Occupational Therapy Assistant
Helping people live life to its fullest.

WHY SLCC?
If you are a team player and want to help people help themselves, consider a satisfying career as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. Occupational Therapy Assistants work with people of all ages whose lives have been disrupted by physical injury, mental impairment or other illness. As an Occupational Therapy Assistant, you will guide patients in prescribed therapeutic activities and occupations. You will use everyday activities such as dressing, eating or writing as therapeutic techniques to help patients achieve or recover their full, independent and healthy lifestyles.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program prepares you to work in settings like:
- Acute care hospitals
- Rehabilitation centers/clinics
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Community living facilities
- Home health agencies
- Community mental health centers
- School systems/early intervention
- Nursing homes

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program was the first civically engaged service learning program at SLCC. Students graduate as a Civically Engaged Scholar if able to maintain a B average or better. Service learning is embedded within the coursework. In addition to regular studies, students participate in the on-site SLCC pro-bono clinic, providing therapy to need-based individuals and others from the community.

Visit the Occupational Therapy Assistant website for more information at: slcc.edu/ota

CAREERS & SALARY
Median Average Hourly Wage: $27.27
jobs.utah.gov

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
Four semesters
69 Program Credits
23 Prerequisite Credits
92 Total Credits

PROGRAM COST
Regular Tuition and Fees:
slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx

MORE INFO
Division of Health Professions
801-957-6200
Academic Advisor
801-957-6215
slcc.edu/ota

*Disclaimer: Although every attempt is made to make sure information on this sheet is correct, information is subject to change. Please consult the website for the latest information.
ADMISSION PROCESS
• Be admitted to SLCC as a matriculated student.
• Request an official evaluation of student’s transcripts and submit to the SLCC Incoming Transcript Office, if applicable.
• Application information including prerequisites, transcripts, Health Sciences pre-admissions exam and proctored essay can be found at: slcc.edu/hs/admissions

PREREQUISITES
Note: All prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.
• BIOL 1610/1615 College Biology/Lab (LS) (4)
• BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab (4)
• ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing**^ (EN) (3)
• MATH 1010 Integrated Algebra*** (QS) (4) or MATH 1040 (QL) (3) or higher
• COMM 1010 Elements of Effective Comm.^ (CM, IN) (3)
• PSY 1100 Lifespan Human Growth and Development^ (SS) (3)
• OTA 1020 Intro to Occupational Therapy^ (3)
BIOL 2320/2325 and OTA 1020 must be completed with a B grade or better within the last five years and can only be taken twice within that time period. MATH 1010 or MATH 1040 or higher must also be taken within 5 years of the application. The remaining prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better. See application deadlines. It is the student’s responsibility to examine each course description for details of other prerequisite classes.

Recommended but not required: MA 1100 Medical Terminology
*Offered online
**ACT/SAT/Accuplacer exam placement into ENGL 1010 or above.
***ACT/SAT/Accuplacer exam placement into MATH 1010 or above.

THE CURRICULUM
The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program provides graduates with a general education. The curriculum design is based on service learning and applied practice. Students are required to spend 150 hours or more involved in service learning, which may be outside of scheduled course times.

Students may be required to attend conferences and out-of-state activities. The expenses of these requirements are additional student costs. Expenses can be offset by enrollment in AmeriCorps, if available and those students with a B average or higher will graduate as Civically Engaged Scholars. Students will participate in Fieldwork I experiences that align with coursework taught that respective semester. Students will also participate in two Fieldwork II experiences requiring full-time training in the last semester of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
• One cohort of 24 students is admitted each fall semester.
• Accepted students must take the OTA courses in the order outlined in the curriculum.
• Students may come in contact with blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases, and all students in the OTA program must follow proper OSHA procedures and practice universal precautions.
• Accepted students are required to attend the mandatory new student orientation day.

Salt Lake Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).

ACOTE
C/O Accreditation Dept.
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814-3449

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