

## **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program General Advising**

### **Admissions:**

- Applications accepted online March 1 – June 1
- Must be accepted to JSCC in order to apply to the online OTA application

### **Program Requirements:**

- 2.5 GPA required to apply (3.0 or higher preferred)
- Anatomy and Physiology I must be completed prior to applying to the program (current 5 years)
- OTA observation hours are no longer required prior to applying to the program. In lieu of site based observation hours, applicants will be required to review informational videos approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Applicants will sign an attestation form that these videos provided within the application portal have been completed.
- Various courses are offered in a hybrid format meaning that part of the course will be delivered online (through eLearn), and the other part will be conducted in the classroom. Access to the internet is necessary to participate in on-line activities. High-speed connection is strongly recommended.

### **General Education Coursework**

- BIOL 2010 Anatomy and Physiology I (with lab) must be completed with a grade of “C” or better before applying to the OTA program. Anatomy and Physiology must have been completed within the past five years.
- PSYC 1030 – Introduction to Psychology must be completed no later than the first fall semester in the program.
- Humanities elective-available courses [www.jsc.edu](http://www.jsc.edu)
- Speech class COMM 2025 or COMM 2045
- ENGL 1010 English Composition I
- The Humanities elective, Speech, and English courses may be completed before beginning the program, or at any time during the first three program semesters. All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better before students participate in the second year spring semester fieldwork experiences.

### **Courses to Consider:**

**The following courses are not required, but are strongly recommended and considered during the program admissions process:**

- COL 1030
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- PSYC 2130 Life Span Psychology
- Medical Terminology
- American Heart Association CPR Certification

### **Recommendations:**

- Strongly encouraged to have English Comp I, General Psychology, Communications, Medical Terminology, and a Humanities course completed prior to applying to the program.
- All courses must be completed with a “C” or higher (strongly recommend an “A” or “B”)