

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, A.S. (BERKS)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Berks

End Campus: Berks

Retention Requirements

OTA Student Academic Success

Students in the Associate in Science in Occupational Therapy Program must earn a grade of C or better in: BIOL 161, BIOL 162, BIOL 163, BIOL 164, PSYCH 100, HDFS 129 or PSYCH 212, OT 100, OT 101, OT 103, OT 205, OT 207, OT 209, OT 210W, OT 212, OT 214, and OT 216.

As outlined in the course syllabi and the Associate Degree Programs Bulletin, students must earn passing grades in prerequisite occupational therapy courses to enroll in subsequent occupational therapy courses. Students will take the OT didactic courses offered in each semester, concurrently and in the prescribed sequence, since the curriculum is a progressive learning model. Level II fieldwork is completed only after the OT didactic courses and all general education requirements are successfully completed. Level II fieldwork must be completed within 18 months after completion of didactic coursework.

Ongoing Progression in the OTA Program

As per ACOTE Standard 3.4 Criteria for Successful Completion and A.3.5 Evaluation with Student on a Regular Basis, the faculty and administration will provide students regular feedback about their academic standing. Regarding successful completion of the OTA program there are instances where progression in the program is non-negotiable as follows:

1. A student who earns a D or F in any two OT didactic and/or fieldwork courses will not be allowed to continue in the program. Examples include but are not limited to: Failure of (OT 103 and OT 295E) or (OT 195E and OT 395A) or (OT 101 and OT 210W).
2. A student may be disenrolled from the program for a violation of the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics and/or Penn State Academic Integrity Policy G-9 .
3. A student may not progress to the 3rd semester of the curriculum until BIOL 161, BIOL 162, BIOL 163, and BIOL 164 have been successfully completed with a C or better. If BIOL courses are not successfully passed by 3rd semester, the student may withdraw from the University or remain active and return to 3rd semester of prescribed OT courses the following year with the approval of Program Director.
4. Students must maintain a minimum grade point of 2.0 to be eligible to engage in Fieldwork Level I & II (OT 195E, OT 295E, OT 395A and OT 395B).