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Associate of Science in
Occupational Therapy
Assistant (AS)

Get Hands-On Training for Your OTA Career

Why choose our program? Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) help people facing challenges from illness, injury, and developmental and physical conditions to improve their health, well-being, and ability to engage in meaningful activities like self-care, home management, work, and school. Our **ACOTE-accredited** OTA program offers **career-focused training** with **hands-on field experiences** and **clinical rotations** that prepare you to build your patients' physical, mental, and cognitive health. With online and in-person learning, our program can fit your busy schedule, with **supportive faculty and mentorship** at every step.

How you'll learn:

You'll take general education and foundational classes online. In the professional phase, you'll combine on-campus meetings with online coursework and complete fieldwork in local settings.



Hands-on field experiences



Clinical rotations

Scan the QR code to see program courses and descriptions in the South University catalog.



Tampa, FL

Build the skills to:

- Deliver OTA services with entry-level competency under the supervision of an occupational therapist in a variety of practice settings
- Appreciate and adapt to diverse cultures, settings, systems, processes, and ideas
- Use research-based evidence to make informed decisions in occupational therapy
- Apply critical thinking, problem-solving, and clinical reasoning with clients across the lifespan
- Communicate effectively and appropriately with stakeholders
- Align with the occupational therapy (OT) profession's philosophy, standards, and ethics
- Advocate for the OT profession to other professionals, service providers, consumers, third-party payers, regulatory bodies, professional associations, and the public
- Pursue lifelong professional development to meet changing societal needs



Committed to Educational Excellence

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at South University, Tampa is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-6611. <http://www.acoteonline.org>.

OTA Certification & Licensure

Our program meets Florida OTA licensure prerequisites, and our OTA graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). If you successfully complete this exam, you will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).

Call 855.884.2408 or scan the QR code to request more information.



Graduates are required to pass the national certification exam and obtain a state license in order to work in the field. (Exam names vary by program.) Please refer to the State Professional Licensure Determination and National Certification/Licensure section of the University catalog for additional information. South University cannot guarantee each graduate will pass the required licensure examinations. South University does not promise or guarantee licensure, employment, or salary amounts.

Clinical/medical programs have a required in-person clinical, practicum or externship requirement. We cannot guarantee flexibility in these components of the program. Programs, credential levels, technology, and scheduling options vary by school and are subject to change. Not all programs are available to residents of all U.S. states. Administrative office: South University, 709 Mall Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31406-4805 © 2026 South University. All rights reserved. (082726)