



**Southeast**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

## Steps to Admission

**Degrees Offered:** Associate of Applied Science

**Locations:** Lincoln Campus

### Spring Semester:

- Starts in January
- Full-time only
- Lincoln Campus (face-to-face option)
- 3 semesters + 1 summer term

*The face-to-face option includes attending class and labs in-person on the Lincoln Campus.*

*The **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program has limited spots, and admission is competitive. Not all applicants will be accepted.*



# ARE YOU NEW TO SCC AND/OR HAVE NOT COMPLETED REQUIRED COURSES FOR YOUR INTENDED HEALTH PROGRAM?

## Getting Started

Applying to an SCC health science program involves two steps. First, students take required courses to prepare for their health science career. Second, once these courses are completed, they can apply to the program of their choice. SCC Admissions and Advising staff are available to assist with the application process and course selection. This document explains the application process.

If you've already completed the required courses for your program, please refer to the back of this document for application instructions.

Keep in mind that each student's path may be different based on their goals, previous coursework, and anticipated start date.

If you are unsure where to start, contact [admissions@southeast.edu](mailto:admissions@southeast.edu) or call 402-437-2600 for assistance.

## How to Apply

### 1 Apply

Apply to the **Health Sciences** program at [southeast.edu/applynow](https://southeast.edu/applynow). Select the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program as your focus.

The Health Sciences program accepts new student each term (Fall, Spring, & Summer). You can apply at anytime for the next available term.

### 2 Meet Reading & Math Requirements

Submit placement test scores or an official college transcript showing completion of college-level English and/or math courses with a C or better. SCC accepts the ACT, SAT, and Next-Generation ACCUPLACER® scores. Math scores are valid for three years and reading scores are valid for five years. Score reports can be submitted directly to [admissions@southeast.edu](mailto:admissions@southeast.edu). Score reports must contain your full name and date of test.

If you have not taken the ACT or SAT within the last three years, contact the SCC Testing Center to schedule a time to take the Next-Generation ACCUPLACER®.

**Acceptance to the Health Sciences program requires:**

#### Reading/Writing

Place into Beginning Reading/Writing (ENGL 0960) or higher

#### Math

Place into Math Fundamentals (MATH 0900) or higher

### 3 Complete NSE

Complete New Student Enrollment. Instructions for completing NSE will be sent via email. Your College Advisor will contact you after you complete NSE.

### 4 Meet With Your Advisor

Meet with your College Advisor to register for classes and learn more about the application process for the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program.

# Advising & Prerequisite Information

The **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program requires specific courses to be completed before being admitted to the program. These courses will prepare you for the program.

Your College Advisor can help you choose and register for the prerequisite courses and assist with the application process. If you're unsure who your College Advisor is, email [advising@southeast.edu](mailto:advising@southeast.edu).

Check the College catalog for detailed course requirements.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Human Anatomy with Lab (4 credits)*</b>                                           | BIOS 1140 & BIOS 1140L                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Human Physiology with Lab (4 credits)*</b>                                        | BIOS 2130 & BIOS 2130L                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Global Awareness and Citizenship or Career and Life Skills Course (3 credits)</b> | <b>Recommendation:</b> SOCI 1010, SOCI 1020, PSYC 1810, or PSYC 1250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Written Communication Course (3 credits)</b>                                      | ENGL 1010, ENGL 1054, or ENGL 1110                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Speech Communication Course (3 credits)</b>                                       | COMM 1110, COMM 1090, COMM 2100, or COMM 2810                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Success at SCC (1 credit)</b>                                                     | ACFS 1015                                                            |

*\*Combined Anatomy & Physiology courses (i.e. Anatomy & Physiology I and II) with labs are eligible for evaluation to meet program requirements.*

**Success at SCC (ACFS 1015):** Students who have previously earned 15 hours of college credit may be eligible for a credit by waiver. Ask your College Advisor for more information.

If you completed any of the courses listed above at another college or university, send your official transcript to: SCC Registration & Records at Southeast Community College, 8800 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68520.

A grade of a C or higher is required for courses to be evaluated for transfer credit.

**Required GPA Information:** Students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 for required science courses (Anatomy & Physiology) and a 2.5 GPA in the general education courses (Written Communications, Communication Studies, Medical Terminology and Social Science courses) to be eligible to apply to the program.

A GPA calculator is available: [southeast.edu/current-students/gpa-calculator.php](http://southeast.edu/current-students/gpa-calculator.php)

## Meet Reading & Math Requirements

**If you completed your prerequisite classes at SCC,** the College will have your course/score on file and your College Advisor or Admissions can advise you on your needs.

**If you completed your prerequisites at another college or university,** you may need to test or will need to submit an official college transcript showing completion of the English and Math courses listed below. The Admissions Office can advise you on your placement needs.

**Acceptance to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program requires:**

### Reading/Writing

You will not need to submit placement scores or test for Reading/Writing placement as the Written Communications prerequisite will fulfill the placement requirement.

Completion of Composition I (ENGL 1010) or equivalent

### Math

Completion of Intermediate Algebra (MATH 1100) with a grade that will allow you to register for College Algebra (MATH 1150) or place into College Algebra (MATH 1150 or higher)

## ■ ARE YOU CURRENTLY COMPLETING OR HAVE FINISHED YOUR PREREQUISITE COURSES?

### Important Application Information

You will apply to the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program during the application period. Applications will not be reviewed until all requirements are submitted. The date of the last item submitted will serve as the time stamp for when the application is considered complete.

#### Spring Semester (January start)

—■ **Apply September 1 – September 30 or until full**

First review of applications will begin October 1 and notification of acceptance will occur on or after November 1.

#### *Please note the following:*

- The program uses a selection process to determine admission.
- Applications will be reviewed when all requirements are submitted.
- The application will remain open for each program intake until all program seats are full.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed if missing requirements or all required courses are not complete.
- Applicants that are re-applying to the program must resubmit all documentation during each application period.

### How to Apply

#### 1 Apply

Apply to the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program at [southeast.edu/applynow](https://southeast.edu/applynow) within the time period noted above for your intended start date.

Application to the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program requires completion of prerequisite coursework (see inside panel).

#### 2 Meet Requirements

Meeting Reading & Math Requirements as noted on the previous page. Requirements must be met in order for your application to be considered complete.

#### 3 Complete Activity

- Click the Professional Awareness Activity link on the program's website. Read the instructions carefully and follow all directions completely.
- You will submit the professional awareness activity as part of the application process; the professional awareness activity must be completed and submitted prior to your application being reviewed.
- The activity will be available on the website September 1, 2026.

#### Final Requirements for Admitted Students

Students admitted to the **Occupational Therapy Assistant** program will be required to submit the following within 15 days of admittance notification (Failure to do so will result in not being able to enroll in the program and the spot will be given to an alternate):

- Completed Student Health Statement (immunization record)
- Current American Heart Association BLS (Basic Life Support) CPR for Healthcare Providers card (only CPR type accepted)

Students are encouraged to begin completing the health statement prior to acceptance as several of the immunizations take more than 15 days to obtain.

Submit the Student Health Statement and CPR card to [healthsciences@southeast.edu](mailto:healthsciences@southeast.edu).