



# Michigan Career and Technical Institute

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## **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 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.

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## **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.

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## **What Type of Training is Offered?**

Depending on aptitude and interest, students may choose to enroll in one of 12 vocational training programs: Automotive Technology, Cabinetmaking/Millwork, Certified Nursing Assistant, Culinary Arts, Custodial, Customer Service, Electronics, Graphic Communications, Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping, Machine Technology, Office Automation, 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.

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## **Who Attends MCTI?**

Students must be 18 years of age or older.

The majority of students attending Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) are referred by Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Students may also be referred by one of the following agencies: Veterans Affairs, the Michigan Commission for the Blind, 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.

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## **What Kinds of Support Services**

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.

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## **What Is Unique About MCTI's Campus?**

MCTI is located on the shores 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 with children, a two- and three-bedroom apartment complex and day care center are located on campus at a reasonable cost.

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**Is MCTI Accredited?** MCTI is accredited by the North Central Association – Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI), Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Its training programs are also approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**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 Rates 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.

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**Can I Visit MCTI?** MCTI highly recommends that prospective students make a reservation to visit the school. Tours are offered on designated Wednesdays. On these visitation days, prospective students receive an overview of all programs and tour the facility. Wheelchair and interpreter services are available on request.

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**Where Can I Obtain Further Information?** More information may be obtained by calling the Admissions Office toll free at (877) 901-7360 (Voice/TTY) or by writing to: Admissions Office, Michigan Career and Technical Institute, 11611 W. Pine Lake Road, Plainwell, MI 49080-9254. You may also visit the school's website at [www.michigan.gov/mcti](http://www.michigan.gov/mcti).

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