

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 3 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>	3.75-4.0	3
	3.5-3.749	2
	3.0-3.499	1

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	3
	3.5-3.749	2
	3.0-3.499	1

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>	670+	3
	610-660	2
	550-600	1

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. (maximum of 3 points)</i>	High School Lab Science	B	1 point PER CLASS
	College Level Science Courses	B	3 points 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	1 point PER CLASS

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	1 point PER CLASS

II. POTENTIAL – 6 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 2 points)	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	2
	CPT Accuplacer Reading	91	2
	ACT Reading	23	2

