



**EXAMPLES of FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR
OBSERVATION HOURS
FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

FACILITY	FACILITY TYPE	PHONE NUMBER	CONTACT PERSON
OT 4 Kids Lexington, NC	OT Outpatient Clinic for Pediatrics	336-236-6546	Deborah Dorsett, COTA/L
Pathways for Learning, Charlotte, NC	OT Outpatient Clinic for Pediatrics	704-540-5252	Toni Shub, OTR/L Business Owner
Saturn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Charlotte, NC	Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	704-598-4480	Holly Walker COTA/L Rehabilitation Director
Northeast Rehabilitation – Gateway	Outpatient	704-403-1705	Beth Sly, CHT, OTR/L, MHA
Caromont Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Gastonia, NC	Outpatient	704-671-5730	Donald Howard, MS, OTR/L
Abbott’s Creek Center, Lexington, NC	Skilled Nursing Facility	336-248-6644	Jamie Burleson, COTA/L
Autumn Care of Marshville, Marshville, NC	Skilled Nursing Facility	704-624-6643	Lea Anne Flake, PTA Rehabilitation Manager
Laurels of Salisbury, Salisbury, NC	Skilled Nursing Facility	704-637-1182	Diane Spicer OTR/L Rehabilitation Director
Forsyth Medical Center, Winston Salem, NC	Acute Rehabilitation	336-718-1607	Melissa Moser MS, OTR/L Fieldwork Coordinator
Brighter Day Theraplay Albemarle, NC	OT Outpatient Clinic for Pediatrics	704-983-5437	Carla Shepard COTA/L

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There are many facilities with Occupational Therapy Departments; the sites listed above are examples of where you might want to go. You may also investigate on your own and call any facility in your area. Tell them why you are calling and that you are applying to the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. Ask if you could “Observe” or “Shadow” an Occupational Therapist or a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Please be aware that professional attire is required when you attend these facilities for your observation hours. Dress as you would if you were going to a job interview. Jeans, tight clothes, midriff shirts, and use of your cell phone do not provide a professional appearance. Thank you.

Applicants for the OTA program must complete observation hours according to the following guidelines:

- A minimum of 25 total hours must be completed before the application is eligible for review for admission to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.
- An Observation Hours Verification form is required from each site to validate the completed observation hours.

- Observation hours must be completed in at least 3 different settings with 3 different Occupational Therapy professionals.
- The Occupational Therapy professional can be an OT or OTA who is not an immediate or extended family member.
- Applicants should provide the supervising therapist at the site with:
 1. The **Observation Hours Verification Form** with the top portion completed and signed
 2. A stamped envelope addressed to:
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Admissions Department
401 Medical Park Drive Concord, NC 28025.
- The Observation Hours Verification Form needs to be mailed by the professional who completes the form and not by the applicant.