

## WHY CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATHWAY?

Talk about healing the world. That's what occupational therapy assistants do when they help people who are limited by physical injury or illness, mental health problems, developmental or learning disabilities or the aging process live independent lives. Occupational therapy assistants work with occupational therapists in assessing the needs of a patient, determining therapeutic goals, planning treatment options and activities, and documenting patient progress. OTAs work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing homes, schools, and outpatient clinics.

This is a profession that is expected to grow briskly in the coming years as the population continues to age. If you want to be in a health care profession where you could spend quality time with your patient and help them improve their quality of life, this may be the career for you.



## ABOUT CAREER EDUCATION

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District offers scores of career education programs in a wide variety of areas such as business office technology, web design, culinary arts and more. Classes are just \$46 per unit, and many programs can be completed in as little as a year.

Projections call for a likely shortage of 1.5 million workers by 2025 with some postsecondary education but less than a bachelor's degree, and career education is a vital component in filling that gap as it provides an accessible pathway to good-paying jobs and offers the kind of hands-on, practical training that employers demand. So what are you waiting for?

## QUESTIONS?

Interested in learning more about the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Grossmont College?

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# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

CAREER EDUCATION AT GROSSMONT COLLEGE



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## ABOUT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is committed to producing competent, socially responsive, entry-level occupational therapy assistants serving a complex, culturally diverse population. All of our core courses in occupational therapy are offered in the evenings only. Clinical experiences are available during the daytime and on weekends.

Students will learn about the fundamentals of therapeutic activities; the terminology used in rehabilitation settings; the dynamics of human movement; the role of the occupational therapy assistant when treating children; and business management skills and the law as related to occupational therapy.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program prepares the student for an Associate in Science degree. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. Virtually all of our graduates pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy exam and are working in the field once they leave Grossmont College.



## WHAT YOU CAN EARN

Occupational therapy assistants were earning nearly \$70,000 per year on average in San Diego County, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, and nearly \$65,000 on average statewide.



## AVAILABLE CAREER PATHS IN THIS PATHWAY

- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Activities Director
- Behavioral Support Assistant

## DEGREES & CERTIFICATES IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Grossmont College prepares you for an associate of science degree in occupational therapy.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

“The Grossmont College Occupational Therapy Assistant’s program has provided me with important tools, including applying my knowledge to adapt to many situations. After I graduate, I plan on working with adults diagnosed with orthopedic, cardiac or pulmonary issues.” -Sarah Novasky

## HOW TO APPLY AND ENROLL

- Find class schedules and links to apply at [grossmont.edu/ota](https://grossmont.edu/ota)
- Log into **WebAdvisor** and register for classes
- Pay fees and **attend your classes!**

