



**AAS in Occupational Therapy Assistant
Admission Requirements
October 16, 2016**

To be distributed to program applicants before they begin the admission process

The AAS in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program has a limited enrollment capacity, which is assessed periodically and is determined by several factors, including active student enrollment and fieldwork placement capacity.

To be admitted, to the OTA program, new applicants to the college must meet the following requirements:

- a. Meet with an admission representative to receive information about the characteristics of the OTA program, OTA student responsibilities, and the professional profile of an occupational therapy assistant;
- b. Determine, based on a clear understanding of the information discussed in #a that the OTA program is right for them;
- c. Submit proof of completion of high school or GED equivalency;
- d. Submit proof of completion of 12 semester or 18 quarter credits (with a grade of C or higher) at an institution of higher education accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. For foreign courses, a course-by-course analysis conducted by an agency affiliated with the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credential Evaluators (AICE) is required.
- e. Take the Accuplacer exam (no score is required; results are used for future tracking of developmental activities in English and mathematics);
- f. Submit completed health forms; and
- g. Complete a criminal background check.
- h. Attend a mandatory 6-hour orientation provided by the OTA director and/or faculty, which includes an overview of the program, expectations of students, course sequence and content, and fieldwork requirements. The orientation concludes with an assessment that reinforces the students' understanding of the expectations and requirements of the program. Program applicants must obtain a score of 80 or higher on the assessment to be considered for admission to the program.

In addition to #a, b, d, f, g, and h above, Eastwick students from other programs who wish to transfer to the OTA program must:

- a. Have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0 in the current program; and
- b. Pay a surcharge fee of \$350.

Applicants who meet the above admission requirements will be admitted into the OTA program and allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis to the next available start date in the applicant's preferred (day or evening) session. Eastwick College has four start dates per calendar year in both the day and evening sessions: late January, late April, late July or early August, and late October). Please see the enclosed academic calendar for specific dates.