Occupational Therapy Assistant
Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR)
Starts every Fall semester

**To be eligible to participate in the competitive admissions process, an applicant must complete items 1-9, with completion of each item verified by your Allied Health Advisor initials & date, by the admissions deadline posted in HPAS.

1. **Complete the Rowan-Cabarrus admissions process**
   Complete the online application or online reactivation form and submit official high school or GED transcripts and official college transcripts if applicable. Note: It can take approximately 2 weeks to receive and process transcripts. A Success Navigator will notify applicants when "ready for advising".

2. **Schedule an appointment with an Allied Health Advisor to review admission requirements**
   Schedule a date for at least 2 weeks after submitting transcripts. Appointments can be scheduled at
   https://rccc.campus.eab.com/student/appointments/new or www.rccc.edu/support
   South Campus – Cindy Alcombright – cindy.alcombright@rccc.edu
   North Campus – Dr. Quinn Lacy – quinn.lacy@rccc.edu

3. **Meet North Carolina Community College standards**
   Students must meet the minimum standards for placement into college level Math and English OR have successfully completed college level course work in Math and English

4. **Create a Health Programs Admissions System (HPAS) profile**
   Information on how to create a profile will be given by the Allied Health Advisor after initial appointment.

5. **Complete the required Information Session**
   Log into HPAS or visit program website for instructions on completing the Information Session for program of study. Once completed, the Information Session is only valid for 12 months.

6. **Successful completion and documentation of a Biology course**
   Completion and documentation of a high school or college biology course with a grade of "C" or higher

7. **Successful completion of the ATI Test of Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) -** To schedule, go to www.atitesting.com
   - Score a minimum of 60 (percentile rank) on Reading Comprehension
   - Score a minimum of 55 (percentile rank) on Total Score

8. **Review HPAS**
   Verify all required documentation is uploaded and all steps have been completed.

9. **Submit an Admissions Eligibility Review Form**
   File preview for eligibility is required each year and applicant must meet with assigned advisor to complete this form.

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Point System Evaluation
Only students who meet the MAR will be able to proceed to the point system evaluation to be ranked and offered contingent acceptance or placement on the alternate list. Submission dates and directions will be provided to qualified applicants after the admission deadline. Applicant will receive notice of contingent acceptance or alternate status in late April/early May. The program accepts a maximum of 20 qualified students to begin each fall semester.

Contingent Acceptance
Completion of the following is required only for those who accept the offered conditional (contingent) acceptance into the program. Information and forms will be provided by the program's administrative assistant.

❖ **Current CPR certification**
Students must obtain certification with the American Heart Association at the BLS Healthcare Provider level, preferably at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

❖ **Background Report/Drug Screen/Physical Examination/Current Immunization Documentation**
Clinical facilities have requirements for students assigned to their facility for clinical education. In addition, national and/or state registry and licensure boards may prohibit eligibility for registry or licensure based on criminal background records. If a student is denied access to a clinical facility for any reason, the student will NOT receive a secondary placement in another facility. The student will not be able to progress in the program due to the inability to meet the clinical objectives.

For more information about the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, go to www.rccc.edu.
1. Navigate to "Quick Links" menu on the top-right of the webpage.
2. Select "Blackboard".
3. Enter the following credentials
   - Username: **ota.student**
   - Password: **0TAgeneric!** (first character is a zero)
4. Under "Organizations," select **Occupational Therapy Information Session**.