

**WORKING TO BE AN****Occupational Therapist Assistant****What type of education is needed to be an occupational therapist assistant?**

- Associate's degree or certificate from a two-year college or technical school accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

**What licenses or certifications are needed to be an occupational therapist assistant?**

- Must pass the exam from the National Board of Occupational Therapists to become certified from the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainer's Board

**What does an occupational therapist assistant do?**

- Work with occupational therapists to help people with mental, physical, emotional, or developmental impairments
- Help clients with activities and exercises from a treatment plan designed with the occupational therapist
- Help make sure the activities are done correctly
- Record progress so that treatment can be changed if it is not getting the best results
- Keep track of the billing and health insurance information for each client

**What is the work environment like for an occupational therapist assistant?**

- Work in hospitals, nursing facilities, rehabilitation centers, mental health facilities, therapy clinics, private residences, school systems, and private practices
- Usually well-lit, clean, and temperature-controlled; those who go to private homes will be in a variety of different physical conditions
- Usually work during the day but may work nights or weekends; can be full or part time
- Kneeling, standing, and stooping are all part of the job, must be in good physical condition
- They are in constant contact with ill and/or injured people

**What is the normal pay range for an occupational therapist assistant?**

- \$15.01–\$26.31 per hour

**What Source partners offer training to be an occupational therapist assistant?**

- Owens Community College

**The Source**

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**How can an occupational therapist assistant grow in their field?**

- Can become an occupational therapist or physical therapist among other related healthcare options