

School of Health Sciences
Occupational Therapy Assistant – Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Admission Criteria for Fall 2022

*Applicants are selected on a merit based/competitive admission process. Application does not guarantee admission. Please see the Health Sciences Admissions website: <http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx> for current application information.

SLCC ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Apply to SLCC as a degree seeking student and declare Health Sciences as your Area of Study, and Occupational Therapy Assistant as your Program of Study. Due to the selective admission process, you will be listed as Pre-Medical Health Sciences-AS. See: www.slcc.edu
2. Be a High School graduate or equivalent.
3. For transfer credit, complete all of the required steps in the SLCC Transfer Evaluation process: <http://www.slcc.edu/transcriptevaluation/>. 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 coursework have not been transferred to SLCC. See: <http://www.slcc.edu/testing/>

OTA APPLICATION PROCESS

Items 1 and 2 must be completed before applying to the program. Item 4 (the Proctored Essay) will be completed after students submit their application on the designated date.

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 (MATH taken within 5 years of applying to the program).**

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
MATH 1045 (or 1040 or 1010 or 1050 or higher)	Intro to Statistics with Integrated Algebra	4	ENGL 0900 w/ C grade or better OR appropriate test placement
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.
PSY 1100	Lifespan Growth & Dev.	3	
COMM 1010 or COMM 2110	Elem of Effective Comm OR Interpersonal Comm	3	

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

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
BIOL 2320/2325	Human Anatomy w/lab	4	BIOL 1610 (students who have not taken BIOL 1610 previously will have to take BIOL 1615 concurrently)
OTA 1020	Intro to Occupational Therapy	3	

The OTA program also recommends taking the 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. HESI Exam

Students must complete the Pre-Admission Assessment Test. A **minimum overall score of 75% is required**. Test scores are valid for **2 years**. There is a **2-attempt limit within that time period**. Students are required to wait for a minimum of 2 weeks before the 2nd attempt. The **highest score** of the two attempts will be used; there is no averaging of the two scores. The areas tested include: Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Math, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, and Vocabulary. A Learning Style and Personality Profile are also included (for information only). Test must be scheduled at least one week in advance, so check test dates early.

Below are details on how to register:

- a. SLCC Health Sciences Assessment Center: <http://www.slcc.edu/hs-assessment/index.aspx> (\$110 Registration Fee)
- b. Out of Area - <https://www.prometric.com/elsevier>. (Fee – variable)

Study Aids:

- HESI Admissions Exam Study Guide: SLCC Bookstores, \$43.95 (prices subject to change)
- www.test-guide.com/hesi
- <https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html>
- <https://uniontestprep.com/hesia2>
- <http://home.brainfuse.com/>
- <http://www.pocketprep.com/>

3. Apply Online

Health Sciences Online Admissions Application: To access and complete application requirements, go to MySLCC > Academics & Records tab > Program Admissions > Health Sciences Program Admissions.

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

4. Proctored Essay

All applicants will be required to complete an in-person, proctored essay at the SLCC Jordan Campus a few days after their respective application deadline. The essay prompt will focus on the key concepts and definitions learned in the OTA 1020 course.

The proctored essay dates for the Fall 2022 cohort are below. Students will be notified of essay time after all required application material is received.

- If applicants apply by the May 15 Priority Review Deadline, then the proctored essay will be held on May 25, 2022.
- The proctored essay date for students who apply by the August 1st Secondary Deadline is currently TBD.

* The Priority Review proctored essay is typically held the Wednesday before Memorial Day, while the Secondary Review proctored essay is typically held the first Wednesday in August.

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.

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: <http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx>. 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.
 - c. 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)

*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 are advised to see the Associate Dean of Health Professions for any questions or concerns prior to applying to the program.
4. **CPR Certification:** Documentation uploaded into American DataBank Complio account
 - a. Current American Heart Association (www.heart.org) OR American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) 2-year BLS Healthcare Provider. BLS (CPR) Certification may be obtained at any certified provider. **Students will need to ensure their BLS (CPR) certification is current throughout the program.**
5. **Drug Screening:** Order “Drug Screening Package” through American DataBank Complio, \$35
 - a. You will have 48 hours to complete the test once ordered.

