Vancouver Community College’s (VCC) Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant program is designed to prepare graduates to work as assistants to occupational therapists and physical therapists. Students are trained to work effectively as a member of a health care team, applying rehabilitation theory to promote movement, activity, and daily functioning, and implementing assigned occupational and/or physical therapy interventions safely and competently. As part of the program, students are assigned practicum placements in both year one and year two. Graduates of the program may find employment in hospitals, rehabilitation centres, extended care facilities, the client’s home or in private practice.

**Program information**

- Credential: Diploma
- Length: 2 years, full-time*
- Start: September

*Program consists of five terms. The first year has three terms and the second year has two terms.

**Program admission requirements**

- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent
- English 12 with a B or equivalent
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Biology 12 with a C+ or higher, completed within the last 5 years
- Completion of a medical terminology course with a 70% or higher
- 50 hours of paid or volunteer experience working with people with cognitive, emotional, mental or physical disabilities as verified by a supervisor, employer or educational institute.
- Attend a VCC OPTA program info session

Upon acceptance the following will be required:

- Criminal record check
- Proof of a negative TB skin test or chest X-ray
- Current CPR, Health Care Provider Level
- Immunizations are strongly recommended, and may be required for practicum placement

More information

Contact Program Advising:
By phone: 604.871.7000, option 2
In person: 1155 E. Broadway, or 200-block Dunsmuir at Hamilton

For the most up-to-date program info, check vcc.ca.