

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Professional Practice

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** OTA 1700

**Credit Hours:** 1 credit hour.

**Course Type:** Lecture/Fieldwork

**Course Description:** Students will be introduced to and will practice professionalism skills both in the classroom and in various community settings, under the direction of an occupational therapy practitioner. Preparation for and exposure to practice settings and patient interaction are the primary focus of this course. Through reflection and discussion, application of knowledge about the profession will be practiced. HIPAA regulations, mandated reporter requirements, and universal precautions will be addressed. Background checks will be completed in preparation for student experiences working with the pediatric population.

Prerequisite: OTA 1510 and OTA 1530 with a grade of C or better.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understand can:

1. Understand concepts related to HIPAA, OSHA-Bloodborne Pathogens, and mandated reporting.
  2. Demonstrate professionalism during all didactic and fieldwork experiences.
  3. Identify and explain the contextual factors on the delivery of occupational therapy services for persons, groups, and populations and social systems as they relate to the practice of occupational therapy. (B.5.1)
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**Topics Covered:**

- Professionalism
  - Observation skills
  - Interpersonal communication skills
  - Written communication
  - Ethical supervision
  - Cultural awareness
  - Exploration of areas of practice
  - Trainings/clearances for health care and social services settings
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2021