



Application Process

Completed application packets, including all supporting documents, are accepted in the Spring semester by the deadline of March 31. Applications are reviewed during the Spring semester for consideration to begin the OTA program in the following Fall semester.

Only applicants with complete application packets will be considered. The complete application packet should include the following:

- Completed Notice to OTA Program applicants, OTA Student Application Form, and OTA Application Checklist.
- Essay, a one page, double-spaced, typed essay stating reasons for pursuing the OTA program.
- Official transcripts from all colleges (including St. Philip's college if applicable) attended are required. An official transcript is one printed on official paper from the Registrar's office and in a sealed envelope. Students should request the transcript(s) be sent to their home address. DO NOT OPEN. Submit official transcripts with all other application documents in one sealed envelope. A separate official transcript must also be provided to the records and registration office. A minimum 2.75 overall GPA is required.
- Documentation of 20 hours of volunteer/work time spent with an occupational therapy practitioner (OTR/COTA) in any setting. This may be a record of volunteer/work hours which clearly indicates the location, setting, and supervisor contact information or other confirmation of hours on a company letterhead or the SPC OTA Applicant Observation or Employment Verification Form.
- Complete the Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) The Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) standardized exam with a **minimum score of 65. SELECT THE TEST FOR ALLIED HEALTH not Nursing.** The TEAS is a web-based exam that helps identify students with the best chance of success in the Health Science field. This test measures the three most basic, but important, education skill sets needed for an health science occupation. The TEAS exam is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which health science educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of health science students. Please go to the Health Science web page for cost and registration information.