Summary and Checklist of Admission and Application Steps

- Be admitted to SLCC as a matriculated student and declare your major as Pre-Medical Health Sciences: AS degree.
- Be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Complete the Transfer Evaluation Process to have your transcripts from all previous colleges/universities for review, if applicable.
- Meet with the Occupational Therapy Assistant academic advisor one semester prior to applying. Call 801-957-6215 to schedule an appointment or schedule through your MySLCC-MySuccess account.
- Complete all prerequisite courses with the minimum grades.
- Register for and take the HESI Pre-Admission test.
- Submit the online application and pay the fee before the application deadline.
- After verification of completed prerequisites and requirements, you may be contacted to complete a proctored essay.
- All communication will be through SLCC BruinMail.

Additional Requirements

- Accepted applicants will be required to perform a drug screening.
- Accepted applicants will be required to create an American Databank Complio account and upload their immunizations and order a background check. Please carefully read the above packet for details.

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Important Dates
<p>Application Window and Deadlines: January 15th – May 15th Priority Review August 1st Secondary Review (if program doesn't fill by priority date)</p> <p>Note: Students applying for the August date should have MMR verification & Hep B Titer uploaded into Complio by deadline.</p>
<p>Proctored Essay* May 25, 2022 for 5/15 Priority Review TBD for Secondary Review</p> <p>*Priority Review proctored essay is typically held the Wednesday before Memorial Day. Secondary Review proctored essay is typically the first Wednesday in August.</p>
<p>Notification of Acceptance/Denial June/August</p>
<p>Classes Begin August</p>

SAMPLE SCHEDULE (prerequisites will take longer than one semester to complete)			
PREREQUISITES FOR PROGRAM ADMISSIONS		* Students are encouraged to learn/use APA referencing in ENGL 1010. **MATH 1045 or 1040 STRONGLY SUGGESTED. If students have previously taken MATH 1010 it will be accepted. Students no longer need to take MATH 1010 as a prerequisite to MATH 1040. Students are encouraged to NOT do MATH 1010 if they haven't already taken it unless they are planning on doing MATH 1050.	
BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy	4		
COMM 1010 Elem of Effec Comm or Comm 2110	3		
*ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3		
**MATH 1045 Intro to Statistics with Integrated Algebra or 1040 or 1010 or 1050	3-4		
OTA 1020 Intro to Occupational Therapy	3		
PSY 1100 Human Growth and Dev	3		
TOTAL	19-20		
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
Total	21	Total	21
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		
Total	15	Total	12

Additional Program Information

24 students are accepted into the program every fall semester. This program requires full time day attendance. 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. OTA 1020 class is open enrollment for all students attending SLCC, and it is an admission prerequisite course requirement for students who will be applying to the OTA program. It is taught only as an online course. **OTA 1020 requires a B grade or better, taken within the past five years, and can only be taken twice.**



Students assume risk if their criminal background is not clear or if the student does not have the required immunizations and fieldwork sites do not accept them, thus resulting in possible withdrawal from the program after the tuition refund deadline. Only one fieldwork placement attempt will be made per fieldwork course.

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.

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. 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

Academic Advisor	Health Sciences Admissions Office
Student Appt: http://www.slcc.edu/academicadvising/find-your-advisor-by-program.aspx or call: 801-957-6215 Email: healthsciencesadvising@slcc.edu	3491 W. Wights Fort Rd. West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Health Science Building – Room 065 Office: (801) 957-6253 Fax: (801) 957-6324 Email: healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu Website: http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx

Helpful Websites

Occupational Therapy Assistant program main page:
<http://www.slcc.edu/ota/index.aspx>

Occupational Therapy Assistant admissions:
<http://www.slcc.edu/ota/admissions.aspx>

Occupational Therapy Assistant FAQs:
<http://www.slcc.edu/ota/faq.aspx>

Occupational Therapy Assistant Student Handbook (Essential Job Functions, Program Outcomes, etc.):
<https://www.slcc.edu/ota/docs/ota-student-handbook-aug-2019-2020-final.pdf>

Occupational Therapy Assistant Career Information:
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-therapy-assistants-and-aides.htm>

Social Media:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SLCCOccupationalTherapyAssistant/>

Instagram: Follow us @slcc_hs

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