

Roane State Community College Opticianry Program (OPT)

Admissions Information

Please read the following information carefully. Minimum requirements for admission to the OPT Program are listed below.

All items are required. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

1. Complete the Roane State Community College (RSCC) admissions process to become an admitted student.

2. The applicant must meet one of the following minimum academic requirements:

A. Students under 21 years of age must attain a composite score of 20 or above on the ACT taken within the last 3 years OR attain a GPA of 2.50 or better after completion of at least 9 semester hours of general education courses required for the Opticianry Program prior to the published application deadline.

OR

B. Students 21 years of age or older must attain a GPA of 2.50 or better after completion of 9 hours of general education courses required for the Opticianry program prior to the published application deadline. These requirements are listed in the college catalog under the Opticianry Program.

3. Meet the following admission requirements:

- Complete the electronic AHS application on RaiderNet and submit by the published application deadline.
- Complete all Learning Support courses prior to acceptance into the Opticianry Program.

NOTE: Any required natural science course completed with a grade of B or better prior to the published application deadline may result in a higher selections ranking.

- Applicants must be able to physically meet the demands of the job as defined by the discipline, available industry standards and the public's expectations.

Admission Criteria Point System

The following are the criteria used with the point weighting identified next to each criterion.

1. ACT Scores: (up to 4 points)

- >31 = 4 points
- 28-31 = 3 points
- 24-27 = 2 points
- 20-23 = 1 point

2. GPA in the OPT DEGREE PLAN: Points are awarded for completed general education courses that apply toward the OPT program (>9 credit hours). (up to 10 points)

- 3.75 - 4.00 = 10 points
- 3.50 - 3.74 = 8 points
- 3.25 - 3.49 = 6 points
- 3.00 - 3.24 = 4 points
- 2.50 - 2.99 = 2 points
- <2.5 = 0 points

3. NUMBER OF GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED IN THE OPT DEGREE PLAN (up to 4 points)

- 18+ = 4 points
- 14-17 = 3 points
- 9-13 = 2 points
- <9 = 0 points

4. DEGREE EARNED PRIOR TO ADMISSION TO THE OPT PROGRAM (up to 4 points)

- Doctorate = 4 points
- Masters = 3 points
- Bachelors = 2 points
- Associate = 1 point

NOTES:

- 1.** Total scores of candidates determine the ranking of the twenty six (26) selected candidates for the incoming fall class.

2. Candidates will be notified by RAIDERNET email of their selection status and must respond on or before the given response date. Failure to respond in the stated timeframe may result in the applicant forfeiting their selection for admission to the program.
3. If applicant is not admitted and chooses to reapply for the next academic year, all program applicant materials must be resubmitted including a new AHS electronic application.

Admissions Sequence of Events List September-May 15th

1. Complete online RSCC general application & required health forms
2. Submit an electronic Allied Health Sciences Application for the OPT program
3. Submit high school and college transcripts by published application deadline

May 15th - June

1. GPAs are calculated for eligible applicants
2. Applicants are reviewed by the program director
3. Admission points are assigned based on published criteria
4. Top 26 applicants are sent to AHS Admissions Committee for approval
5. Accepted letters are sent via RaiderNet email
6. Denial letters are sent via RaiderNet email

August

1. Classes begin