

# Occupational Therapy Assistant

Occupational therapy helps people of all ages participate in the everyday activities (occupations) that they want and need to do. Occupational therapy addresses activities in all environments (e.g., home, work, school, community), as well as the physical, psychological and cognitive aspects of an individual's well-being through participation in occupations.

Occupational Therapy Assistants are an important part of the therapy team that helps patients develop, recover or main-



tain the daily living and work skills of people with a physical, mental or developmental condition.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program at Mc-Lennan Community College is a two-year associate degree program that prepares graduates to become licensed occupational therapy assistants. The curriculum provides theory, lab practice and clinical experience to prepare students to perform quality patient care. In 2018, the median national salary for OTAs was about \$57,620.

### What You'll Get

- Classroom instruction in occupational therapy
- Hands-on practice through clinical experience
- Instructors who are dedicated to your success and have experience in the field
- A program with a great reputation in Central Texas

#### What You'll Learn

- Theoretical principles, technology, and standards of practice of occupational therapy
- How to provide high-quality therapy services to diverse populations
- Developing, designing, adapting, and maintaining environments for patients
- Problem solving and clinical reasoning skills

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# Enjoy the satisfaction of helping people recover

## **Admission Requirements**

- Must be TSI complete
- Must be ≥ 18 years of age, be a high school graduate or equivalent
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better in each
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in prerequisite & corequisite courses.
- International students must demonstrate English proficiency
- Applicants must also complete 40 hours of volunteer work or work experience in two different settings
- For a list of prerequisite and co-requisite courses, visit the Occupational Therapy Assistant website

# How to Apply

Applications must be completed and turned in by Oct. 30

- Complete the McLennan application
- Transcripts
- Two Occupational Therapy Experience forms (documentation of volunteer hours)
- Two Occupational Therapy Workplace Skills Assessment Forms (references)
- Verification of attendance at an OTA Program General Information Session (form received at the time of attendance)

You'll find all the forms and applications you need to fill out on the McLennan website, www.mclennan.edu/admissions/become-a-student

#### Financial Aid

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please complete the FAFSA at <a href="www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> by June 1 for the following academic year. For more information about financial aid, go to <a href="www.mclennan.edu/financial-aid">www.mclennan.edu/financial-aid</a> or call McLennan's Highlander Central at 254-299-8622.

#### **Learn More**

To find out more about the occupational therapy assistant program at McLennan, visit: www.mclennan.edu/health-professions/occupational-therapy-assistant/

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