

Western Technical College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

ACOTE and NBCOT Reporting Requirements

Course Sequence and Delivery

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program at Western Technical College spans six terms. The initial term, which is a summer term, begins with general studies courses including General Anatomy and Physiology, Introduction to Diversity and Introduction to Psychology. The fall term starts program-specific courses using an online and face to face format. These classes help students build their understanding of occupational therapy and conditions treated. The following spring and fall, students continue with program specific courses focused on building competencies needed to be successful in the field of Occupational Therapy. The final spring term consists of fieldwork experiences and one (1) online course focused on transitioning from student to clinician.

Graduation Rates

The total number of graduates from Western's OTA program during the 3-year period of 2022-2024 was 21 students, with an overall graduation rate of 56%. No students were admitted into the program in the fall of 2021 due to faculty turn over so there were no graduates in 2023.

Graduation Year	Students Entering/Graduating	Graduation Rate
2024	17/8	47%
2023	0/0	N/A
2022	20/13	65%
Total	37/21	56%

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Certification Exam

Students from Western Technical College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program are eligible to take the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification exam upon graduation. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT exam. Program results from the NBCOT exam can be found online at <https://www.nbcot.org/Educators-Folder/SchoolPerformance>

State Licensure

Licensure by the State of Wisconsin is required to practice as an OTA practitioner in the state. A student may gain employment as a candidate for national certification and state licensure immediately after graduation, but would require a temporary license. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to attain a state license.