



Student Essay Requirement

As part of your application to the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program, please submit a **handwritten essay** that is **informative, concise, and clearly written**. Your essay will be evaluated on how well it:

- Addresses all parts of the prompt
- Demonstrates clarity and organization
- Shows a willingness to seek information (such as reviewing and referencing the AOTA website: aota.org).

Essay Prompt:

In your own words, please write an essay that thoughtfully and succinctly addresses the following:

1. What is your understanding of the difference between an Occupational Therapist (OT) and an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)?
2. What are the educational and professional pathways for becoming an OT versus an OTA?
3. After learning about both OTs and OTAs, why do you want to become an OTA?

In your response, please include any relevant personal or professional experiences that have influenced your decision. You may discuss lessons learned from observation hours, research you have conducted, and experiences such as working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), participation in health-related fields, or involvement in community or volunteer activities.

Turn this essay in with your other documentation by March 9th 2026 to Student Services at The College of Technology.