

OTA PREFERENCE POINTS

Once the basic application requirements are met, applicants may improve their opportunity for selection by earning preference points. A maximum of 19 total preference points may be awarded from three categories:

I. ACHIEVEMENT – 12 POINTS POSSIBLE

College Degree (maximum of 3 points)

DEGREE Points Awarded for Highest Degree Earned ONLY Degrees must be conferred <u>by the application deadline</u> .	POINTS
<i>Master's Degree and Above</i>	3
<i>Bachelor's Degree</i>	2
<i>Associate Degree---AA, AS, AAS Degree</i>	1

GPA (maximum of 2 points)

College Retention GPA	GPA	Points
<i>College Retention GPA must include a minimum of 12 college credit hours in 1000-level or above science, math, social science, or English courses, excluding credit awarded by advanced standing.</i>	3.5-4.0	2
	3.0-3.499	1
	< 3.000	0

-OR-

***If the applicant has not completed 12 college credit hours as designated, a high school graduation GPA may be used.

High School Graduating GPA	GPA	Points
<i>If the applicant has attempted or completed 12 college credit hours, a high school graduation GPA cannot be used.</i>	3.75-4.0	2
	3.5-3.749	1
	< 3.000	0

-OR-

GED Score	Score	Points
<i>GED score will only be used in a case where no high school graduation or college retention GPA exists.</i>	650+	2
	550-649	1
	< 550	0

Science	Courses	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
<i>NOTE: High school lab science courses will NOT be applicable if at least one college-level science course has been attempted or completed.</i> (*maximum of 3 points)	High School Lab Science	B	1 point PER CLASS
	College Level Science Courses (3 Credit-hour or greater)	B	1 point PER CLASS

College-Level Medical Terminology	COURSE	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
<i>NOTE: (excluding credit awarded by advanced standing completed prior to application deadline)</i>	College-Level Medical Terminology	B	2 points

College-Level Critical Thinking Course	COURSE	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
<i>NOTE: (OCCC PHIL 1123) or equivalent transfer course</i>	College-Level Critical Thinking Course	B	2 points

II. POTENTIAL – 3 POINTS POSSIBLE

ACCUPLACER (Next Generation or CPT) and CPM-IV scores must be no older than two years prior to the date this application is due. ACT scores must be no older than five years prior to the date this application is due.

Reading (Max 1 point)	TEST	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
<i>**While ACT scores may be used to earn preference points, ALL applicants must take the ACCUPLACER reading test to meet the basic application reading requirement.</i>	Next-Generation Accuplacer Reading	260	1
	-OR-		
	ACT Reading	23	1

Writing/English (Max 1 point)	TEST	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
	Next-Generation Accuplacer Writing	260	1
	-OR-		
	ACT English	22	1
Mathematics (Max 1 point)	TEST	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
<i>The CPM III and ACT are the only mathematics tests accepted for preference points. The CPM III is a mathematic test exclusive to OCCC. Please check with an Academic Advisor if you are unsure if you have taken the CPM III test.</i> OR <i>**Minimum grade of "B"; 1 credit hour or more, excluding credit awarded by advanced standing. Courses which may earn points are:*</i> -MATH 1503, Contemporary Mathematics -MATH 1513, College Algebra for Business, Life Sciences and Social Studies -MATH 2023, Foundations of Geometry and Measurements -Any college level statistics course -Any mathematics course which has been evaluated to be at a higher level than the previous listed math courses	CPM III (taken after 4/8/2019) -OR-	10	1
	ACT Mathematics OR	19	1
	College-Level Math Course**		1

For students who are unable to take assessment tests on OCCC campus the following procedures must be followed:

- Contact Testing and Assessment at 405-682-7531 to coordinate off-site testing.
- Students must make contact at least 2 weeks prior to your desired testing date.
- Payment for tests must be completed before confirmation of the off-site location occurs.
- At the off-site location, students are responsible for collecting their test score sheet printout from the administrating site.

III. Observation – 4 POINTS POSSIBLE

Observation hours- Pediatric setting
Observation hours- Adult setting

2 points
2 points

OVERALL TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 19