



Occupational Therapy Assistant

Occupational therapy assistants and professional occupational therapists are partners in enabling people to do the activities of daily life. Occupational therapy assistants help people with disabilities learn or regain the skills they need to live independent, productive, and satisfying lives.

Occupational therapy assistants teach and assist patients in developing skills in self care and in creative, recreational, and school or work related activities. They provide treatment and

report patient progress and development to the occupational therapist. Occupational therapy assistants also perform tasks such as ordering supplies, preparing and laying out materials, helping to make splints and other corrective devices, and maintaining tools and equipment. Many work with particular age groups or with people who have certain types of disabilities.

Occupational Therapy Assistant Facts:

Where do occupational therapy assistants work in Alaska?

Occupational therapy assistants work wherever occupational therapists are employed. Rural Alaska opportunities exist with schools, medical facilities, and with state, local, and federal agencies.

Educational Requirements

Occupational therapy assistants complete two years of training beyond high school. A bachelor's degree in any field and completion of required pre-requisites for the occupational therapy program you will be entering.

- Graduation from high school. Basic courses in English, science, and math are helpful.
- Completion of a two-year Associate degree program from a university or community college. All occupational therapy assistant programs include at least two months of supervised practical experience.

Hourly Wage Range:

\$14.98-\$31.33 (Mean \$23.19)

**based on Alaska DOL data*

Years in School:

2 years (after high school graduation).

Academic Programs in Alaska

We are not aware of any occupational therapy assistant programs in Alaska. A list of programs in other states can be found on the American Occupational Therapy Association's website. (See Student-Schools.)

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