

FALL 2024 COHORT SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

All prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, or if currently enrolled in a prerequisite course, official grades must be posted to your SLCC Degree Works transcript before the application deadline. If you are waiting for transfer courses to be evaluated, you can submit your application materials and then add the grades once they are available prior to the application deadline.

Note: OTA 1040 or BIOL 2320, and BIOL 2325 must be completed with a grade of a C or better, within five years of the start of the program; limited to two attempts per course. OTA 1020 must be completed with a grade of B or better within five years of the start of the program; limited to two attempts per course. The remaining prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Any Composition (EN) Course*		3
Any QL or MATH 1010**	Quantitative Literacy/Intermediate Algebra	3-4
OTA 1040 or BIOL 2320 & 2325	Anatomy and Physiology for Occupational Therapy/Human Anatomy and Anatomy Lab	4
COMM 1010 or COMM 2110	Elements of Effective Communication/Interpersonal Comm	3
PSY 1100 or FHS 1500	Lifespan Growth & Develop	3
OTA 1020	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	3

*APA Referencing section **Math 1040 or 1045 preferred

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT TRANSFER CREDIT

- It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their transfer credit has been fully transferred to SLCC prior to the program's application deadlines.
- If a student has courses they are transferring from another school, their transcripts must be evaluated by the SLCC Transfer Evaluation Office, and their **grades must be posted to SLCC DegreeWorks (their MySLCC account) before** the program's application deadline (priority and final application deadlines apply). IT CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS FOR TRANSCRIPTS TO BE EVALUATED.

- Students should declare Health Sciences as their Area of Study and Occupational Therapy Assistant as the Program of Study when applying to SLCC. If the program of study does not match the information submitted on the transfer evaluation request, courses applicable to the program may not be transferred to SLCC.

VERIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR EQUIVALENT (GED)

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

ESSAY

The essay is required for admissions purposes and will be part of the application process. Each applicant must email an electronic copy of their essay to the Health Sciences Admissions Office at healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu by the program's application deadline.

Please complete a short essay/reflection on the following topic:

Part 1: What motivates you in your life? What is motivating you to become an occupational therapy assistant?

Part 2: What is an interpersonal conflict you've overcome in your life? Who else was involved in this experience? How did you manage your stress? What did you learn about yourself and others? In what ways did this experience influence how you face obstacles in life?

- Formatting:
 - Microsoft Word
 - Assigned number for identification purposes on top Left Corner of Essay (Don't use your name!)
 - Times New Roman font
 - Size 12
 - Double spaced
 - 1-inch margins
 - 1-1.5 pages in length
- Content will be graded from a rubric on:
 - Mechanics
 - Content
 - Structure and organization
- Helpful hints:
 - Must be written in full sentences
 - Should include introduction and summary paragraphs
 - Use section headings if you wish
 - Utilize OT professional language
 - This is your chance to tell us what you know so be as specific as possible
 - Use one or more examples to support your statements

PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

- Graduated from an AHEC program or completed a MA or CNA certification within the last five years – Must submit certification.
- Community Engagement - Applicants that have demonstrated a willingness to serve others through volunteer community engagement will receive additional consideration on their application. Community engagement can be volunteering at food banks, homeless shelters, emergency assistance programs, neighborhood cleanup programs, etc.

Community Engagement Criteria:

- Engagement should have occurred within the last five years and since high school graduation
- Must be performed within the state of Utah
- Continual experiences encouraged
- Must be served without payment or reward
- Service engagement with underserved groups or populations is encouraged
- Only one experience will be considered for the application

Submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor that supervised community engagement to healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu. The letter should discuss type of service, length of time committed to serving and where service was performed.

Documentation must be submitted to the Health Sciences Admissions Office within five business days of submitting your application (application deadlines still apply). You may email your documentation to healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu, or drop it off in person at the Jordan Campus at 3491 W Wights Fort Rd, JHS 065, West Jordan UT.