

Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy Assisting (BSOTA) With a Minor in Health Services Administration (HSA)⁺



Prepare with an Education to Enter, Grow, and Advance in a Rewarding Career as an Occupational Therapy Assistant

A licensed occupational therapy assistant (OTA) works under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist to provide rehabilitation services to individuals affected by developmental, physical, emotional, or social disabilities due to illness, disabilities, or injury. OTAs are creative and caring professionals who are passionate about helping babies, children, teens, or adults of all ages to enhance the performance of important everyday living, school, or work activities and helping them to achieve maximum independence.

At St. Andrews University—a branch of Webber International University—BSOTA students with a minor in HSA⁺ work closely with their academic advisors, OTA program director, and the academic fieldwork coordinator to schedule courses and clinical fieldwork that lead to completion of the baccalaureate degree within four years and prepare them to take the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Exam. The length of the program may be shorter for students entering with accepted transfer or Advanced Placement credits. Students demonstrate how to interact with clients to assess existing performance, set therapeutic goals, develop rehabilitation plans, and implement intervention. Students also complete a capstone research project that integrates acquired, as well as demonstrated, occupational therapy assisting knowledge, healthcare setting skills, legal and ethical foundations, strategic and critical thinking, and leadership in healthcare organizations. The dynamic BSOTA degree with a minor in HSA⁺ at St. Andrews prepares the graduate for diverse career opportunities in the healthcare industry.

A Pathway to Diverse Career Opportunities

A graduate of the Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assisting with a minor in Health Services Administration⁺ can find professional OTA career opportunities in diverse settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Outpatient agencies
- Nursing Homes
- Schools
- Community Settings

The BSOTA with a minor in HSA⁺ also is a pre-professional program that prepares students for application to a Masters or Doctorate Level Occupational Therapist program.

** The Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Assisting program at St. Andrews is seeking Candidacy Status, one of the first steps in the accreditation process, with the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). The accreditation process takes approximately two years, and is initiated before the first cohort of students enters the program and completed prior to the first cohort graduating from the program.*

The program must be ACOTE-accredited prior to students graduating from the program for students to be eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam immediately upon graduation.

Should the program not receive accreditation, graduates would not be eligible to sit for the NBCOT exam or obtain state licensure.

Passing the certification exam is required to obtain state licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.



For additional information and current course listing, please contact us.

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Mission

Our mission is to offer students an array of business, liberal arts and sciences, and pre-professional programs of study that create a life transforming educational opportunity which is practical in its application, global in its scope, and multi-disciplinary in its general education core. Students will acquire depth of knowledge and expertise in their chosen field of study, balanced by breadth of knowledge across various disciplines, while pursuing a degree at the associate, bachelor, or master level. Special emphasis is placed on enhancing oral and written communication, and critical thinking skills. The international quality of the student body enriches personal experience and promotes understanding of international cultures and influences. Through an atmosphere in which self-discipline, creativity and cultivation of ethical standards are enhanced, the University is dedicated to teaching its students the “how to learn, how to think, and how to apply method” to each new challenge.

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At St. Andrews, Create Your Own Traditions

Commitment to student success. We offer small classes to ensure personalized attention. 14-1 student/faculty ratio in your major courses. Faculty bring real life experience into your classes. This will allow you to feel like you are not just a number at St. Andrews and our programs help you reach your career goals.

Academic advising. Our faculty are your academic advisors and are committed to your success. Each student will receive guidance based on his/her individual goals, interests and career aspirations. St. Andrews takes pride in providing this guidance to help ensure each semester that you are on track to graduate in four years.

Get connected. We want you to experience college by living on campus. Students have over 20 clubs and organizations for you to join to gain leadership, communication and organizational skills for the work place. Want to participate in a sport? We have over 25 men’s and women’s sports on campus and our athletes compete at the NAIA level. Sports are a great way to build teamwork and communication skills that employers look for with their employees.

Financial aid can be a big step in getting started at college. We want to spend time and walk through the process so you understand your options in the investment of your college education. That is our commitment to you! Financial aid is available for those who qualify, including loans, grants, federal work study and scholarships. St. Andrews University provides need-based and academic scholarships to qualified students. We encourage you to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid so our financial aid team can let you know what you are eligible for.

Accreditation. St. Andrews University is a branch of Webber International University. Webber International University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award degrees at the associate, baccalaureate and masters levels. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation.

