

Professional Academic Standards

The Missouri Health Professions Consortium faculty is responsible for preparing graduates at a level of competence consistent with professional and accreditation standards. Occupational therapy assistants (OTA) make an important contribution to health care and they must have professional skill sets, the ability to apply theory and to solve problems that affect participation in everyday activities. Students must demonstrate professional behavior and how to promote therapeutic relationships.

Students are encouraged to seek help from their instructors and their academic advisors when academic problems arise.

Program faculty is responsible for facilitating the students' academic, clinical performance and professional development. Faculty members are responsible for being aware of student conduct and discussing with the student inappropriate professional behavior. Faculty can offer academic assistance or recommend remedial strategies. This assistance may be offered when students exhibit unsatisfactory academic progress, display behavior that does not meet professional standards, or commit violations of the code of ethics. Students are expected to read course materials and complete course work at an acceptable time. Unprofessional behavior or poor academic performance can result in dismissal from the professional program. Academic performance standards require students to maintain an average GPA of >2.5 and individual course grades may not fall below a 'C' in order to progress through the program. Because the program is sequential students will not be allowed to progress to the next semester without successfully completing the preceding semester requirements. Students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater for professional coursework in order to graduate from the program. In addition, students must successfully complete all fieldwork requirements within a timely manner. As noted in the Fieldwork Section of the student handbook, it is the policy of MHPC OTA Program that all Level II fieldwork must be completed within one calendar year of completion of the didactic portion of program unless exceptional circumstances exist as outlined in the fieldwork policy.

All OTA students are subject to the rules of student conduct and academic regulations as published in their home college student handbook. Academic dishonesty and dismissal will be subject to the home campus policy.