

Fall 2026
OTA to OS Program
Writing Sample Grading Rubric

Students will select one of two prompts to write a short essay. 20 minutes will be given to complete the short essay.

The writing will be evaluated using this rubric:

Competency	Excellent 20	Good 15	Acceptable 10	Poor 5
Content for empathy/ interpersonal relations	Demonstrates a deep sense of empathy, insight, and caring attitude with several specific examples	Demonstrates a sense of empathy, insight, and caring attitude with few specific examples	Information is more descriptive than feeling based	Information is not relevant or is unclear
	Excellent 20	Good 15	Acceptable 10	Poor 5
Content for understanding of OT Practice	Demonstrates a strong understanding of OT with several specific examples	Demonstrates an understanding of OT practice with few specific examples	Information is related to OT practice	Information is not relevant or is unclear

Applicants requesting accommodation must contact the DSPS Office at 713-564-6295 or by email: dsps@sac.edu to schedule a DSPS Qualifying appointment at least two weeks prior to the writing sample date.