



# Care for others in a rewarding medical career

## Occupational Therapy Assistant



**SJVC's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program prepares students to work in the medical field as an occupational therapy assistant.**

Classes are scheduled Monday through Fridays during the day. Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Field Work 1, Conditions of the Adult and Geriatric Population Fieldwork 1 and Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork 2 A & B experiences are scheduled weekdays and weekends with varying hours. Students can expect to attend classes 4 days a week during Terms 1, 2 and 3. Students can expect to attend Field Work 2 A & B experiences for 5 days a week during Term 4.



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## Students gain experience in a variety of Field Work environments including:

- Geriatric Care
- Pediatric Care
- Mental Health Care
- Rehabilitation Care
- Acute Care Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Out-Patient Clinics

### Accreditation and Credentials

The SJVC Occupational Therapy Assistant program is in progress of seeking accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD, 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number, C/O AOTA, is (301) 652-6611, and its web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). At its meeting on July 26-28, 2019, ACOTE considered the Candidacy Application from the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at San Joaquin Valley College-Fresno Campus, Fresno, California, and voted to GRANT CANDIDACY STATUS. As a result of this action, the institution may admit students into the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program according to the approved timeline (January 2020) and may proceed to the Preaccreditation Review step of the accreditation process.

Upon completion of the program, the SJVC Associate Degree Occupational Therapy Assistant graduate will be eligible to sit for the NBCOT examination. This national certification exam for Occupational Therapy Assistants is administered by the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)<sup>®</sup>. Most states require licensure to practice, however, state licenses are

usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Exam. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT Certification examination or attain state licensure.

### Application Process

The application process for the OTA program is highly selective. The most qualified applicants meeting the prerequisites and minimum requirements will be selected using points earned from:

- ATI TEAS test results
- Postsecondary educational attainment (GPA scores for general education prerequisite classes)
- Personal essay

Only applicants with the highest point totals will be considered for an interview with the selection committee.

1. Download the application packet for the OTA program from the SJVC website at [www.sjvc.edu](http://www.sjvc.edu).
2. Contact the OTA Admissions Advisor at (559) 448-8282 and schedule an appointment to attend one of the OTA information sessions on campus.
3. Complete the OTA application file and submit it prior to the stated deadline for each class start date.



## Career Opportunities

Occupational Therapy Assistants are employed in rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, schools, day treatment centers, out-patient clinics, and other community agencies. They perform the following job duties:

- Assist in evaluating patient needs
- Perform patient care under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist
- Provide health promotion, counseling and education
- Teach patients how to perform activities of daily living (ADLs)
- Document progress and goals for their assigned patients

*\*Source: Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)*

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)



## Admissions Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 26 units of general education prerequisite coursework (GPA of 2.5 or higher) in the following subjects at a regionally or nationally accredited college or university:

General or Abnormal Psychology \*  
Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology  
Human Anatomy with lab (w/in last 10 years) \*  
Human Physiology with lab (w/in last 10 years) \*  
Writing & Composition  
Intermediate Algebra or higher  
Introduction to Public Speaking or Other Communication  
Ethics (SJVC requirement)

*\*Requires a 2.0 grade or higher*

Applicants must also:

- Pass the required background check
- Pass a health/drug screen
- A current CPR card for healthcare providers issued by the American Heart Association
- Complete Immunizations/Titers required for field work assignments
- Have reliable plans for transportation/child care
- Have time devoted to school work outside of scheduled class hours



## Course Listing\*

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
OTA 10	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3.0
OTA 11	Occupational Therapy Practice	4.0
OTA 12	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Practice	3.0
OTA 12F	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Field Work 1	1.0
OTA 13	Applied Kinesiology	4.0
OTA 20	Physical Dysfunction in Occupational Therapy Practice with Lab	4.0
OTA 21	Therapeutic Media Applications	2.0
OTA 22	Conditions of the Adult and Geriatric Population	3.0
OTA 22F	Conditions of the Adult and Geriatric Population Field Work 1	1.0
OTA 23	Adaptations and Assistive Technology in Occupational Therapy	2.0
OTA 30	Conditions of Children and Youth with Lab	4.0
OTA 31	Occupational Therapy Management	3.0
OTA 32	Contemporary Models of Practice and Emerging Practice Areas	2.0
OTA 33	Professional Seminar	3.0
OTA 40F	Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork Level II A	7.0
OTA 41F	Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork Level II B	7.0
OTA 42	National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Exam Prep	2.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>81.0</b>

**(Includes 26 units of general education prerequisite units)**

\*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

## Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: [www.accjc.org](http://www.accjc.org).

## California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

## Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

## SJVC Locations

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**ONTARIO**  
909.948.7582

**TEMECULA**  
951.296.6015

**BAKERSFIELD**  
661.834.0126

**HESPERIA**  
760.948.1947

**PORTERVILLE**  
559.853.4114

**VISALIA**  
559.651.2500

**DELANO**  
661.778.1145

**LANCASTER**  
661.974.8282

**RANCHO CORDOVA**  
916.638.7582

*Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.*

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559.448.8282

**MADERA**  
559.302.2155

**RANCHO MIRAGE**  
442.305.7701

**FRESNO - TRADES  
EDUCATION CENTER**  
559.453.0123

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