

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

(All programs require HS
graduation/GED)

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Illinois
Occupational
Therapy
Association

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- Black Hawk College
 - Fox College
 - Illinois Central College - Peoria Campus
 - Lewis & Clark Community College
 - Lincoln Land Community College
 - McHenry County College
 - Parkland College
 - South Suburban College
 - Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market
 - Wright College



Black Hawk College

OTA Associate -
Applicant
Status



Program Overview:

- 6-semester program
- Apply via OTACAS

<https://www.bhc.edu/academics/programs/occupational-therapy-assistant/>

Fox College

OTA Associate -
Accredited



Program Overview:

- 18-month program
- Graduation Rate: 72%
(2019-2022)

<https://www.foxcollege.edu/our-programs/occupational-therapy-assistant>

Illinois Central College

OTA Associate -
Accredited



Program Overview:

- 24-month/6 semester program
- Graduation Rate: 71%
(2021-2023)

<https://icc.edu/programs/occupational-therapy-assistant/>

Lewis and Clark Community College

OTA Associate -
Accredited

Program Overview:

- 2-year program
- Graduation Rate: 70%
(2021-2023)

<https://www.lc.edu/program/OTA/>



Lincoln Land Community College

OTA Associate -
Accredited



Program Overview:

- 6 semester program
- Graduation Rate: 87% (2021-2024)
- LLC Foundation scholarships available

<https://www.llcc.edu/explore/health-professions/occupational-therapy-assistant>

McHenry County College

OTA Associate -
Accredited



Program Overview:

- 80-week program
- Graduation Rate: 94%
(2020-2022)
- Scholarship opportunities
available

<https://www.mchenry.edu/ota/>

Parkland College

OTA Associate -
Accredited



Program Overview:

- 4-6 semester program
- Graduation rate: 83% (2020-2023)
- Offers a clinic staffed by students for real world experience

<https://www.parkland.edu/Main/Academics/Departments/Health-Professions/Areas-of-Study/Occupational-Therapy-Assistant>

South Suburban College

OTA Associate -
Accredited
(Probationary)



Program Overview:

- Approx. 5 semester program
- Graduation Rate: 64%
(2021-2023)

<https://www.ssc.edu/academics/programs-of-study/allied-health-careers/occupational-therapy-assistant/>

Southern IL Collegiate Common Market

OTA Associate -
Accredited

Program Overview:

- ~2-year program
- Graduation Rate: 69%
(2020-2023)

<https://www.siccm.com/ota/>



Wright College

OTA Associate -
Accredited



Program Overview:

- 2-year program
- Graduation Rate: 95.6%
(2020-2022)

<https://www.ccc.edu/colleges/wright/departments/Pages/Occupational-Therapy-Assistant--.aspx>

MASTERS AND DOCTORATE DEGREE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

(All Programs Require a
Bachelor's Degree)

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Illinois
Occupational
Therapy
Association

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- Bradley University
 - Chicago State Univ.
 - DePaul University
 - Elmhurst University
 - Governors State Univ.
 - Lewis University
 - Midwestern University

- North Central College
- Quincy University
- Roosevelt University
- Rush University
- Southern Illinois Univ.
Carbondale
- Univ. of Illinois at
Chicago



Bradley University

OT Doctorate -
Applicant

Admission Requirements:

- TBA

<https://www.bradley.edu/>



Chicago State University

OT Masters -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- Prerequisite courses
- 3.0 GPA on last 60 hours of coursework
- 2 recommendations
- 40 hours of human service experience
- Essay
- Interview

<https://www.csu.edu/healthsciandpharm/OT/>

DePaul University

OT Masters -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree with 3.0 GPA preferred
- Prerequisite courses
- Personal statement/essay
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- 25 observation hours

<https://csh.depaul.edu/academics/occupational-therapy/graduate/occupational-therapy-ms/Pages/default.aspx>

Elmhurst University

OT Masters-
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Prerequisite coursework
- Official transcripts
- Personal statement
- Professional resume
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 20 observation hours
- Interview

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/academics/departments/communication-sciences-disorders/programs/master-occupational-therapy/>

Governors State University

OT Masters -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Prerequisite coursework w/ 3.0 GPA
- Personal statement
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Interview

<https://www.govst.edu/mot/>

Lewis University

OT Masters -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- 3.25 GPA
- Prerequisite coursework
- 20 observation hours or 4 alternate activities with reflection
- 3 recommendations

<https://www.lewisu.edu/academics/msoccuptherapy/index.htm>

Midwestern University

OT Doctorate -
Accredited

OT Masters -
Applicant



Admission Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Prerequisite courses
- Interview
- Demonstration of service orientation and commitment to healthcare through previous work, volunteer, extracurricular activities, or other life experiences

<https://www.midwestern.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/doctor-of-occupational-therapy-il>

North Central College

OT Masters -
Accredited

OT Doctorate-
Candidacy



Admission Requirements:

- Prerequisite courses
- 3.0 GPA
- 3 letters of reference
- Personal statement and supplemental essay
- 30 observation/volunteer hours

<https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/program/master-occupational-therapy>

Quincy University

OT Doctorate-
Applicant

Admission Requirements:

- TBA

[https://www.quincy.edu/academics/
graduate-programs/](https://www.quincy.edu/academics/graduate-programs/)



Roosevelt University

OT Masters-
Applicant

Admission Requirements:

- TBA

<https://www.roosevelt.edu/>



Rush University

OT Doctorate -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Prerequisite courses
- Personal statement
- 2 letters of recommendation
- 20 observations hours or alternative activities with reflection
- Interview & supplemental application

<https://www.rushu.rush.edu/college-health-sciences/academic-programs/occupational-therapy-doctorate-program>

Southern Illinois University

OT Doctorate -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Prerequisite coursework
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Resume

<https://academics.siu.edu/health-professions/occupational-therapy/>

University of Illinois at Chicago

OT Doctorate -
Accredited



Admission Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Prerequisite courses
- Volunteer, work, and extracurricular experiences
- Achievements are considered
- Personal statement & essay
- 3 letters of recommendation

<https://ahs.uic.edu/occupational-therapy/>