## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



## Information

Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA) are a vital member of the health care team. The everyday tasks that most of us take for granted-getting dressed or brushing our teeth, for instance-are an OTA's crowning achievements. These health care professionals help patients develop, recover, and improve the skills needed to get back into the routine of daily living and working. OTAs are directly involved in providing therapy to patients and work under the direction of an Occupational Therapist (OT). OTAs work primarily in hospitals, nursing care facilities, in home health care, and in schools. OTAs spend much of their time on their feet working with patients and engaging them in everyday activities.

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