Occupational therapy assistants, under the direction of a licensed occupational therapist, assist individuals with disabling conditions to achieve independence through the use of purposeful activity. The curriculum for the occupational therapy assistant program covers a period of two years and is designed to lead toward an associate of applied science degree. Students will engage in coursework for a period of four semesters followed by a fifth semester of full-time fieldwork at health care facilities in the community.

The educational experience will include classroom instruction, laboratory activities and clinical work. Many clinical facilities will require students to successfully pass a background check. Students will be prepared to work with all age groups in a variety of health care settings. Must be at least 18 years old to apply to the program. Prior approval required to complete fieldwork within 18 months of completion of academic preparation.

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