Northwood Technical College
FY23 (202-23) Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (Transfer Track)

The following is additional information about the Northwood Tech Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program. This information supplements the program webpage and district catalog.

Degree: Associate in Applied Science-Occupational Therapy Assistant

A. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM - 64 semester credits

PROGRAM DIRECTOR	PROGRAM LOCATIONS	FIELDWORK LOCATIONS
Becky Mika, OTR, MBA-HCA Northwood Technical College 2100 Beaser Ave Ashland, WI 54806 715-319-7263 becky.mika@NorthwoodTech.edu	Northwood Tech-Ashland (Web instruction) Northwood Tech-New Richmond (Web instruction) Northwood Tech-Rice Lake (Web instruction)	Northwood Tech district, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and other states

There is no time limit for course transferability, but a competency examination may be required to determine level of knowledge. Please be advised that there may be a waiting list. You can obtain application materials by contacting the Admission Advisor.

B. ADDITIONAL ADMISSION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS

Due to the limited availability fieldwork sites, classes are limited to 12 students at each campus, and transfer students are admitted on a space-available basis only. If space is available, you will be contacted as to what additional documentation must be provided to complete your transfer and course registration. Transfers are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Submit official college transcripts and associated materials to the Admission Advisor of the campus you wish to attend:

Jennifer Bednarik Ashland Admissions Advisor Northwood Technical College 2100 Beaser Ave Ashland, WI 548606 Phone: 715-685-3039 jennifer.bednarik@NorthwoodTech.edu	**Jodi Saliny** New Richmond Admissions Advisor Northwood Technical College 1019 S. Knowles Ave New Richmond, WI 54017 Phone: 715-752-8119 jodi.saliny@NorthwoodTech.edu	**Tia Dietz** Rice Lake Admissions Advisor Northwood Technical College 1900 College Dr Rice Lake, WI 54868 Phone: 715-788-7144 tia.dietz@NorthwoodTech.edu

WEB CONFERENCING
The OTA program at Northwood Tech connects to Ashland, Rice Lake, and New Richmond campuses via Web Conferencing instruction. With the use of technology, all campuses can be connected and participate in lecture in real time with the lecture instructor at one of the locations. However, labs are offered in person with a lab instructor at each location. Using technology for instruction can be challenging and exciting.

DISTANCE EDUCATION POLICY
A student must take an OTA course entirely at the campus they are admitted to. For example, a student admitted to the RL campus must take all Web Conferencing courses and lab courses at the RL campus. If the course meets 3 days a week over Web Conferencing, students must be at the RL campus for each of the 3 scheduled sessions each week of the semester. Each campus has a capacity of 12 students. Students may not change campuses during the semester. If an opening occurs at a campus, a lottery will be conducted to determine priority for any available spots. Changing from one campus to another is only possible at the beginning of a semester. The OTA Program Director will conduct the lottery. Students wishing to change campuses must contact the OTA Program Director.

CLASS COMMITMENT
The average amount of time spent in the classroom for a full-time student is between 20 and 25 hours per week. In addition to scheduled class time, it is expected that students spend at least two to three hours studying for each hour of classroom lecture they attend. This represents a significant time commitment, and most students find it necessary to reduce work hours during the program.

TRANSFER CREDIT
Official college transcripts must be submitted for any college coursework that has been completed. Official college transcripts must be sealed and sent from the sending institution.

OTA PROGRAM STANDARDS
OTA students must complete all required courses with a 2.0 or better. An OTA student may repeat a core (OTA) or occupational support (science) course only **once**. In addition, students enrolled in the OTA program may repeat only **two** core (OTA) or occupational supportive (science) courses in the program during their progress toward graduation. This policy also applies to coursework taken at other colleges.

COMPUTER NEEDS
As an OTA student at Northwood Tech, you are required to have 24-hour internet access. All OTA courses have a Blackboard component where PowerPoints, resources, and assignments are posted. Microsoft Office is required for completion of assignments. Students need access to a color printer. A device for taking quality photos, such as a phone, tablet, or digital camera is recommended.

