

Occupational Therapy Assistant Admission Policies & Procedures 2024 Admissions

Admission Deadline for Application: Monday, October 16, 2023

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 official 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.
- OTA Application Form:
 - Lists prerequisite courses and program-required courses completed, academic institutions where completed, grade and credit hours earned. Completed online through OTA web page.
- 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 SPE 151 or equivalent
 - Psychology 151 or equivalent
 - Anatomy and Physiology (both 263 and BIO 264) or equivalent completed within 5 years of admission; or BIO 230 completed at MCC
 - OTA 110 (offered only in the fall semester)
- Group Interviews
 - To be completed in November – schedule opens **October 16, 2023**.
 - Register with the division Administrative Assistant 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 through the online application form found on the OTA web page:

- Admissions Form (new student to the College)
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (to Registrar's office only).
- 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.

OTA applicants must submit all documents to the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program of McHenry County College online, through the online application process found on the OTA web page, by **4pm CST, Monday, October 16, 2023**.

You must schedule your group interview time with the division Administrative Assistant at 815-455-8710. Contact the office between **October 16, 2023 and October 27, 2023** to schedule your interview. No interviews will be scheduled after November 1, 2023.

1. OTA Admission Policy and Procedures can be obtained from the OTA webpage (www.mchenry.edu/ota/admission.asp). The deadline for receipt of completed applications for the current admissions cycle will be **Monday, October 16, 2023**.
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 **December 22, 2023**.
4. An admissions committee of MCC faculty and advisory board members will review files and admit students for Spring 2024. 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 2024.

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 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number is (301) 652-6611 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.