

# Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

## Western Technical College

### 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 building competencies needed to be successful in the field of Occupational Therapy. The final spring term consists of fieldwork experiences and one online course, culminating in graduation.

#### Graduation Rates

The total number of graduates from Western's OTA program during the 3-year period of 2019-2021 was 41, with an overall graduation rate of 68%.

This program generally demonstrates a 75% graduation rate. The current graduation rate is below this average as the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected students leading to increased withdrawal rates between march of 2020 and 2021. COVID related withdraws were noted due to health concerns and the transition to online learning.

Graduation Year	Students Entering/Graduating	Graduation Rate
2021	20/10	50%
2020	20/16	80%
2019	20/15	75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60/41</b>	<b>68%</b>

#### 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://secure.nbcot.org/data/schoolstats.aspx>.

#### 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.