FIELDWORK
OTA students will need reliable transportation to meet the demands of the program. Students are required to complete observation and fieldwork portions of the curriculum off campus. Travel for observation and Level I Fieldwork may be 3 hours (one way) from your campus. Fieldwork IIA and IIB is scheduled off campus. The fieldwork experience is "on the job training" consisting of 35-40 hours per week for 16 weeks of fourth semester.

These placements may be anywhere within the Northwood Tech district, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and other states. Time commitment and travel make employment difficult during Fieldwork IIA and IIB. Fieldwork IIA and IIB will be completed in two different settings under

the supervision of a COTA or OTR. The two settings offer a different service delivery model. No part of level I Fieldwork may be substituted for Level II Fieldwork. OTA students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 18 months following completion of academic preparation.

ACCREDITATION

The associate-degree-level occupational therapy assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

GRADUATE SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Current graduates earn between $37,437–$51,996 annually. The most recent graduate follow-up study indicates the average yearly salary to be $44,627.

Checklist for TRANSFER into Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Because space in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is limited, transfer students will be admitted only as space is available.

Phase 1:   Transfer Credit Review:

_____   Submit official transcript(s) from colleges previously attended. The transcript(s) must be evaluated by CPFL staff to determine semester placement. Once semester placement has been established, the transfer student may apply for admission to that semester. Application requirements include:

     _____   Complete application. Any student admitted into an Occupational Therapy Assistant program within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) will receive reciprocity for admission at any other WTCS OTA program. The student is responsible for submitting a copy of their previous admission information.

     _____   Have earned a high school diploma or GED/HSED certificate. Current HS seniors must provide both a current high school transcript and a final transcript with confer date.

     _____   Review and sign Background Check Disclosure

     _____   Review and sign the Functional Abilities Disclosure

     _____   Complete admissions meeting with Northwood Tech counselor

Phase 2:   Entry to Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

_____   Submit Background Check fee to Student Services as designated on cover page

_____   Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other states, if applicable

_____   Pass a physical exam, have current immunizations, and demonstrate negative status for tuberculosis (TB). Decision to not receive vaccinations may limit ability to obtain clinical placement based upon meeting site placement requirements.

_____   Possess current certification of "BLS Basic Life Support" or equivalent

_____   Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement

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Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change

WI Caregiver Background Check	$10.00
Uniforms & Equipment	$100.00
Textbooks (OTA technical studies courses)	$1,253.00
47-531-437 BLS Basic Life Support	$55.54

FIRST TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2,801.70

10-514-171 Introduction to Occupational Therapy	$469.95
10-514-172 Medical & Psychosocial Conditions	$463.95
10-514-173 Activity Analysis & Application	$313.30
10-801-136 English Composition 1	$463.95
10-806-177 General Anatomy & Physiology	$626.60
10-809-198 Introduction to Psychology	$463.95

SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2,575.40

10-514-174 OT Performance Skills	$626.60
10-514-175 Psychosocial Practice	$469.95
10-514-176 OT Theory & Practice (including $75 AOTA membership fee)	$544.95
10-514-178 Geriatric Practice	$469.95
10-809-188 Developmental Psychology	$463.95

THIRD TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2,807.70

10-514-179 Community Practice	$313.30
10-514-189 OT Physical Rehabilitation Practice	$626.60
10-514-190 OT Pediatric Practice	$626.60
10-514-184 OTA Fieldwork I	$313.30
10-801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication or 10-801-198 Speech	$463.95
10-809-196 Introduction to Sociology	$463.95

FOURTH TERM - TUITION/FEES: $1,926.30

10-514-185 OT Practice & Management (including $75 AOTA membership renewal fee)	$385.80
10-514-186 OTA Fieldwork II-A	$770.25
10-514-187 OTA Fieldwork II-B	$770.25

Exam Study Guide	$60.00
Practice Exams (Optional)	$45.00
National Certification App Fee ($555 + $40 reporting fee)	$595.00
Wi State Licensure	$150.00

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TOTAL	$12,379.64

Transportation costs to and from fieldwork agencies will vary
Computer, other required hardware, or upgrade costs will be discussed on an individual basis.
Students are responsible for additional fieldwork agency requirements.
Students are responsible for health form costs (TB test, Immunizations, titers, exam, etc.)