

Pre-Occupational Therapy Assistant Advising Guide

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **HESI A2 Admissions Test**

A minimum required score of a 75% (or higher) is required for each of the following test sections: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Math, and Vocabulary. In addition, a minimum score of 750 is required for the Critical Thinking section of the test. A Learning Style and Personality Style Profile section must also be completed during the test. Please include a copy of your test results with your application.

All sections of the test will take a total of 4 ½ hours to complete and the sections can be done in any order. Students can take breaks, as needed, once a test is completed. Each subject is its own separate test with its own separate score (0-100%). Applicants are strongly encouraged to study before taking the HESI exam. HESI study guides are on reserve in the Jefferson College Library at the Hillsboro and Arnold campus. HESI study guides are also sold online through the publisher: Elsevier. HESI A2: ISBN # 978-0-323-58226-1 (Title: HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, Ed. 5). Applicants need only to study the first four chapters of the study guide. <https://www.us.elsevierhealth.com/admission-assessment-exam-review-9780323582261.html>

The exam can be completed at the Hillsboro Testing Center Mondays and Thursdays from 8am-4:30pm OR Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-8pm OR can be taken at the Arnold Testing Center (Room 310) from Monday through Thursday from 9am-5:30pm. Appointments are not necessary, but applicants must arrive at least 5 hours prior to closing to have enough time to complete the exam. The cost of the HESI A2 exam is \$61. Applicants can pay at the cashier's window in the Student Center (cash, check, or credit card) and bring the receipt to the Testing Center. Students with \$61 in cash can pay directly at the Testing Center.

- **Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.5** (Admission GPA includes all college-level course work.)

- **Prerequisite Coursework**

___ BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology—Completed with a “C” or better, within the last 3 years

___ BIO212 Anatomy & Physiology II—Completed with a “C” or better, within the last 3 years

___ ENG101 English Composition I—Completed with a “C” or better

___ PSY101 General Psychology—Completed with a “C” or better

___ First Year Experience – COL100, COL101, or COL136—Completed with a “C” or better

(This course may not be required for students who have previously completed college credit.)

___ Students must have completed MTH002/MTH084 or higher OR have minimum placement scores to place into a MTR Math course before admission into the OTA program.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AAS DEGREE

These courses can be completed prior to acceptance or while in the OTA program.

___ PSY205 Life Span Human Development—Completed with a “C” or better

___ COM100 Fundamentals of Communication—Completed with a “C” or better

___ PSC102 US & MO Gov't & Const, HST103 US History I, or HST104 US History II—Completed with a “C” or better

___ Computer Literacy: CIS125, EDU205 (or by examination)—Completed with a “C” or better

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The OTA program is a spring start. A student may apply for the program while completing prerequisite courses, provided the prerequisites will be completed successfully prior to the spring program start.
- The deadline for applications is August 31 of each year.
- Completed applications can be mailed to: Shannon Tournier, OTA Program Director, 1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050
- Applicants will need to also complete responses to essay questions as part of a completed application.
- Once accepted into the program, and prior to program start, a background check and drug screen will be completed. Proof of Health Insurance, CPR certification, and vaccinations are required before a student can start any fieldwork rotations.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Joan Warren Advising Specialist for Pre-Allied Health Programs @jwarren@jeffco.edu or 636-481-3211.