

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Program Information

For more information on program accreditation, students may see the San Jacinto College website (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/ota/>).

Showing compassion and patience are strengths of those who choose occupational therapy for a career. You will assist patients to develop, recover, and improve skills for daily living.

As an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA), you will work under the direction and supervision of an Occupational Therapist in a variety of settings and situations from adults recovering from a stroke, to children and young adults with developmental disabilities. Patients and their needs are widely varied and each day holds new, rewarding challenges.

The San Jacinto College Occupational Therapy Assistant program:

- Includes three Level I fieldwork experiences over the span of three semesters in the areas of pediatrics, mental health, and physical disabilities. In the final semester, students complete Level II fieldwork, which consists of two 8-week rotations in pediatrics or physical disability areas;
- Consists of 60 credit hours; 20 credit hours are prerequisites and 40 credit hours of core courses; and
- Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to test for the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).

OTAs work in a variety of settings including, but not limited to: hospitals, pediatric clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and school systems.

Program Accreditation

The San Jacinto College Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by:

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

ACOTE

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<https://acoteonline.org/>

Career Opportunities

Employment of OTAs is expected to increase 43 percent over the next seven years, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. This adds 14,100 OTA professionals to the field. According to the 2017 US News Rankings, OTAs are ranked No. 1 in Best Health Care Support Jobs and No. 12 in the 100 Best Jobs.

Earning Potential

Occupational Therapist Assistant: \$71,194¹ per year

¹ Source: texaswages.com (<http://texaswages.com>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2021

For more information, students may contact 281-998-6350, x3141 or send an email to otaprogram@sjcd.edu.

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