

OTA ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES

A student must have essential abilities and skills of the varieties listed to participate in the occupational therapy assistant program. Reasonable accommodations may be made; however, the student is expected to perform in a reasonably independent manner without compromising patient safety. The student must notify Alan Chastain if a disability is present and what accommodations may be necessary. Other abilities not listed here may be required in certain occupational therapy settings.

A. CRITICAL THINKING

Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment; including processing information; assessment, problem solving, and prioritizing multiple tasks on a daily basis. This includes the ability to take initiative and work independently, yet recognize self-limitations.

Examples: identifying cause-

Examples: transferring and lifting clients, moving quickly in response to an emergency, assisting with OT assessment and activities of daily living for clients, carrying out infection control