

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OTA 4.3

Suspension for Positive Drug Test

A. Purpose

To maintain compliance with Standard A.4.4 set forth by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)

B. OTC Policy Connection

All applicable college policies

C. OTA Program Procedure

All OTA students must follow the Health Sciences Drug Testing Procedure prior to entering clinical experiences for the first time. This policy can be found at <https://academics.otc.edu/health-sciences-drug-testing-procedure/>

Should a student be suspended for a positive drug test, readmission to the OTA Program will require the following:

1. Students who have complied with the individualized treatment plan noted in the Health Sciences Testing procedure may submit documentation to the Health Sciences office to be considered for readmission after one calendar year from the date of the removal. Students must follow all applicable requirements in order to be considered for readmission.
2. The student must submit readmission materials by April 15 (for fall readmission) or November 15 (for spring readmission), whichever date falls after their eligibility is reinstated.
3. If readmitted, students would then begin classes at the start of the semester missed due to suspension (For example, if a student re-applies in November and was dismissed in August, the student would begin classes at the start of the following fall semester). Students may request a waiver for completed courses that were passed with a "C" or better, if the student is able to re-enter needed classes within one year. If a student is not able to re-start courses within one year, then the student will need to start the entire program over again at the next fall start date in order to maintain competency in course requirements. Students will be placed on probation at the time of re-admission and all applicable disciplinary procedures will be in effect at that time (see OTA 4.2 Disciplinary Suspension for more information).

Per the full-time track requirements, students must complete all of their didactic coursework within 3.5 years (7 semesters) of starting the program and must graduate within 4 years (8 semesters) of starting the program. See OTA 3.5 Completion in a Timely Manner for more information.

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