

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 bureau of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Tuition and room and board, in the dormitory, are free for eligible adults who have a physical, mental or emotional disability and are referred by Michigan Rehabilitation Services or the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons. All students **must be at least 18 years of age** to attend MCTI.

What is the Mission of MCTI?

The Michigan Career and Technical Institute conducts vocational and technical training programs and provides the supportive services needed to prepare Michigan citizens with disabilities for competitive employment.

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, Cabinetmaking/Millwork, Certified Nursing Assistant, Culinary Arts, Custodial, Electronics, Graphic Communications, Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping, Machine Technology, Office Automation, Pharmacy Services, Retail Marketing and Weatherization. Each training department replicates the modern industrial environment, standards, and technology of the 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.

Who Attends MCTI:

Students who are 18 years of age or older.

The majority of students attending MCTI are referred by Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Students may also be referred by one of the following agencies: Veterans Affairs, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons and private rehabilitation agencies.

Once a student has been accepted by one of these agencies, the agency sends a referral to MCTI. The referral contains the application and supporting documentation needed to assess whether the prospective student has the ability to benefit from the training offered at MCTI.

What Kinds of Support Services Are Offered?

Support services are also available to help each student meet his or her personal training objectives. Services include 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 shore of Pine Lake in rural Barry County, 20 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 who do not want to live in a dormitory setting, Pine Lake Apartments offers two and three-bedroom apartments, on-campus, at a reasonable charge.

Is MCTI Accredited?

MCTI's accrediting bodies are the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and the Council on Occupational Education (COE).

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

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

What is the Job Placement Rate of MCTI Graduates?

Over the past 10 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.

Can I Visit MCTI?

MCTI highly recommends that prospective students make a reservation to visit the school on designated Wednesdays by calling 877-901-7360. During these visits, participants receive an overview of all training areas and tour the facilities. Please contact MCTI before your visit to arrange for any necessary accommodations.

Where Can I Obtain Further Information?

More information may be obtained by calling the Admissions Office toll free at 877-901-7360. TTY users may contact MCTI by dialing 711 and providing the relay operator with MCTI's main number 269-664-4461.

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