

Opticianry Program Associate Degree

Newport County Campus • Applications for Fall 2017-19 • OPTI
Program start date: Fall • Full-time distance learning program

Admissions Guidelines

Minimum requirements to apply to the Opticianry program:

1. **CCRI application** – Submit a completed CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be first choice, OPTI should be second choice.
2. **High school transcript** – Send an official copy of a transcript from an accredited high school or GED® certification, including date of graduation or, if the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, the high school transcript may be waived; college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
3. **Placement testing** – Complete the required standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI through the Department of Advising and Counseling.
 - a. **English writing** (ACCUPLACER) placement test results must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition I or the applicant must have completed ENGL 1005: College Writing with a grade of “C” or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
 - b. **Reading comprehension test** must indicate competency of 75 or above or student must complete ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of “B-” or better.
4. **Prerequisite courses** – Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better:
 - MATH 1200: College Algebra or MATH 1700: Algebra for Technology. The following courses will substitute for MATH 1200 or 1700: MATH 1475, 1550, 1560, 1670, 1680, 1900, 1910, 1920, 2910. (Highest grade earned in any of these courses will be calculated in the point system.)
5. **GPA** – A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.
6. **Degree evaluation** – Complete Preadmission Degree Evaluation.
7. **Health Sciences application** – Complete and submit performance-based Health Sciences application. Please note the performance criteria located on the back of this form. The application and instructions can be found at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/index.html.

All the above requirements must be completed satisfactorily BEFORE submission of Performance-Based Health Sciences application and do not guarantee acceptance to the program. At the time of admission, the student must meet the current admission requirements of the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a Performance-Based Health Sciences application for the program and meet the current admission requirements. Once accepted into the Opticianry program, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Rehabilitative Health Department.

Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services. Final acceptance to the program is dependent on the results of the background check. Anyone convicted of a crime may be unable to attend clinical experiences.

General policies following acceptance and prior to beginning the program:

- Students must have a physical examination and required immunizations completed.
- Students must also have a current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider Level) obtained through an American Heart Association recognized community training center (Course is available at CCRI-HEAL 0200.)

For more information: www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.html

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OPTI Program Admission Criteria Point System

The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the OPTI program. A point system has been assigned to each of the performance criteria listed in the admissions information on the CCRI web site.

The criteria will include:

- Program GPA consisting of grades from ENGL 1010, COMM 1100, BIOL 1070, PSYC2010, PSYC 1050, MATH 1710 or 1210
- Prerequisite GPA consisting of grades from MATH 1200 or 1700
- Grades for required general education courses completed
- Grades in either MATH 1200 or 1700 (prerequisite courses)
- Reading score

Average program and prerequisite GPA

Average GPA X 10

Example: $3.67 \times 10 = 36.7$

Points

Maximum 40

Grades in the prerequisite courses using the following scale:

A = 40 points B = 30 points C = 20 points

A- = 37 points B- = 27 points

B+ = 33 points C+ = 23 points

- Grade in MATH 1200 or 1700

Maximum 40

Number of general education courses completed (5 points each)

ENGL 1010

MATH 1210 or 1710

or MATH 1475, 1550, 1560, 1670, 1680, 1900, 1910, 1920, 2910

COMM 1100

BIOL 1070

PSYC 2010

PSYC 1050

Maximum 30

Reading score

ACCUPLACER Score of 95 to 120 ÷ 3

OR

31.6-40 points (Example: ACCUPLACER score 95 ÷ 3 = 31.6)

Bachelor's degree

OR

40

ENGL 0890 Grade of A

OR

40

Maximum 40

Maximum point total

150 points

In the event of a tie in the performance rating, students who have completed RHAB 1100: Foundational Kinesiology will receive preference over those who have not. In the event of a tie, grades will also be considered for the required general education courses that are completed. Students will receive points for grades in these courses using the scale used for the prerequisite courses.

Maximum tie-breaker points

240 points

- Grade in ENGL 1010
- Grade in MATH 1210 or MATH 1710
or MATH 1475, 1550, 1560, 1670, 1680, 1900, 1910, 1920, 2910
- Grade in COMM 1100
- Grade in BIOL 1070
- Grade in PSYC 2010
- Grade in PSYC 1050

Credits granted through AP, CLEP, challenge exams or assessment for prior learning will be recognized as satisfying course requirements and will be assigned points equivalent to a "B."

Please review the Department of Health website at www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php to learn about licensing requirements for the health sciences professions.

Please note: A Social Security number may be required to begin the licensing process for the health sciences professions.