Occupational Therapy Assistant Program for Distance Learners

Our OTA program is designed to accommodate distance education students with the majority of course work done synchronously online through virtual classrooms. In-person labs occur during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th semesters and take place at Joyce University in Draper, Utah.**



Skill Lab & Fieldwork (FW) Requirements by Semester

Semester 1

BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology

- Lab requirement: 30 hours
 - Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions

Semester 2

OTA 120 Occupations of Childhood and Adolescence

- Lab requirement: 30 hours
- Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions

OTA 130 Pediatric Skills

- Lab requirement: 45 hours
 - Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions
 - Skills pass off: Monday Friday 8 hours/day (this is typically done in week 14)**

Level | Fieldwork: 30 hours*

BIO 215 Kinesiology and Functional Movement

Lab requirement: 30 hours

• Weekly virtual asynchronous¹ lab interactions

Semester 3

OTA 150 Occupations of Adulthood

- Lab requirement: 45 hours
- Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions

OTA 170 Adulthood Skills Lab

- Lab requirement: 45 hours
 - Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions
- Skills pass off: Monday Friday 8 hours/day (this is typically done in week 13)**
- Level | Fieldwork: 30 hours*

OTA 180 Foundations and Engagement

Lab requirement: 30 hours

Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions

OTA 190 Psychosocial Aspects of Occupation

- Lab requirement: 30 hours
 - Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions

Semester 4

OTA 200 Occupations of Later Adulthood

Lab requirement: 30 hours

Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions

OTA 230 Later Adulthood Skills

- Lab requirement: 45 hours
 - Weekly virtual synchronous² lab interactions
 - Skills pass off: Monday Friday 8 hours/day (this is typically done in week 12)**
- Level | Fieldwork: 30 hours*

Semester 5

OTA 270 Fieldwork II-A

8 weeks full time fieldwork experience*

OTA 280 Fieldwork II-B

8 weeks full time fieldwork experience*

Travel Requirements

*About Fieldwork Experiences

Fieldwork experiences generally occur in the student's state of residence, but cannot be guaranteed. Students will work with the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator (AFWC) during semester 1 and may be required to assist in identifying a fieldwork site. If fieldwork sites are unavailable in the student's state of residence, the student may be required to travel to Utah or other states to complete required fieldwork experiences.

**About In-Person Labs

Out-of-state students must attend the Draper, Utah campus location for in-person labs (skills pass offs). These will generally occur over several consecutive days during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th semesters. Dates and times are determined during registration.

Lodging, airfare, transportation, and meals may be included in the cost of attendance for required travel for labs and simulation and can be paid for with excess proceeds from Financial Aid awards and private student loans. Students should consult with their Financial Aid Advisor for specific costs and additional questions.



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Effective Date: April 11, 2024. Previous versions are no longer valid. ¹Asynchronous courses are taken online based on the student's availability within the timeframe outlined for that lesson in the course syllabus.

²Synchronous courses may be offered online and require the student to be present at a designated time for a live lecture or interaction.