FAILURE/COURSE REPEAT POLICY

Occupational Therapy Assistant students may repeat a core (OTA) or occupational support course (science) only once. In addition, students enrolled in the OTA program may repeat only two core (OTA) or occupational supportive (science) courses in their program during their progress toward graduation.

This policy reflects concerns for appropriate OTA program standards from the Faculty and Advisory Committee. This standard also enhances the position of our graduates if attempting to transfer to another OTA program or pursue a master’s degree in OT.

If you are a student who has experienced a failure in an OTA or science course, you may have questions as to how this affects you. If you are planning to repeat a course that you previously failed, you must pass the course the second time. If you do not pass the course the second time, you will be dismissed from the occupational therapy assistant program at WITC.

If you have a previous failure in an OTA or science course, but have successfully passed that course the second time and fail another course, you may repeat that course once. If you fail that course the second time or if you fail a third course, you will be dismissed from the program.

If you withdraw from any program course according to WITC policy, including past withdrawals, the withdrawals do not count as a failure.

OTA Faculty is sincerely interested in your success in the program, but recognize that OTA is not for every student. You may want to discuss this policy further with Mari Jo Ulrich, OTA Program Director. You may reach Mari Jo in Ashland from any campus phone or call 800/243-9482, Ext. 3167 to discuss your individual questions or concerns.