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Dear Dr. Martinez,

St Joseph's Hospital 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.

St Joseph's Hospital is located in Orange, CA. Our OTs and COTAs treat patients in outpatient and acute care. We have had many COTA students from Santa Ana College who have done very well at our facility. We are very happy with the collaboration we have between St. Joseph's Hospital and Santa Ana College

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

St Joseph's Hospital 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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