

# **SANTA ANA COLLEGE**

## **Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Studies**

### **Description:**

In March of 2016, the California Community College Board of Governors voted unanimously to approve Santa Ana College's Occupational Studies (OS) Bachelor of Science degree. This program is one of 15 community college bachelor degree programs that have been approved in the state. Accreditation for this program is through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Santa Ana College plans to start offering upper division courses in the fall of 2017. The first 4 semesters of the OS degree is the completion of an Associate's degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) from a school with regional accreditation. Please refer to the Santa Ana College catalog for a description of the current OTA program. There will be four (4) semesters of upper division coursework to complete the OS degree.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Studies will provide in-depth instruction in the principles of practice used by the OTA that are designed to build on the foundational education provided at the Associate's level of education. The instruction will enable the student to broaden their current practice in specialty areas of practice and with a variety of populations. It will also prepare the student to understand and utilize research-based evidence in patient treatment. Further, it will prepare the OTA for leadership positions.

### **Program Outcomes – Occupational Studies:**

1. Demonstrate advanced mastery of OTA clinical skills, including clinical reasoning, that follow the guidelines established in the Frameworks for Occupational Therapy Practice.
2. Relate theory and research to clinical practice areas.
3. Ability to provide OTA services that meets the community needs of diverse populations demonstrating sensitivity and empathy.
4. Prepared for participation in advocacy for clients in clinical and community settings.

## **Career Options:**

Occupational Therapy Assistants provide service to individuals with physical, mental, or developmental disabilities across the lifespan to perform self-care, work and/or leisure activities that provide a greater quality of life. The in-depth instruction in the Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Studies will prepare students to provide more effective treatment, work in settings that require a bachelor's degree, to take OTA leadership positions and to continue on to graduate level Occupational Therapy education. It will also prepare students to have careers in other areas such as home modification, durable medical equipment development and sales, and innovative programs for older adults.

## **Proposed OTA/BS Curriculum – Revised July 16, 2016**

### **Prerequisites: 14 units**

English 101 – 4 units

Anatomy & Physiology (Bio 149) – 4 units

Communication Studies – CMST – 102 (Public Speaking), 103 (Introduction to Intercultural Communication), 140 (Argumentation and Debate), or 145 (Group Dynamics) - 3 units

General Psychology – Psych 100 - 3 units

### **A.S in OTA: 72 units with prerequisites**

#### **First Semester**

- OTA 100 - Medical Terminology/Documentation 1 units
- OTA 101 - Foundations of Occupation and Occupation Therapy 4 units
- OTA 101L - Activity analysis (lab) 2 units
- OTA 110 - Human Occupation Across Lifespan 3 units
- Gen Ed elective 4 units
  - English 102 or Philosophy 110

#### **Second Semester**

- OTA 115 - Human Disease and Occupation 2 units
- Psych 250 - Abnormal Psychology 3 units

- OTA 111 - Applied Kinesiology 1 units
- OTA 102 - Psychosocial Function/Dysfunction – Adults 4 units
- OTA 102L - Psychosocial Components of Occupation (lab) 2.5 units
- General education elective 3 units
  - CMST – 103 or Music 102 or Art 104 or Art 106, Dance 105, or Theater Arts 105

### Third Semester

- OTA 103 - Physical Function and Dysfunction 4 units
- OTA 103L - Physical Components of Occupation 2.5 units
- General education elective - Humanities 3 units
  - Several courses to meet Local requirement
- OTA 201 - Contemporary Models of OT Practice 4 units
- General education elective 3 units
  - History 118, 120, 121

### Fourth Semester

- OTA 202 - Level II fieldwork I 6 units
- OTA 203 - Level II fieldwork II 6 units

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### Fifth Semester

- Psych 210 - Statistics for Behavioral Science 4 units
- **OS 301 Therapeutic Approaches to the Older Adult** 3 units
- Physics 109 – Survey of General Physics 4 units
- **OS 304 Movement Theory & Analysis** 3 units

### Sixth Semester

- **Math 319 Quantitative Research Methods for Healthcare Professionals** 4 units
- Sociology 100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 units
- **CMST 307 Health Communication** 3 units

- **OS 312 Advanced Practice Areas in OT** 3 units

Seventh Semester

- Philosophy 108 – Ethics 3 units
- **OS 305 Advanced Pediatric Practice for the OTA** 3 units
- **OS 325 Applying Research to Occupational Therapy Intervention** 3 units
- **OS 403 Leadership skills for the OTA** 2 units
- **OS 310 Community-based OT** 3 units

Eighth Semester

- **OS 412 Capstone seminar** 3 units
- **OS 410 Healthcare Systems** 3 units
- **OS 402 Neuro Principles in Human Performance** 4 units
- **SOC 401 Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healing** 3 units

Math proficiency for graduation: Successful completion of the Santa Ana College Math Proficiency Exam or Intermediate Algebra.

<u>Program Requirements</u>	<u>Units</u>
<b>Program Prerequisites</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Lower Division Major</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Lower Division General Ed for OTA</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Lower Division General Ed for OS</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Upper Division Major</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Upper Division General Ed</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>126</b>