

**School of Health Sciences**  
**Occupational Therapy Assistant – Associate of Applied Science**  
**Admission Criteria for Fall 2024**



Applicants are selected on a merit based/competitive admission process. Application does not guarantee admission. See the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#) for current application information. Review [this video](#) for an overview of the OTA Program.

**SLCC ADMISSION PROCESS**

1. [Apply to SLCC](#) as a degree seeking student & declare Health Sciences as your Area of Study, & Occupational Therapy Assistant as the Program of Study. Due to the selective admission process, you will be declared as a Pre-Medical Health Sciences-AS student.
2. Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required before the OTA admissions deadline. Send official high school transcripts to [HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu](mailto:HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu).
3. For transfer credit, complete all the required steps in the [SLCC Transfer Evaluation process](#). Be sure to submit transcripts for ALL colleges and universities where prerequisite coursework has been completed. *This process may take 4-6 weeks and must be completed before a student's application will be considered.*
4. Complete [SLCC Placement Process](#) or submit current SAT/ACT test scores if MATH and ENGL course work have not been transferred to SLCC.
5. Schedule an appointment with the [OTA Academic Advisor online](#) or call 801-957-6215. Students are encouraged to meet regularly with the OTA advisor.
6. ALL communication will be through BruinMail.

**OTA PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS**

**1. Prerequisite Courses**

Note: Contact the OTA Academic Advisor to see how AP and CLEP scores are calculated in the admissions process.

The following prerequisites must be completed with a **C or better (Anatomy completed within 5 years of starting program, 2 attempt limit within that 5 year time period).**

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
ANY QL or Math 1010 1035 or 1045 recommended	Quantitative Reasoning or Intro to Stats (with Integrated Algebra)	3-4	<a href="#">See Catalog for Course Description &amp; Prerequisites</a>
ENGL 1010	Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 0990 w/ C grade or better OR appropriate test placement. Students are encouraged to learn/use APA referencing in ENGL 1010. <a href="#">See Catalog for Course Description</a>
OTA 1040 or BIOL 2320/2325	Anatomy & Physiology for OT or Human Anatomy w/lab	4	OTA 1040: No prerequisite Biol 2302+2325: BIOL 1610 (students who have not taken BIOL 1610 previously will have to take BIOL 1615 concurrently) <a href="#">See Catalog for Course Description</a>
PSY 1100 or FHS 1500	Lifespan Growth & Dev.	3	<a href="#">See Catalog for Course Description</a>
COMM 1010 or COMM 2110	Elem of Effective Comm OR Interpersonal Comm	3	<a href="#">See Catalog for Course Description</a>

The following must be completed with a **B or better within 5 years of starting program and can only be taken twice within that time period.**

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
OTA 1020	Intro to Occupational Therapy	3	

*The OTA program also recommends taking the HS 1100 (Formerly MA 1100) Medical Terminology course prior to applying to the OTA program, but it is not required and will not affect admission to the program.*

**2. Verification of High School Graduation**

Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required before the OTA admissions deadline. Send official high school transcripts to [HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu](mailto:HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu).

### 3. Essay

The essay is required for admissions purposes and will be part of the application process. Email an electronic copy of the essay to [healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu](mailto:healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu) by application deadline.

The purpose of this portion of your application is to allow the admissions committee the opportunity to assess the clarity of your professional goals. It also allows the admissions committee to evaluate your ability to compose a brief academic writing assignment that demonstrates proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and clarity. Please submit an essay of between 300 and 500 words that outlines your professional goals. Please include the following information in your essay:

- Describe the role of an occupational therapy assistant.
- What is your motivation to become a certified occupational therapy assistant?
- What challenges do you anticipate as a student in the OTA program and how will you navigate those challenges?
- Discuss how your values, skills, and character traits align with that of a future healthcare provider.

### 4. Apply Online

Log-in to "MySLCC">Click on "Discover" (Found on the top left under the 3 horizontal lines next to the SLCC logo) >Type in and click on "Selective Admissions Forms">Click on "Health Science Program Admissions". (Program Name) online application will only appear on the menu during open application periods.

