

# Occupational Therapy Assistant

Helping people live life to its fullest.

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

## WHY SLCC?

The OTA 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

In addition to regular studies, students participate in the on-site SLCC Occupational Therapy clinic, providing therapy to need-based individuals and others from the community.

*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)

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Visit the Occupational Therapy Assistant website for more information at:

[slcc.edu/ota](http://slcc.edu/ota)

## CAREERS & SALARY

**Statewide Median Average  
Hourly Wage: \$27.76**

[jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov)

## LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Four semesters

69 Program Credits

23 Prerequisite Credits

**92 Total Credits**

## PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$10,000 including Regular Tuition and Fees:

[slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx](http://slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx)

## MORE INFORMATION

Division of Health Professions  
801-957-6200

Academic Advisor  
801-957-6215

[slcc.edu/ota](http://slcc.edu/ota)

*\*Disclaimer: Although every attempt is made to ensure 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 transcripts and submit to the SLCC Incoming Transcript Office, if applicable.
- Application information including prerequisites, transcripts, Health Sciences pre-admission exam and proctored essay can be found at: [slcc.edu/hs/admissions](http://slcc.edu/hs/admissions)
- HESI Pre-admission exam – a minimum of 75% is required for consideration for admission to the program. However, this does not guarantee admission into the program.
- Proctored written essay
- AP courses – AP scores of 3 or higher for a prerequisite course may be considered for admission into the program. However, this does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

## PREREQUISITES

Note: All prerequisites must be completed **before** applying to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program with a C grade or better unless otherwise noted.

- BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab (4) (minimum B grade within the past 5 years; limited to two attempts) **(If you are taking Human Anatomy at SLCC, you must take BIOL 1610/1615 first w/C grade or better.)**
- ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing (EN)(3) APA section or ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing<sup>^\*</sup>
- MATH 1010 Integrated Algebra (QS)(4) or MATH 1040 Intro to Statistics (QL)(3) or higher (within the past 5 years)<sup>^\*\*</sup>
- COMM 1010 Elements of Eff. Comm (CM)(3) or COMM 2110 Interpersonal Comm (CM)(3)<sup>^</sup>
- PSY 1100 Human Growth & Dev (SS)(3)<sup>^</sup>
- OTA 1020 (3) (minimum B grade; limited to two attempts within the past 5 years)<sup>^</sup>

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*

<sup>^</sup>Offered online

<sup>\*</sup>ACT/SAT/SLCC placement process into ENGL 1010 or above.

<sup>\*\*</sup>ACT/SAT/SLCC placement process into MATH 1010 or above.

## THE CURRICULUM

The OTA program curriculum design is based on applied practice. Students are required to spend 150 hours or more involved in service learning, which may be outside of scheduled course times. Students with a B average or higher will graduate as Civically Engaged Scholars.

Students may be required to attend conferences and out-of-state activities. The expenses of these requirements are additional student costs. 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 every 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.
- Accepted students must complete program required immunizations and certifications before clinical placements.
- Students will be responsible to provide their own transportation to clinical sites.

SEMESTER I (FALL)	SEMESTER II (SPRING)	SEMESTER III (FALL)	SEMESTER IV (SPRING)
<b>OTA 1100 (3)</b> Functional Anatomy Lec.	<b>OTA 1210 (2)</b> OT Profess Issues I	<b>OTA 2310 (2)</b> OT Profess Issues II	<b>OTA 2450 (6)</b> Fieldwork Exp. Part 1
<b>OTA 1105 (3)</b> Functional Anatomy Lab	<b>OTA 1220 (2)</b> OT Modalities II Lec.	<b>OTA 2320 (2)</b> OT Modalities III Lec.	<b>OTA 2460 (6)</b> Fieldwork Exp. Part 2
<b>OTA 1120 (2)</b> OT Modalities I Lec.	<b>OTA 1230 (3)</b> OT Modalities II Supervised Inst.	<b>OTA 2330 (3)</b> OT Modalities III Supervised Inst.	
<b>OTA 1130 (3)</b> OT Modalities I Supervised Inst	<b>OTA 1240 (3)</b> Physical Dysfunction II Lec.	<b>OTA 2340 (3)</b> Psychosocial Behavior	
<b>OTA 1140 (3)</b> Physical Dysfunc I Lec.	<b>OTA 1250 (3)</b> Physical Dysfunc II Supervised Inst.	<b>OTA 2350 (3)</b> Geriatrics	
<b>OTA 1150 (3)</b> Physical Dysfunc I Supervised Inst.	<b>OTA 1270 (2)</b> Pediatric FW I Exp.	<b>OTA 2370 (2)</b> Psychosocial/Geriatric FW I Exp.	
<b>OTA 1170 (2)</b> Phys Dysfunc Inst. FW I Exp.	<b>OTA 1280 (3)</b> Pediatric Lec.		
<b>OTA 1180 (2)</b> OT Domain & Process	<b>OTA 1290 (3)</b> Pediatric Supervised Inst.		
<b>21 CREDITS</b>	<b>21 CREDITS</b>	<b>15 CREDITS</b>	<b>12 CREDITS</b>