

Imagine the opportunities.

Some 92% of Maria OTA graduates find employment in the field during the first six months after graduation!

According to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of qualified occupational therapy assistants is on the rise. Positions are expected to grow by 43 percent through 2022, making this one of the fastest growing occupations requiring an associate degree.

The national average salary for OTA positions is \$55,250, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The majority of occupational therapy jobs are found in hospitals, nursing homes, residential care facilities, rehabilitation and psychiatric centers, and a wide range of public, private and special schools. There are positions in community care and family service agencies as well.



The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Maria College is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220, 301.652.2682. The OTA Program will be reaccredited in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Maria College is a member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 267.284.5000. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

Maria College is chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and its programs are registered with the New York State Education Department, Room 981, Education Building Annex, Albany, New York 12234, 518.486.3633.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Our Mission

The mission of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is to help each student fulfill his or her educational and career goals by providing quality academic and clinical education. This will prepare the graduate to provide holistic and caring service to individuals of all ages and abilities from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. The program is based on the altruistic and compassionate values shared by the occupational therapy profession, Maria College, and the Sisters of Mercy, which acknowledge the significance of human differences and promote respect for the dignity of the individual. The curriculum builds upon an interdisciplinary foundation of knowledge from the sciences and liberal arts to graduate entry-level practitioners who embody the health-promoting properties of engaging in occupations, consistent with the philosophy of the profession.



Realize your dreams.

Restoring dignity and rebuilding lives: that's what being an occupational therapy assistant is all about. OTAs help clients overcome challenges such as traumatic brain injury, stroke, mental health issues, autism, developmental disabilities and changes associated with aging.

At Maria, we offer occupational therapy courses full time in the Day Division and part time in the Weekend College. Courses are taught in a combination of lecture, discussion and demonstration, with active participation vital to student learning. A splinting lab, pediatric lab and an ADL learning lab give students hands-on experience. Clinical experience is offered in a variety of traditional settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, mental health facilities, developmental centers and schools. We have the only OTA program in the Capital Region accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, and we offer one of the few weekend OTA options in the nation. Graduates are qualified to sit for the Certification Exam given by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, and to apply for state authorization, which is a professional and legal requirement for practice.

RESOURCES

www.aota.org
 www.nbcot.org
 www.nysota.org
 www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-therapy-assistants-and-aides.htm
 www.merchyhighered.org

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Find your place.

Becoming an OTA may be a good fit for you if you're...

- ...passionate about helping people.
- ...encouraging, even when progress is slow.
- ...committed to working as part of a team.
- ...at ease with developmentally disabled clients, helping them develop skills to be successful in society.
- ...comfortable in assisting clients to achieve their treatment goals and improve their quality of life.

“Occupational therapy is a science-driven, evidence-based profession that enables people of all ages to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health and prevent – or live better with – illness, injury or disability.”

– American Occupational Therapy Association

For more information, go to Academics at www.mariacollege.edu to view course descriptions, additional admission criteria, financial aid and academic regulations.

Maria graduates are fully educated in their fields, competitive, confident and sought after by Capital Region employers. Our graduates take a part of us with them, as they excel in careers or further education, as they serve in both workplace and community.

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- 3 Visit the School** Attend an event or visit any time!