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Occupational Therapists help people improve their ability to perform tasks in their daily living and working environments. They work with individuals who have conditions that are mentally, physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabling. They also help them to develop, recover, or maintain daily living and work skills. Occupational therapists help clients not only to improve their basic motor functions and reasoning abilities, but also to compensate for permanent loss of function. Their goal is to help individuals have independent, productive, and satisfying lives.

Degree: As of 2007, a master’s degree or higher is the minimum educational requirement for licensure (Many schools offering OT offer a combined Bachelor/Master Degree in OT). To obtain a license, applicants must graduate from an accredited educational program and pass a national certification examination for occupational therapists administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Those who pass the exam are awarded the title “Occupational Therapist Registered (OTR).”

Criteria of Importance for Acceptance Include:

- Grade Point Average
- Recent work or volunteer experience in a direct patient care environment (may be required to be under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist)
- Personal interview
- Letters of recommendation

Typical Minimum Prerequisite Courses for Occupational Therapy Programs: Anthropology or Sociology; Anatomy & Physiology; Medical Terminology; Psychology; Philosophy; Statistics; Physics. Examples of MCC courses are below:

MTH 160 – Statistics I	SOC 101 – Introductory Sociology
BIO 142 – Human Anatomy	PSY 101 – Introductory Psychology
BIO 143 – Human Physiology	PSY 206 – Abnormal Psychology
PHL 103 – Intro to Ethics	PSY 212 – Developmental Psy-Lifespan

Transfer college prerequisite requirements vary. Contact each institution for specific information and to verify course transferability. Please note that all courses listed above may not be required to be completed at MCC prior to transfer to a 4 year college.

Partial Listing of Colleges in NYS with a Program in Occupational Therapy:

SUNY University at Buffalo	D’Youville College	Sage College of Albany
SUNY Downstate Medical Center	Ithaca College	Utica College
SUNY University at Stony Brook	Keuka College	York College (CUNY)
Long Island University/Brooklyn		

Please note: while every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate, students are advised to meet with a counselor in the MCC Career Center and to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and the most up-to-date information.