



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

OTA 108

Professional Development

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Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: OTA 108

COURSE TITLE: Professional Development

CONTACT HOURS: 1

CREDIT HOURS: 1

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

This course will prepare student for the NBCOT certification exam by completing a licensure preparatory course, preparing a study plan, and completing practice examinations.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the skills needed to enter the professional arena, including resume writing, interviewing, professional decision making, life-long learning opportunities and preparation for the NBCOT certification examination.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

Prerequisites: ENG 101 and BIO 210 and BIO 211 and PSY 201 and (MAT 110 or MAT 120), credit or minimal grade of "C"

RESTRICTIONS:

Must be enrolled in the following Fields of Study: Occupational Therapy Assistant

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Course Required Textbook:

None – Course materials will be provided by the instructor

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information. Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.
myHGTC and D2L email access.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

On completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify content areas of the NBCOT exam.
2. Identify the principles of effective NBCOT exam preparation.
3. Identify the types of questions used for the NBCOT exam (single response items, scenario single response multiple choice items, multi-select items)
4. Create a personalized study plan to prepare for the NBCOT exam.
5. Identify personal areas of strength and weakness in NBCOT content.
6. Use results of practice exams to revise personal study plan as needed.
7. Complete SC Board of Occupational Therapy licensure application.
8. Complete NBCOT exam application.

Student Learning Outcomes Per Module:

Learning Objectives:

Dates:	
Saturday, September 14 th , 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify content areas of the NBCOT exam. 2. Identify the principles of effective NBCOT exam preparation. 3. Identify the types of questions used for the NBCOT exam. 4. Identify personal areas of strength and weakness in NBCOT content. 5. Create a personalized study plan to prepare for the NBCOT exam.
Saturday, October 12 th , 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify individual areas of strength and weakness in NBCOT content using outcomes of the Pre-Level II OTKE. 2. Use results of exam performance to revise personal study plan as needed. 3. Complete NBCOT exam application. 4. Complete transcript request via Parchment
Saturday, November 9 th , 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify personal areas of strength and weakness in NBCOT content using outcomes of the COTA Practice Test 3 from NBCOT. 2. Use results of exam performance to revise personal study plan as needed.
Saturday, December 7 th , 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify personal areas of strength and weakness in NBCOT content using outcomes of the Post-Fieldwork OTKE. 2. Use results of exam performance to revise personal study plan as needed. 3. Complete SC Board of Occupational Therapy licensure application.

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*:

Students’ performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts

listed below.

EVALUATION*

Practice Exams will comprise 100% of the course grade.

Students will complete 3 practice exams throughout the semester. Course grades will be awarded as follows:

- 100% A Meets or exceeds the national average on at least 1 practice exam
- 90% B Meets or exceeds the nation average in a minimum of 2 domains on each exam
- 75% C Meets or exceeds the nation average in a minimum of 1 domain on each exam

*any student who does not meet on of the above requirements will receive an incomplete "I" for the course, will be required to complete remediation as assigned by the course instructor and must demonstrate above requirements on a minimum of one practice exam provided in the NBCOT Study Pack.

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

- A = 90% - 100%
- B = 80% - 89%
- C = 75% - 79%
- D = 69% - 74%
- F = below 68%

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

Part IV: Attendance

Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Classroom Attendance Policy:

An absence is defined as missing greater than 10 minutes of classroom time or leaving class early with more than 10 minutes remaining.

Students are expected to attend all scheduled dates. Absences for extenuating circumstances will be addressed on an individual basis by the course instructor.

Tardy Policy:

Students are expected to be on time for class and to stay for the entire session. A tardy is defined as missing up to 10 minutes of classroom time. Three tardies will be counted as one class absence.

Part V: Student Resources



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All inquiries regarding the federal laws as they relate to discrimination on the basis of sex may be directed to Tamatha Sells, Title IX Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107B, 2050 Hwy 501 E, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5218, tamatha.sells@hgtc.edu or to the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights. (Telephone: 800-421-3481/Email: OCR@ed.gov).

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