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Dear Dr. Martinez,

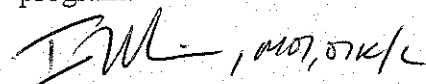
Head to Toe Therapy is pleased to write this letter in support of Santa Ana College's proposed Bachelor degree in Occupational Studies. Santa Ana College continues to host a highly successful Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy 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. With the prospect of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy requiring Occupational Therapy Assistants to receive a Bachelor degree to practice in the field of Occupational Therapy, it would be forward thinking to have a baccalaureate degree at Santa Ana College.

Head to Toe Therapy is located in Santa Ana, CA. Approximately 70% clients receive Occupational Therapy Services at business. We provide services to the underserved pediatric population of Santa Ana, CA. The OTA students that we have had for fieldwork (internships) have been prepared and ready for the challenges of working in the field of occupational therapy.

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

Head to Toe Therapy 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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