

viewbook

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College



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welcome

So there you are, standing at a crossroads. A hundred paths stretch before you in all directions. You are confused and excited all at once; each path leads somewhere different, so it is difficult to know which to follow. But there is one thing you know for sure. The first step is the most important one.

Make that first step Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College.

Whether you are returning to the classroom for the first time in years or continuing your education immediately following high school, we will work with you to develop a plan that will meet your needs, your schedule and your budget. That's because we're not a "one size fits all" school. We're committed to your special needs and interests, so you don't have to fit into a narrow mold to get a good education.

Why not call or stop by our campus and let our counselors help you begin planning today what to do with the rest of your life?





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What can Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College do for me?

If you are like most people, you want a good-paying job that you will enjoy. Did you know that according to the American Association of Community Colleges, the earnings of a person with an associate degree is almost \$7,000 more per year on the average than that of a person with only a high school diploma? And, over the course of a lifetime, an associate degree graduate earns about \$1 million—almost \$250,000 more than someone who only finished high school. With that in mind, it should be no surprise that the more education you receive, the higher your earnings are going to be.

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How will I fit in?

At OCtech, we value what each student brings to our college. We are proud of our diverse student body, which includes high school students, adults, single parents, professionals, returning students, and people with special needs. Our administration, faculty and staff are committed to your success and understand your concerns about choosing classes, working out schedules and squeezing college into your budget. The personal attention, small classes and quality instruction you will find here really make a difference.

Haven't been to college before?

Just graduated from high school? Been out of the classroom for a while? Have a special need or disability? Don't worry. OCtech's experienced Student Services counselors and advisors are focused on you and your needs. You will never feel like "just a number" while you're at OCtech.

How can I fit college into my busy schedule?

We know your schedule is hectic. And since the majority of our students work while attending classes, we are well aware of the time crunch they face. We also know that you need flexibility, so we offer alternatives to ease your scheduling conflicts. At OCtech, you can choose from day, evening and mini-session (fast-track) classes. Some courses are even offered on the weekend. If you still just can't find the time to attend classes on campus, we offer many of our courses via the Internet. Internet courses allow you to complete a large portion of your coursework outside the traditional classroom setting.

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academics

What can I expect from the faculty at OCtech?

Personal attention and quality instruction in a challenging learning environment. OCtech specializes in the needs of first- and second-year college students, which means we can offer services and instruction you aren't likely to find at many four-year institutions. We keep our classes small (the average size in most cases is less than 20 students to every instructor) in order to provide our students better opportunities to learn, to ask questions, and to request and receive special help outside the classroom.

At OCtech, your courses are taught by qualified individuals who hold advanced degrees in the subjects they teach or have technical expertise from many years of working in business or industry. Former students routinely cite quality teaching and personal attention as OCtech's strongest assets.



Will Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College give me the edge I need to compete in the workplace?

Absolutely. Last year, over 91 percent of our graduates acquired jobs in their field of study. That's due in large part to the fact that our programs are designed to meet the real job needs of our community. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is a certified technology provider for Microsoft™ and Cisco Academy™. Companies such as American Koyo, Albemarle and The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties have hired OCtech graduates.

You can literally start any career path at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Even a career in medicine or law, through our transfer program.

If you prefer to enter the workforce immediately after graduation, we can give you the skills you need to compete. OCtech offers an associate degree in more than a dozen areas and over twice that many certificates. We also have four areas of study in which to earn a diploma.



a Associate of Applied Science Programs

- Accounting
- Associate Degree Nursing
- Automotive Technology
- Computer Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Early Care and Education
- Electronics Engineering Technology, Computer Electronics
- Electronics Engineering Technology, Electronics Instrumentation Technology
- Engineering Graphics Technology
- General Business
- Industrial Electronics Technology
- Machine Tool Technology
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Office Systems Technology
- Paralegal/Legal Assistant
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care Technology

d Diploma Programs

- Automated Office
- Early Childhood Development
- Medical Lab Office Assisting
- Practical Nursing

c Certificate Programs

- Advanced Automotive Systems Repair
- Microcomputer Applications
- Basic Accounting
- Network Engineering Technology
- Basic Marketing
- Nursing Assistant
- Basic Supervision
- Phlebotomy
- Early Childhood Development
- Security
- Electrical Systems Repair
- Small Business Management
- Electrocardiography/ Cardiac Monitoring
- Suspension & Transmission Repair
- Engine & Brake Repair
- Welding
- General Studies
- Word Processing
- Health Careers Preparation
- Ignition & Fuel Systems Repair
- Leadership Development
- Medical Transcriptionist