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$25. The OTA online application will only appear on the menu during open application periods.

24 students are accepted into the program every fall semester. This program requires full time day attendance.

**Veterans verified through the [VA office](#) will be given additional consideration in the application process.**

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Important Dates	
Applications Accepted for Fall: January 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 15 <sup>th</sup> *2 <sup>nd</sup> Review if Available: August 1st	
Notification of Acceptance/Denial June/*August	
Orientation Information will be sent via "Full Acceptance" letter	
Classes Begin August	
*The School of Health Sciences may reopen the application after the established deadline if it is in the best interest of the program to do so. Check: <a href="http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/">http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/</a> regularly to see if the application has been reopened. All application requirements need to be fulfilled for an application to be considered. Applicants that apply by the original application deadlines will take priority.	

POTENTIAL FIRST SEMESTER PREREQUISITE SCHEDULE: Based on math & English placement and full-time enrollment			
<b>OPTION A:</b>		<b>OPTION B:</b> If placed into Math 1010/1040	
MATH 1035 or 1045 Quantitative Reasoning or Intro to Stats (with Integrated Algebra)	4	MATH 1030 or 1040 Quantitative Reasoning or Intro to Statistics	3
ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3
OTA 1020 Intro to Occupational Therapy	3	OTA 1020 Intro to Occupational Therapy	3
PSY 1100 or FHS 1500 Human Growth and Dev	3	PSY 1100 or FHS 1500 Human Growth and Dev	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

NOTE: Sample schedule does not replace professional academic advising, individual needs may differ. Students should meet with their assigned program advisor on a regular basis.

#### AFTER PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance into the program will be given on a "Conditional" basis. Students must complete the following within the allotted time in their "Conditional Acceptance" letter (about 30 days) to receive "Full Acceptance". **If students don't complete these requirements, they will forfeit their spot.** Once "Full Acceptance" is granted, students will be given registration & orientation information.

1. **American DataBank Complio:** Students are required to create an American DataBank Complio account to order their background check, submit necessary documentation, and meet immunization compliance requirements. Create an account by going to: <https://saltlakecc.complio.com/>

If you have any problems setting up the account or questions on submitting information, please contact the Customer Service Department for American DataBank Complio. Phone: 1-800-200-0853 (7am-6pm MT Monday – Friday) OR email: [complio@americandatabank.com](mailto:complio@americandatabank.com).

2. **Immunizations:** Order “Immunization Compliance Package” from American DataBank Complio, \$15.
  - a. If accepted into the program, this subscription will need to be renewed every 12 months while in the program for \$15.
  - b. For specific information, please see the “After You’re Accepted Into The Program” section under the desired program on the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#).
  - c. Immunization requirements are subject to change, therefore check the website often and far enough in advance to be able to accommodate deadlines. For questions on immunizations, please contact 801-957-6253 or [healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu](mailto:healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu).
  - d. Required immunizations officially documented and uploaded into American DataBank Complio:
    - i. Annual Influenza Vaccination
    - ii. Annual Tuberculosis (see HS website)
    - iii. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
    - iv. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
    - v. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
    - vi. Hepatitis B (Series and titer may take up to 1 year, so start well in advance)
    - vii. Hepatitis A vaccination series (highly recommended but not required)
    - viii. COVID-19

\*Note: Student applying for the August date should have their Hep B titer & MMR verification uploaded into Complio by the August application deadline.

