

Fall 2025  
OTA to OS Program  
Writing Sample Grading Rubric

Students will select one of two prompts to write a short essay. 20 minutes will be given to complete the short essay.

The writing will be evaluated using this rubric:

| Competency                                   | Excellent 20  | Good 15  | Acceptable 10                                      | Poor 5                                    |
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| Content for empathy/ interpersonal relations | Demonstrates a deep sense of empathy, insight, and caring attitude with several specific examples | Demonstrates a sense of empathy, insight, and caring attitude with few specific examples | Information is more descriptive than feeling based | Information is not relevant or is unclear |
|  | Excellent 20  | Good 15  | Acceptable 10                                      | Poor 5                                    |
| Content for understanding of OT Practice     | Demonstrates a strong understanding of OT with several specific examples                          | Demonstrates an understanding of OT practice with few specific examples                  | Information is related to OT practice              | Information is not relevant or is unclear |

Applicants requesting accommodation must contact the DSPS Office at 713-564-6295 or by email: [dsps@sac.edu](mailto:dsps@sac.edu) to schedule a DSPS Qualifying appointment at least two weeks prior to the writing sample date.