

Occupational Therapy Assistant Admission Policies & Procedures 2020 Admissions

Admission Deadline for Application: Thursday, August 15, 2019

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- MCC Admissions Form with non-refundable processing fee (for new MCC students).
- Official transcripts from every college or university attended by applicant.
 - **Submit transcripts and processing fee to MCC Admissions Office**
- Essay on two questions:
 - (1) What has been your exposure to occupational therapy assistants and/or occupational therapists?
 - (2) What factors influenced your decision to become an occupational therapy assistant at MCC?
 - Essay must be typed and no longer than three pages, in total.
 - If you have experience with OT or OTA through observation, volunteering, or work, please provide documentation. Such experience is highly recommended, but not required.
 - **Submit to Building E – Office E212**
- OTA Supplemental Information Form:
 - Lists prerequisite courses and program-required courses completed, academic institutions where completed, grade and credit hours earned.
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- Cumulative GPA in prerequisite courses equal to 2.75 or better with a grade of ‘C’ (on a 4.0 scale), or better in prerequisite classes.
 - English 151 or equivalent
 - Speech 151 or equivalent
 - Psychology 151 or equivalent
 - Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 263 and BIO 264) or equivalent completed within 5 years of admission to the program.
- Group Interviews
 - To be completed in the second half of August – schedule opens **August 1, 2019**.
 - Register with the department secretary for a specific time and date at 815-455-8710.
 - Group interviews will focus on oral communication, professional behavior, and peer interaction.
- Access and knowledge of basic computer technology for projects, emails, accessing and turning in assignments is required, the program includes a blended course.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Applicants will be ranked by the Occupational Therapy Assistant Admissions Committee.
2. Academic history of post-secondary coursework must include a GPA of 2.75 for prerequisite courses (with no grades below C).
3. Preference in ranking will be given to applicants who have completed all prerequisite courses at time of review of their application to the program.
4. Preference in ranking is based on rubric scoring from the group interview process, essay, and verbal and written communication skills.
5. Preference in ranking will be given to in-district residents of McHenry County College District #528 who meet the entrance criteria. Out-of-district student applications are eligible for review.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESS

All OTA applicants must submit documents to the Admissions Office of McHenry County College, 8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012-2761 prior to submitting the OTA program application:

- Admissions Form (new student to the College)
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Applicants must submit a request that their previous college coursework from other colleges be evaluated by MCC using the MCC Request for Transcript Evaluation form or by noting a request for evaluation on the Admissions Form. Results of transfer credit must be completed prior to OTA admissions committee review of your application.

OTA applicants must submit these supplemental documents to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program of McHenry County College (in building E, office E212), 8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012-2761 by **4 p.m. CDT on Thursday, August 15, 2019**:

- Supplemental Information Form (www.mchenry.edu/ota/otasupplemental.pdf)
- Typed essay on career choice.

You must schedule your group interview time with the department secretary at 815-455-8710 by the application deadline. No interviews will be scheduled after 4 p.m. CDT on **Thursday, August 15, 2019**.

1. OTA Supplemental Form and Admission Policy and Procedures can be obtained from the MCC Health Sciences office in E212, or from the OTA webpage (www.mchenry.edu/ota/admission.asp). The deadline for receipt of completed applications for the current admissions cycle will be **Thursday, August 15, 2019**.
2. Admission to McHenry County College does not guarantee admission to the OTA program.
3. The MCC Admissions Committee will complete its review of completed applications and notify students of its decision by **October 15, 2019**.
4. An admissions committee of MCC faculty and advisory board members will review files and admit students for Spring 2020. If there are more qualified applicants than class space available, some applicants will be placed on a waiting list in order of Admissions Committee ranking and accepted as space becomes available. Wait lists will not be carried over to the following year. The OTA Program Director will notify students of the decision of the Admissions Committee and continue admitting students until the class has been filled for Spring 2020.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number is (301) 652-2682 and its web address is www.acoteonline.org. MCC graduates will be eligible to take the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

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