3. **Background Check:** Order “Criminal Background Check Package” through American Databank Complio, \$29
  - a. Students assume the risk if their criminal background check is not clear. If students do not pass the background check, they may not be accepted into the program. This may result in withdrawal from the program after the tuition refund deadline has passed. The clinical site will make the final determination about accepting students for clinical placement.
  - b. It is **strongly** recommended that prospective students take measures to have criminal offenses [expunged](#) or sealed from their record if possible. Students can review [Criminal History Guidelines on DOPL’s website](#). Students are advised to contact the [Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator](#) with any questions or concerns prior to applying to the program.
4. **Drug Screening:** Order “Drug Screening Package” through American DataBank Complio, \$35
  - a. You will have 48 hours to complete the test once ordered.
5. **CPR Certification:** Documentation uploaded into American DataBank Complio account
  - a. Current [American Heart Association](#) OR [American Red Cross](#) 2-year BLS Healthcare Provider certification. BLS (CPR) Certification may be obtained at any certified provider. **Students will need to ensure their BLS (CPR) certification is current throughout the program.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Program semesters may change in the future.**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
OTA 1100 Functional Anatomy	3	OTA 1210 Professional Issues I	2
OTA 1105 Functional Anatomy Supervised Instr	3	OTA 1220 Modalities II Lecture	2
OTA 1120 Modalities I Lecture	2	OTA 1230 Modalities II Lecture/Lab	3
OTA 1130 Modalities I Lecture/Lab	3	OTA 1240 Physical Dysfunction II Lecture	3
OTA 1140 Physical Dysfunction I Lecture	3	OTA 1250 Physical Dysfunction II Lab	3
OTA 1150 Physical Dysfunction I Lecture/Lab	3	OTA 1270 Pediatric Fieldwork I Experience	2
OTA 1170 Physical Dysfunction Fieldwork I Exp.	2	OTA 1280 Pediatric/Adolescence Lecture	3
OTA 1180 Domain and Process	2	OTA 1290 Pediatric/Adoles Supervised Instr	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
OTA 2310 OT Professional Issues II	2	OTA 2450 Fieldwork Experience Level II Part 1	6
OTA 2320 OT Modalities III Lecture	2	OTA 2460 Fieldwork Experience Level II Part 2	6
OTA 2330 Modalities III Lecture/Lab	3		
OTA 2340 Psychosocial Behavior	3		
OTA 2350 Geriatrics	3		
OTA 2370 Psychosocial/Geriatrics Fieldwork I Exp.	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

### Program Hours & Minimum Grades

Classes are taught weekdays generally between 7:30am and 5:00 pm and may be in block schedules. Some courses are web enhanced. Program is an engaged department and service learning is expected in most courses requiring an additional 10-15 hours per course. Clinic assignments are required and scheduled outside of class requiring additional time commitment in the late afternoon. There is one fieldwork placement in each of the first three semesters for 30 hours each. Level II fieldwork is 40 hours per week for 16 weeks during fourth semester.

To maintain a position in the OTA program, students must maintain a **C grade or better** in each required class. While in the program, students may be required to attend fieldwork, conferences, and out-of-state activities. Expenses for these activities are additional student costs.

### National Certification Examination

OTA graduates will be prepared to take the national certification examination administered by the **National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT)** after successful completion of the program. Students will then be a COTA (Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant) and be eligible for state licensure which is required to practice in Utah. For state licensure information, visit [www.dopl.utah.gov](http://www.dopl.utah.gov).

### Program Accreditation & Licensing

This program is accredited by the **Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)** 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449, (301) 652-2682, (301) 652-1417-Fax, [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org). Graduates will be prepared to take the national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT). After successful completion of the exam, the individual will be a certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA) and eligible for state licensure, which is required to practice in Utah.

### For more information, please contact

<b>Academic Advisor</b> <a href="#">OTA Academic Advisor</a> or call: 801-957-6215 3491 W. Wights Fort Road West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Student Center 203	<b>Health Sciences Admissions Office</b> 3491 W. Wights Fort Rd. West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Health Science Building – Room 065 Office: (801) 957-6253 Fax: (801) 957-6324 Email: <a href="mailto:healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu">healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu</a> Website: <a href="http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx">http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx</a>
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### Helpful Websites

[Math & Science Tutoring](#)

[Reading & Writing Tutoring](#)

[Occupational Therapy Assistant New Student Information Session](#)

[Occupational Therapy Assistant FAQs](#)

[Occupational Therapy Assistant Student Handbook](#) (Essential Job Functions, Program Outcomes, etc.)

[Occupational Therapy Assistant Career Information](#)

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