Overview of Ohio Licensing Process
Foreign Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA)

OTA is typically a two-year associate degree offered through the community college. Potential students should:
- Have foreign transcripts evaluated
- Check with the college admissions office. Demonstration of English proficiency may be required before admission into the academic program.

- Graduate from an Accredited Occupational Therapy Assistant program
  - Program entry requirements will vary between institutions
  - A listing of accredited programs in Ohio can be found at [http://aota.org/Students/Schools/EntryLevelOT/38117.aspx#oh](http://aota.org/Students/Schools/EntryLevelOT/38117.aspx#oh)
- Complete fieldwork requirements (within 18 months of graduation)
  - Schedule and hours will vary between institutions

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) [http://www.nbcot.org](http://www.nbcot.org)

- Apply for National Board Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam
  - Review the NBCOT Certification Exam Handbook
  - Submit either a paper or online application
  - Required documentation: Official Transcript or Academic Credential Verification Form (ACVF) and Fieldwork Verification by the Academic Program Director
- Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
  - Authorized to schedule examination upon receipt
  - Contact Prometric to schedule examination [http://www.prometric.com/default.htm](http://www.prometric.com/default.htm)

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board [http://otptat.ohio.gov](http://otptat.ohio.gov)

- OTPTAT Board Exam Application
  - Background check completed by Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
  - Certification of Entry Level Education or Official Transcripts
  - Verification of NBCOT certification exam
  - Jurisprudence examination – must receive a 90% or better
- Forms are available on the OTPTAT website

Disclaimer: This information is provided only as an overview. All programs, processes and/or fees are subject to change. Please verify above information with appropriate agency or governing agency.
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