**ATU OZARK OTA SELECTION CRITERIA**

Due to the limited spots available for each class of OTA students, the OTA Program must use a method of ranking each candidate according to the candidate’s qualifications. The following will be used in the selection process:

TEAS score: 70%

Essay: 15%

Clinical Observation Rating form 15%

In the case of a tie in the application score for applicants, the following criteria will be utilized as tiebreakers (the criteria are arranged in order of importance):

1. Cumulative GPA for all college coursework completed prior to the application deadline

2. Number of pre-requisite hours completed prior to application deadline

3. Date of submission of completed OTA program application materials

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Offers of admission for available spaces will be made to the qualified applicants with the highest overall ratings. All applicants will be notified by the OTA Program of their admission status. Applicants accepted into the program must notify the OTA Program office as soon as possible of their decision to accept or decline the offer of admission. Applicants who decline admission or are not accepted for admission may reapply for admission the following year. In the event an opening for a student becomes available, then applicants from the alternate list will be offered admission according to individual ranking.