# 2027 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT APPLICATION FORM
## Virginia Western Community College

Name: _____

(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Social Security Number (last four digits):_____ VCCS Student I.D.#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(Street **or** P.O. Box) (City/State) (Zip Code)

Phone: Cell ( ) _____

Preferred email address during application process (see note):_____(please print)

**Note**: Please **be aware of your email account associated with your Navigate account**. This is the email that will be used to notify you of important information, especially in the spring semester. In addition, remember to turn on your notifications in Navigate to receive information from HPAAO.

Applicants must meet the general admission requirements for the college. Students must have completed the following **four (4)** college level **prerequisites** with a "C" or better in each course: **(1) Bio 141** (Human Anatomy & Physiology I-4 cr with a lab-within five years prior), **(2) SDV 101** (Introduction to Health Professions-2 cr.), **(3) ENG 111** (English Composition I-3 cr) and **(4) PSY 230** (Developmental Psychology- 3 cr) are all college **prerequisites**. Enrollment and completion of all **prerequisite(s) must be completed by the end of the spring prior to the fall semester when you are entering/starting the program (spring 2027 for fall 2027).** Cumulative college **GPA must be 2.50** or higher by the end of Fall 2026 to be eligible (based on at least 12 credit hours) or High School GPA will be used if applicant does not have 12 credit hours of college credit to establish the GPA. Please note: At VWCC the prerequisite for enrollment in BIO 141 is either challenge placement into BIO 141 or completion within the last three (3) years of BIO 101 with a grade of "C" or higher or NAS 2 with a grade of "S". At VWCC the prerequisite for BIO 101/ NAS 2 is ENG 111 placement and successful completion of MDE 10, within the last five years or direct enrollment into college level math course.

Please answer **YES** or **NO** to the following questions.

_____ Are you a high school graduate? (Year_____) **OR** Are you a current high school senior? _____

Note: An **official sealed high school transcript** must be submitted with application or directly from the high school.

**If NO to both**, have you completed a GED?_____(Year_____) Note: You must submit a copy of GED scores.

Please **list all colleges** you have ever attended/attempted below (including VWCC). **Official transcripts** (in original sealed envelope) from **all** colleges attended are required to apply. (No transcripts are needed for VWCC or other Virginia community colleges.)

| NAME OF COLLEGE(S) | DATE ATTENDED (YEAR) & DEGREE(S) EARNED |
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All 2027 applicants **must** have a complete academic file by **February 15, 2027** to be considered. **No exceptions.** You must provide an **official** transcript from the high school still in the sealed envelope, copy of GED scores (*if applicable*), and **official** transcripts from **all** colleges attended/attempted. ***Official*** *electronic* transcripts are accepted (fax or scan is not). Requesting official transcripts is the responsibility of the applicant. In addition, applicants must be at least 18 years of age by end of fall semester, prior to fieldwork.

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***APPLICANT SIGNATURE*** ***DATE***

You should mail **all** application materials to **Pam Woody, VWCC-Health Professions, 3091 Colonial Ave., Roanoke, VA 24015** or bring to the Fralin Center, Health Professions Advising and Applications Office-Room 339. When all the academic material has been reviewed by one of the advisors in the Health Profession Advising and Applications Office, an advising **form letter** will be emailed to applicant or scanned to school email account (usually within 2-4 weeks outside of other HP program deadlines). **Note:** If you receive an acceptance letter/email from VWCC it does NOT indicate that you are accepted to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program **or** that your OTA academic file is complete. All program application material is processed by the Health Profession Advising and Applications Office (HPAAO) at VWCC. Transcripts are sent to the VWCC Records Office and applicants need to verify receipt of transcripts by Records and notify the HPAAO that all official records are present.

It is the policy of the Virginia Community College System and Virginia Western Community College to maintain and promote equal employment and educational opportunities without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, or other non-merit factors. For further information, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Bernadette Battle, in Chapman Hall, Room 102A, phone (540) 857-6572, TitleIXCoordinator@virginiawestern.edu. TTY number is (800) 855-2880 all users 711.

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The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Virginia Western is currently pursuing accreditation. Please read the statement below regarding the accreditation status and process and then sign to indicate you have read the statement. If you have any questions regarding the accreditation process, you can reach out to the OTA program director, Dr. Leah Savelyev at lsavelyev@virginiawestern.edu or 540-857-6733.

The associate-degree-level occupational therapy assistant program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).

In addition, all states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

My signature below indicates that I have read the statement above and understand the accreditation status of the Virginia Western Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

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***APPLICANT SIGNATURE*** ***DATE***