

The writing sample will be held in the OTA/OS classroom, T-210, immediately after the OS Information Sessions. RSVP to the writing sample by emailing ota@sac.edu by 1:00 pm on the date of the Information Session.

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

The writing sample will be evaluated for both content and correctness using this rubric:

Competency	Excellent 20	Good 15	Acceptable 10	Poor 5
Content	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
Correctness	Correct word classes (e.g. nouns, verbs, {form, sequence of tense}, adverbs, prepositions, and articles. Correct mechanics (i.e. spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure {no run-ons or fragments})	Responses have 1-2 errors in grammar or mechanics but are written in complete sentences.	Responses have 3 or more errors but the meaning is easily understood.	Meaning of content is lost due to grammatical errors