

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OTA 3.5

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A. Purpose

To maintain compliance with Standard A.4.7 set forth by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)

B. OTC Policy Connection

Refer to OTC Policies as needed

C. OTA Program Procedure

All OTA students will be admitted into the program as full-time students following completion of 23 pre-requisite course hours.

Typically, full-time OTA students will complete the didactic, laboratory, and Level I fieldwork components of the OTA Program in 4 semesters (fall I, spring I, fall II, spring II) after pre-requisite courses have been completed.

All students must complete *the didactic* portion of their program **within 3.5 years (7 semesters) of their initial admission into the program**. Should a student need to withdraw for personal reasons or need to repeat courses due to academic failure of a course(s), they must adhere to the 3.5 year guideline when completing their program.

Students have the option to delay their Level II clinical experiences starting in the spring II semester. Students should request a delay in Level II fieldwork during the semester prior to the traditional start for Level II clinical, when possible. Emergency requests will be considered, as needed, by the AFWC.

All Level II clinical experiences must be completed *within 18 months* of completing the Fall II semester.

All OTA students must complete their program of study (graduate) **within 4 years (8 semesters) of initial acceptance**.

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