

To: Prospective Occupational Therapy Assistant Student

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Thank you for your interest in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Mott Community College. Enclosed you will find material to help you decide if becoming an Occupational Therapy Assistant is the right choice for you. Additional information on the profession of occupational therapy is available online at [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org), or at the Career and Employment Services located on the second floor of the College Center (Prah) Building and in the library. Specific OTA Program information can be found online at [www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu) (go to 'Programs & Courses', click on 'Health Science', then click on 'Occupational Therapy Assistant Program').

Mott Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program courses are held at the Southern Lakes Branch Campus in Fenton. General education and program related courses may be taken at any of Mott's campuses.

Approximately 15 students are admitted to the program in the Fall of each year. The program requires 24 – 26 months for completion following admittance to the course OTA. 100 (Introduction to Occupational Therapy Assistant). You must complete the eligibility requirements as listed in the curriculum guide enclosed in this packet to be eligible for admission. There are no exceptions to this rule. Once you have completed the requirements, submit the Supplemental Application to the program and you will receive a letter informing you of your position on the acceptance list.

To ensure progress toward eligibility, it is recommended that you see an advisor regarding appropriate courses and/or scheduling. The Health Science advisor is located in the Advisement Center on the second floor of the College Center Building (schedule an appointment by calling 810 762-0331). The program coordinator is also available for advising at the Southern Lakes Branch Campus (schedule an appointment by calling 810 762-5018).

If you have questions regarding the program or requirements, you may contact me (Wendy Early, OTA Program Coordinator) at 810 762-5018.

## **Pre-Admission Information Sheet**

The following information has been gathered to help the prospective occupational therapy assistant student make an informed decision concerning participation in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Mott Community College.

### **ACCREDITATION STATUS**

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. AOTA's phone number is (301) 652-AOTA. Graduates of the program will be able to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Michigan requires a license in order to practice in this state (the program coordinator will give you information on obtaining a license). A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination and attain state registration.

NOTE: All OTA students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 18 months following completion of academic preparation.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

Documentation of a recent physical examination (no older than six months) must be submitted to the OTA Program Coordinator by date specified by the program coordinator (usually they are due during the first fall in the program). The physical exam form is available in the Division of Health Sciences office Curtis-Mott building on the main campus or from the OTA Program Coordinator at the Southern Lakes Branch Campus. Forms will also be available at the program orientation. The form must be filled out **completely** by the student and his/her physician.

### **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBI)**

A criminal background check is **required for admission** into the program. Information and forms are available from Health Science Division or online at [www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu), click on 'Programs & Courses', click on 'Health Science', click on 'Criminal Background Investigation information' and 'Criminal Background Investigation form'. Students will not be admitted to the program without a negative CBI.

**TIME COMMITMENT**

The OTA program requires a large time commitment for classroom hours, study, practical examinations, and clinical participation. Expect to study two hours for each lecture hour. Classes may be scheduled as early as 8:00 am and end as late as 5:00 pm. Each semester/session class schedule will vary. Students are typically in class or clinicals 15 – 20 hours per week. During the OTA Internship students are in the clinic 40 hours per week for 16 weeks.

Some students are able to work part-time but others find it difficult to keep up with the material and either cut back on work hours or quit working.

**TUITION**

Tuition is based on contact hours. Please see the current MCC course tabloid or web site ([www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu)) for the current tuition schedule. Tuition may be raised by the Board of Trustees of the College as necessary.