

Minimum skills for Santa Ana College OTA Program Students

Santa Ana College OTA Students are expected to be able to meet technical standards and to perform essential job functions with reasonable accommodation. A reasonable accommodation is a modification or adaptation that provides the student with a known disability the opportunity to achieve the same level of performance as other students.

This following list of minimum skills is not all-inclusive and fieldwork sites may have additional technical standards and essential job functions.

To progress successfully through the program, OTA Students should have:

Functional use of vision (with needed correction) to:

- Observe facial expression at a 10 foot distance
- Read printed materials such as charts or calibrations

Functional use of hearing (with needed correction) to:

- Hear safety devices
- Hear normal tone of voice

Sufficient motor ability to:

- Assist adults and children in moving from one surface to another
- Lift a minimum of 25 lbs.
- Get up and down from the floor
- Stoop, kneel, crouch, reach
- Grasp and manipulate tools and equipment needed
- Move efficiently enough to meet the needs of clients in a timely fashion
- Maintain balance from any position
- Maneuver in small areas

Effective communication skills to:

- Impart and elicit information in English verbally and in writing
- Recognize and respond to non-verbal communication

Ability to utilize technology for coursework and fieldwork documentation

Sufficient cognitive skills to:

- Maintain a safe environment
- Effectively attend to tasks and persons
- Use clinical reasoning, problem solving and judgment
- Maintain attention for 60 minutes

Work Ethics that include:

- Regular attendance and punctuality
- Cooperation
- Meeting productivity standards
- Compliance with a dress code

Emotional Coping strategies that enable the student to:

- Adapt to fluctuations in stress
- Maintain composure in emergency situations
- Maintain ethical behavior
- Tolerate exposure to disability, illness, pain, and death.

Organization strategies that enable the student to be available to complete fieldwork