



February 10, 2015

Dr. Erlinda J. Martinez  
President Santa Ana College  
1530 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Santa Ana CA 92706

Dear Dr. Martinez

Westminster Therapeutic Residential Center is pleased to write this letter in support of Santa Ana College's proposed baccalaureate degree in Occupational Studies. Santa Ana College continues to host a highly successful Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. The proposed B.S. degree features more in-depth training and research-based evidence for best practices in the field and will provide a solid foundation for practitioners seeking to transition into graduate-level course work in Occupational Therapy.

Westminster Therapeutic Residential Center is located in Westminster CA. Our facility is pleased to have had graduates from the OTA program employed at our facility. Their skills provide valuable treatment services to the 46 residents residing in the facility. Students from Santa Ana College also complete their Level 1 and 2 fieldwork training at the facility.

In supporting Santa Ana College's proposal, we acknowledge that the baccalaureate degree in Occupational Studies would increase the breadth and depth in all areas of clinical training of OTA Students and COTA staff including:

- \*Specific clinical practice techniques
- \*Healthcare Ethics
- \*Cultural Competency
- \*Application of research-based evidence
- \*Documentation
- \*Professional growth

Westminster Therapeutic Residential Center will continue to work with Santa Ana College and the current Occupational Therapy Assistant program as well as proposed Occupational Studies baccalaureate degree program.

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