

Occupational Skills Program (OSP)

Central Lakes College
Brainerd, MN

What is OSP?

- The Occupational Skills Program (OSP) is a nine-month technical college, diploma program that offers work-based training and classroom instruction for persons with disabilities with the outcome of competitive entry-level employment.

The Classes

- **Communication Skills I & II**
- **Employability Skills I & II**
- **Critical Reasoning Skills I & II**
- **Study Skills I & II**
- **Computer Basics I & II**
- **Supervised Pre-Internship**

Supervised Pre-Internship

- Work component of the program.
- Students spend approximately **12** hours per week at a worksite in the community.
- Worksites are typically non-paid.
- Job coaching is provided by OSP Staff at the worksite, as needed, with the goal of increasing independence.

Worksites:

- OSP Partners with a variety of businesses throughout the Brainerd/Baxter area to provide students with opportunities to gain entry level work skills in fields such as:
 - ❖ Custodial
 - ❖ Foodservice
 - ❖ Retail
 - ❖ Warehouse/Manufacturing
 - ❖ Entry level Child Care & Nursing Homes

Housing:

- OSP is NOT a supported living program.
- There is no On-Campus housing at Central Lakes College
- Multiple apartment complexes are located around the perimeter of campus.
- The majority of OSP students secure an apartment with one or more roommates, also in OSP.
- Most OSP Students receive assistance from Semi-Independent Living Skills services (SILS).

Admission Process

1. Students begin by submitting an application to the college, selecting OSP as the choice of major.
2. Student provides documentation of disability.
3. If the documentation is appropriate, the student is then accepted into the program.
4. The student is then contacted by the OSP department to arrange an Intake Meeting.
5. The student will attend Orientation and Registration Day in the Spring.

Financial Aid

- OSP Students can apply for financial aid through FASFA.
- Students may qualify for Pell Grants and Work-study
- OSP Students currently do not qualify for Federal Student Loans
- Students should meet with their home counties Departments of Human Services and Vocational Rehabilitation to see if they are eligible for any additional funding.

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