

# 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) administered by CCRI through the Department of Advising and Counseling.  
**Next-Generation ACCUPLACER**
  - **English placement test** (ACCUPLACER) 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.
  - **Reading comprehension test** (ACCUPLACER) must indicate competency of 250 or above or student must complete ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of “B-” or better. (Classic ACCUPLACER scores are no longer accepted)
4. **Prerequisite courses** – Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better:  
MATH 1200: College Algebra or MATH 1179: Applied Technical Math I. The following approved courses will substitute for MATH 1200 or 1179: MATH 1175, 1240, 1241, 2077, 2138, 2111, 2141, 2142, 2143. (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](http://www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/index.html).

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*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.*

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**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](http://www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.html)

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# OPTI Program Admission Criteria Point System

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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, PSYC 2010, PSYC 1050, MATH 1710 or 1210
- Prerequisite GPA consisting of grades from MATH 1200 or 1179 or approved math courses
- Grades for required general education courses completed
- Accuplacer Reading score

## Average program and prerequisite GPA

## Points

- Average GPA X 10

(Example:  $3.67 \times 10 = 36.7$ )

Maximum 40

## Grades in the prerequisite courses using the following scale:

A (94-100) = 40 points    B+ (87-89) = 33 points    C+ (77-79) = 23 points

A- (90-93) = 37 points    B (84-86) = 30 points    C (70-77) = 20 points

B- (80-83) = 27 points

- Grade in MATH 1200 or 1179

Maximum 40

## Number of general education courses completed (5 points each)

- ENGL 1010
- MATH 1210 or 1710  
OR other approved math courses  
MATH 1475, 1550, 1560, 1670, 1680, 1900, 1910, 1920, 2910
- COMM 1100
- BIOL 1070
- PSYC 2010
- PSYC 1050

Maximum 30

## Reading score

- Next Generation ACCUPLACER score of 263 to 300  
(299-300 = 40 points, 293-298 = 38 points, 287-292 = 36 points,  
281-286 = 34 points, 275-280 = 32 points, 269-274 = 30 points  
263-265 = 28 points)

28-40 pts

OR

- Bachelor's degree

40

OR

- ENGL 0890 Grade of A

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 1200 or MATH 1179  
or MATH's 1175, 1240, 1241, 2077, 2138, 2111, 2141, 2142, 2143
- 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](http://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.