McHenry County College
Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

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What is Occupational Therapy?
helping people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities- AOTA

Where do OTAs Work?
- Early Intervention
- School-based
- Outpatient Rehab
- Acute care
- Mental Health
- Wellness/Prevention
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Assisted Living

Patient Focused Care
Asking
“What matters to you?”
Not
“What’s a matter with you?”

- Home Health
- Aging in Place
- Aqua Therapy
- Hippo Therapy
- VA Hospital/Rehab Centers
- Hand Therapy Clinics
- Ergonomics
- Driver Rehabilitation

http://www.aota.org/about-occupational-therapy.aspx
OTA program at MCC

Learning Through Doing

- Exposure to the newest techniques and procedures
- Taught by currently practicing Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist
- Fieldwork placements in variety of settings across the life span
- Opportunities to get involved in the community through volunteer projects
MCC OTA Students in the Community

Early Intervention Age Birth - 3

Working with children at this age will help them reach the developmental milestones and develop skills they need to participate in school.

Where Occupational Therapy Services are Needed Most:

According to Child and Family Connection, as of March 13, 2015 the following children are eligible and waiting for OT services:

- **McHenry County** - 21
- **Lake County** - 13
- **Kane County** - 20
- **Winnebago County** - 65

MCC OTA students are already working to help fill the need, participating in the McHenry County Development Screening Program for children ages birth to 5 years old.
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Fieldwork

Adult Child Therapy Services
Allendale
**Association Autumn Leaves**
Bowes In Home Care
Braveheart Therapeutic Riding Center
Centegra Health Systems Hospital
**Chicago Read Mental Health Center**
Community Consolidated
School District 46
Crystal Lake School District 47
Elgin School District U-46
**Family Alliance**
Genesis Rehab Services
Healthsouth
Huntley School District 158
Infinity Rehab
Centegra Integrated
Therapy Specialist LLC
Johnsburg School District

Main Stay Therapeutic Riding Center Marengo
Consolidated School District 165 Marengo
Consolidated School District 165 McHenry
County Orthopedics
Mercy Woodstock Medical Center
Midwest Center for Children's Development
Milestones Therapy Center
Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association
OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center
Pioneer Center for Human Services
Prairie Grove District 46
Quality Therapy and Consultation
RehabCare
Select Rehab
Simply Rehab
Sovereign Pediatric Therapy
Swedish American Health
System Wisconsin-Illinois Senior Housing
Woodstock Community School District
• Therapy garden for dementia patients at Autumn Leaves in Crystal Lake

• Memory Care & Fall Prevention Programs at Family Alliance in Woodstock & Huntley

• Trisomy Families Fundraiser  
  • SOTA working to organize a 5k fundraiser to raise awareness for local non-for-profit organization “Trisomy Families”
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Preparing students day one for the challenge ahead, giving them the tools to succeed long after graduation.