

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.
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- 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>
 - 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>

- 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>



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board <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