

Michigan Career and Technical Institute

About MCTI

The Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) has provided training for adults with disabilities in Michigan since 1944. The second largest comprehensive rehabilitation training center in the United States, MCTI offers a unique blend of caring human support services and state-of-the-art training for jobs needed in business and industry today.

The school is administered by Michigan Rehabilitation Services, a division of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth. For eligible adults who have a physical, mental or emotional disability and are referred by Michigan Rehabilitation Services or the Michigan Commission for the Blind, tuition and room and board in the dormitory are free. All students must be at least 18 years of age to attend MCTI.

What Type of Training Is Offered

Depending on aptitude and interest, students may choose to enroll in one of 13 vocational training programs: Automotive Technology, Business Support Services, Cabinetmaking, Culinary Arts, Custodial, Drafting, Electronics, Grounds Maintenance/Landscaping, Health Careers, Machine Technology, Office Automation, Printing, and Retail Marketing. Each training department replicates the modern industrial environment, standards, and technology of that field. A career assessment service is available to help students explore their career options. Remedial training in reading and math designed to help students prepare for training is also offered.

What Kinds of Support Services Are Offered?

Support services are available to help each student meet his or her personal and training objectives. Services include psychological and career counseling, medical services, occupational therapy, career assessment services, interpreters for deaf students, basic education, leisure services, classroom and job accommodations, and job placement services.

What Is Unique About MCTI's Campus?

MCTI is located on the shores of Pine Lake in rural Barry County, twenty miles northeast of Kalamazoo. The campus is fully accessible. In addition, all classrooms as well as the dormitory rooms, cafeteria, library, and leisure services are located in one building—an especially welcome feature during Michigan winters. For students with children, a two- and three-bedroom apartment complex and day care center are located on campus at a reasonable cost.

Is MCTI Accredited?

MCTI is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Its training programs are also approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

What Is the School's Relationship with the Business Community?

MCTI is noted for its active business advisory councils. The councils are comprised of employers who help design curricula, keep staff aware of state-of-the-art technology, and assist in the placement of graduates.

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What Is the Job Placement Rate of MCTI Graduates?

Over the past ten years, MCTI's placement rate for its graduates has averaged over 80 percent. The MCTI Placement Office offers comprehensive job-finding services, from assistance with resume and cover letter preparation to job leads and transportation to interviews.

Where Can I Obtain Further Information?

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mcti. Or, call toll-free (877) 901-7360 (voice/TTY). MCTI is located at 11611 W. Pine Lake Rd., Plainwell, MI 49080.