence by which the applicant must officially accept their seat, attend program orientation**, complete college orientation and register for courses for the fall semester or potentially forfeit their seat.

****Students accepted to the program and those on the “temporary wait list” will need to attend a mandatory OTA Program orientation on Thursday, April 2, 2020 from 3:30-5:30 in room #126.** Applicants must register for classes by May 15, 2020 for fall courses or will move to the bottom of the “temporary wait list.”

Further procedures: In the event that 30 qualified applications are not received by March 2 of the academic year, the following policies will be in place. The OTA Program in collaboration with Enrollment Services will determine which of the following will be set into place. Information will be posted on the OTA webpage as to dates to notify potential applicants.

1. Host an additional Information Session.
2. Work with Testing Services Department to add needed assessments prior to new application deadline.
3. Applicants will be accepted until 30 qualified applicants are accepted.
4. If the amount of qualified applications exceeds the seats available, applicants will be accepted in the order received.
5. Any remaining qualified applicants will be placed on the “temporary wait list” in the order received until the OTA Program Orientation date. These applicants will be invited to attend mandatory OTA Program orientation. If they attend, they will remain on the “temporary wait list.” If they do not attend, they will be moved to the end of the “temporary wait list,” and the next applicant on the list will be moved up.
6. “Temporary wait list” is maintained for the current cohort only. Applicants who are on the “temporary wait list” and do not gain admission for the current cohort, must reapply to the program the next year. Applicants do not need to come to another Information Session, nor retest (unless scores have expired). Applicants should note the date of attendance for Information Session on the OTA Application. A cross reference on the attendance records will verify Information Session attendance.

Policy related to Orientation:

All students will attend OTA Program Orientation prior to starting the program.

Procedures:

1. In the event that one of the 30 accepted applicants does not attend mandatory OTA Program Orientation, drops from the program prior to the start or does not show up the first week of class, the first person on the list will receive a phone call and email from Enrollment Services.
2. The applicant will have 48 hours to respond positively that they will join the program cohort.
3. If the first applicant does not respond within 48 hours (end of two business days), the next applicant on the list will be notified. This process will continue until the list is exhausted. If the list of students move beyond the “temporary wait list” who attended Program Orientation, any student who did not attend mandatory OTA Program Orientation will be required to meet with the Program Director prior to beginning the program. Dates and times will be determined by the Program Director. If this is not completed, the applicant will be dropped from the list.
4. If further applicants are needed, the process will be repeated until the applicant list for the current cohort is exhausted.

No exceptions to the requirements are allowed. At least five Information Sessions are scheduled each year. Assessment opportunities are available every week. Proper planning, time management and self-initiation are a part of the application process and are essential skills to the role of the occupational therapy assistant.

All applicants are encouraged to talk with the OTA Program Director or Enrollment Service professionals if there are questions about this process.