



Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Agreement

Western Michigan University
Occupational Therapy Assistant (BS)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Associate of Science, Occupational Therapy, (AS)

Catalog Year 2023 - 2024

I. KALAMAZOO VALLEY COURSES for GENERAL EDUCATION/Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) (30 credits minimum)

See attached Kalamazoo Valley MTA guide for specific courses from Kalamazoo Valley that will fulfill the MTA requirements

Kalamazoo Valley Course	WMU WES Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
English Composition – ENG 110 or 160, and one of the following COM 113, COM 210, ENG 111, ENG, 112, ENG 127, ENG, 227, ENG 260	ENGL 1050 & varies	6
Humanities - PHIL 205 & 1 other course	PHIL 2010 & varies	6
Mathematics -MATH 220	STAT 3660	4
Science – (2) +lab BIO 100 and 1 course from a different subject area	BIOS 1100/1120 & varies	8
Social Sciences – (2)PSY 150 & PSI 100, 101, 102, or 126	PSY 1000 & varies	6
TOTAL KALAMAZOO VALLEY MTA CREDIT HOURS		30 CREDIT HOURS

II. Kalamazoo Valley Occupational Therapy AS COURSES – Kalamazoo Valley Elective Courses (32 credits)

Kalamazoo Valley Course	WMU Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
BIO 115	BIOS 2110	4
BIO 215	BIOS 2400	4
HCR 116	MDSC 2010	1
MATH 120	MATH 1160	3
PSY 160	ED 2500	3
PSY 250	PSY 2500	3
Wellness/Physical Education	Transfer credit (varies)	2
Kalamazoo Valley Open Elective Courses to Reach 62		
Electives (Recommend Guest Student enrollment in OT 2020 at WMU)	varies	12
TOTAL KALAMAZOO VALLEY CREDIT HOURS		62 CREDIT HOURS

III. WMU COURSES REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM DEGREE (60 credits)

WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
WMU Essential Studies-Global Perspectives	see advisor	3
WMU Essential Studies-Local and National Perspectives	see advisor	3
HSV 2650 (or prof. exam)	Information Literacy in Health Sciences	3 or test out
OT 2020	Orientation to Occupational Therapy	3
Once admitted to OTA program		

OT 3001†	Found. of Practice for OTA	4
OT 3002†	Study of Human Movement & Occupation	4
OT 3003†	Conditions and Occupations for OTA	3
OT 3100†	Mental Health Practice for OTA	4
OT 3110†	Documentation for the OTA	2
OT 3201†	Pediatric Practice for the OTA	4
OT 3202†	Adult Practice for the OTA	4
OT 3203†	Older Adult Practice for the OTA	4
OT 3501†	OTA Fieldwork I A	4
OT 3502†	OTA Fieldwork I B	4
OT 3601†	Leadership for the OTA	3
OT 4120†	Technology for Function	3
OT 4640†	Professional Reasoning	3
OT 3405 †	Baccalaureate Project Design and Imple.	4
OT 4801†	Baccalaureate Project Presentation	3
OT 4901†	OTA Fieldwork II A	6
OT 4902†	OTA Fieldwork II B	6
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		74-77 CREDIT HOURS AT WMU

TOTAL CREDITS (I –III)
62 Kalamazoo Valley Credits
74-77 WMU Credits
136-139 Total Credits

Minimum credits required for Kalamazoo Valley associate degree: 62 Minimum credits required at WMU: 60 Total credits required: 122

† Professional level courses that require acceptance into the WMU OTA program

Advising Notes

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Admissions information

Applications for Spring admission are due September 15.

Deadlines:

- The status of your application must be "complete" or "verified" before 11:59 p.m. ET on September 15.
- Make sure ALL official documents and application materials arrive at OTCAS three to four weeks before the September 15 deadline. OTCAS can take 1-2 weeks to process applications. If your application is missing documents on September 16, your application will be considered late and will not be reviewed.

Requirements:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in previous undergraduate academic coursework.
- You must pass all prerequisite courses with a minimum C (or 2.0) before the January start of the OTA program. You may be enrolled in no more than two prerequisite courses at the time of application. There is no time limit or expiration date on prerequisites. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits will be accepted.

Required prerequisites courses include:

- BIOS 2110: Human Anatomy
 - BIOS 2400: Human Physiology
 - PSY 1000: General Psychology
 - PSY 2500: Abnormal Psychology
 - HSV 2250: Growth, Development, and Aging
 - HSV 2650: Information Literacy in the Health Sciences
 - MDSC 2010: Medical Terminology
 - OT 2020: Introduction to OT (taken at WMU)
- An interview is part of the OTA application process. It is essential that you demonstrate your knowledge of the profession during this interview. Therefore, while not required to apply to the program, it is strongly encouraged that you seek out job shadowing, or other related experiences, within the OT field before you apply.

Other factors considered:

- Work/Volunteer Experience – Involving helping others from disabled, culturally diverse, vulnerable populations. You may also list any OT-related experiences (job shadowing, volunteering, etc.).
- Leadership/Teamwork – Paid or unpaid.
- Diversity Experience – Courses taken that included substantial study of other cultures. Non-English or sign language classes can also be included here.

Program Agreement

This agreement shall commence as of November 6th, 2023. This program agreement shall abide by all language of the Institutional Agreement between Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University.

Signatures

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

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