

CAREERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
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SCHOOL-BASED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST (OT)



Typical Duties: A school-based OT works in the schools with children for whom motor or sensory issues impact their functional performance in school. OTs may work with children in the general education or special education classroom, assisting with fine motor activities such as handwriting, cutting, etc, or assisting the teacher in setting up the environment to accommodate sensory needs. Occasionally, an OT will work with the student outside of the classroom to work on specific skills.

Education: OTs have a Bachelors Degree and additional college coursework, often commensurate with a Masters Degree, which includes a certain number of hours of field work.

Typical Pay: In Ventura County, typical pay for an OT is \$53,000 – 65,000/year.

Benefits: All school districts have excellent health benefits as well as retirement plans. School employees usually work ten months per year, but in Special Education there is sometimes an option for additional work (4-5 weeks) in the summer.



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