



## Occupational Studies Program

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Santa Ana College has offered an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) since 1997. Students graduating from that program have excellent success in passing national certification testing and obtaining employment as Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs).

In September 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 850 to establish a statewide baccalaureate pilot program at no more than 15 California community colleges. Santa Ana College was selected as one of these colleges. We are now proud to announce the ability to build upon the success of the OTA program with the development of a Bachelor of Science program in Occupational Studies. This program will meet the needs of our community and our students in several ways:

- Current COTAs completing the program will have advanced clinical training and hold a Bachelor's degree that may open opportunities for career advancement
- COTAs will be able to work in settings that require a minimum of a Bachelor's degree
- Preparation for moving to a graduate degree in OT.



### Prerequisites:

This program is for students who have graduated from an OTA program that is accredited by ACOTE. Students will enter the program as 5<sup>th</sup> semester juniors. Students in the OS program are required to meet the same lower division general education patterns required by 4 year universities

and some of these classes are included in the program.

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students may be required to take additional general education. All students must meet with one of our designated counselors to develop a comprehensive education plan before starting the program. Contact information for the counselors is available on the OS website.

### Cohort Model:

Students admitted to the Occupational Studies will enter and move through the Occupational Studies program using a cohort model. Using this model, students will be guaranteed to get into all of the required classes.

### Program Format:

This program is designed for the working adult with classes on campus, online and in a hybrid format. Students are required to be on campus twice per week with all on-campus classes scheduled on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays.

### Information Sessions:

Information sessions are held monthly. Dates and location are listed on the OS website ([www.sac.edu/os](http://www.sac.edu/os)).





**Program Costs:**

Lower division classes - \$46 per unit; upper division classes - \$130 per unit. Students are encouraged to meet with the financial aid department to determine eligibility for financial assistance.

Website: [www.sac.edu/os](http://www.sac.edu/os)

FIRST YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER- FALL	UNITS
PSYC 210	Statistics for Behavioral Science*	4
OS 301	Therapeutic Approaches to the Older Adult	3
PHYS 109	Survey of General Physics*	4
OS 304	Movement Theory & Analysis	3

FIRST YEAR	SECOND SEMESTER- SPRING	UNITS
MATH 319	Quantitative Research Methods for Healthcare Professionals	4
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology*	3
CMST 307	Health Communication	3
OS 312	Advanced Practice Areas in OT	3

Summer Session		UNITS
OS 403	Leadership Skills for the OTA	2



SECOND YEAR	THIRD SEMESTER- FALL	UNITS
PHIL 108	Ethics*	3
OS 305	Advanced Pediatric Practice for the OTA	3
OS 325	Applying Research to Occupational Therapy Intervention	3
OS 310	Community-based OT	3

SECOND YEAR	FOURTH SEMESTER- SPRING	UNITS
OS 412	Capstone Seminar	3
OS 410	Healthcare Systems	3
OS 402	Neuro Principles in Human Performance	4
SOC 401	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healing	3

\* Courses are lower division that can be taken at any college with regional accreditation prior to starting the program. Psych 210 (Statistics for Behavioral Science) is offered as an online course in the summer. Students who have not completed a statistics course are encouraged to take it prior to starting the program.

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