

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT  
STUDENT POLICIES

## **CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE OTA PROGRAM**

The OTA program requires 64 credits; 45 core credits (10-514-xxx) and 19 general studies credits.

It is expected that students master all course competencies. Grades are based on weighted percentages of assignments and learning activities located in the grading section of each course syllabus. Final grades are determined by using the weight and scores, not total points. Learners must receive a "C" (79.5%) or higher in all required courses to continue in the occupational therapy assistant program. Scoring less than a "C" (79.5%) will require retaking the course and will delay progression in the OTA program. Learners must receive a "C" (79.5%) or higher in each required course, not only in 514-xxx (OTA) core courses.

All Lab Practicals in the OTA program must be completed with the percentage indicated in the course syllabus.

OTA students must take all 514-xxx courses identified on the curriculum plan in the semester indicated. OTA students who wish to drop or withdraw core 514-xxx (core) courses must withdraw or drop all 514-xxx core courses as core courses are co-requisites of each other in each OTA semester.

All general study and 514-xxx courses except Fieldwork IIA (10-514-186), Fieldwork IIB (10-514-187) and OT Practice and Management (10-514-185) must be completed with a C or higher prior to the start of fourth semester. Only these 3 OTA core courses may be taken during the last semester of the program.

Fieldwork I (10-514-184) students must successfully complete the Fieldwork I Student Evaluation with no more than 5 NYs. If more than 5 NYs are given on the Student Evaluation, the student will not pass the course. This is required for each fieldwork component of Fieldwork I— (Psychosocial, Traditional, and Non-traditional). If a student does not meet this criterion and fails this course, the student is dismissed from the OTA program.

Fieldwork IIA and Fieldwork IIB students must successfully complete the AOTA Fieldwork Performance Evaluation for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Student. Students must score 91 points or higher, with a 3 or above on items #1, #2 and #3 (Ethics and Safety items) in order to pass the course. If a student does not meet this criterion and fails the course, the student is dismissed from the OTA program.

OTA students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 18 months following completion of the academic preparation.

OTA students must complete their degree within 5 years of the first successful completion of a 514-xxx core course.