OCtech's certificate programs prepare you to enter specialized careers. Most certificates can be completed in about a year, and some of the courses may be applied towards an Associate in Applied Science degree.

a Associate in Arts and Associate in Science

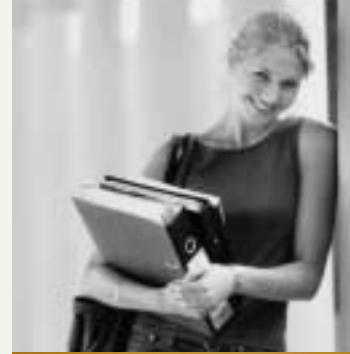
(University Transfer programs)

Prepare for majors in the following fields:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Development
- Economics
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Philosophy/Religious Studies
- Political Science
- Early Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology

p Pre-Professional Studies

- Pre-Dental Hygiene
- Pre-Health Information Management
- Pre-Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant



student financial assistance information

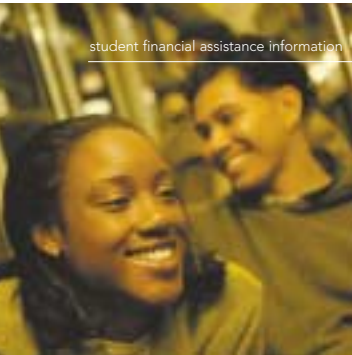
How will college fit into my budget?

One of the best things about Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is that our tuition is affordable. Just by beginning your education here, you can save thousands of dollars on college tuition. When compared to the average tuition at most public four-year institutions in South Carolina, you will pay only about a third of that cost by choosing OCtech. That means that by attending OCtech your first two years, you can save enough to pay for the third year if you decide to transfer to a four-year institution after graduation.

But even with our low tuition, we know some people still need help paying for college.

Last year alone, OCtech awarded over \$2 million in financial assistance. More than half of our students received financial aid.

Student financial assistance is available at OCtech through a variety of government grants, loans and work/study programs for those who qualify. There are also a number of scholarships available to supplement your personal resources for attending college.



student financial assistance information

And now, the Hope Scholarship is opening college doors for students by allowing parents/students to deduct the first \$1,500 of college tuition and fees from their annual tax bill. This means that students who meet the criteria could attend OCtech virtually free of charge for their first two years.

Counselors in the OCtech Financial Aid Office are available to answer your questions about how to apply for these programs.

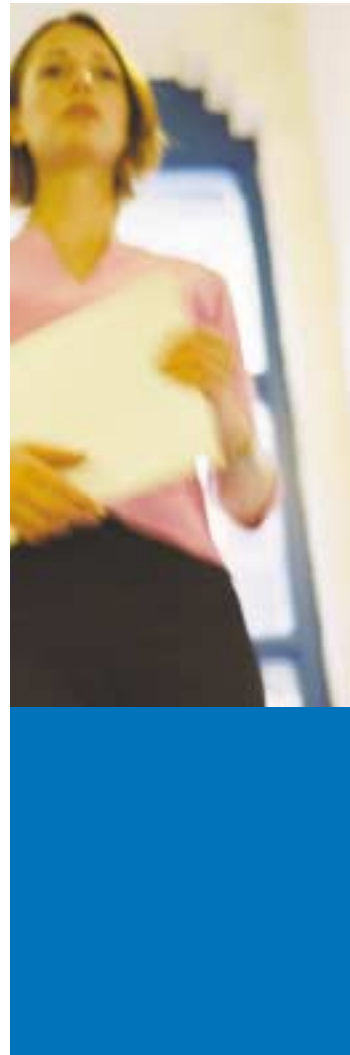
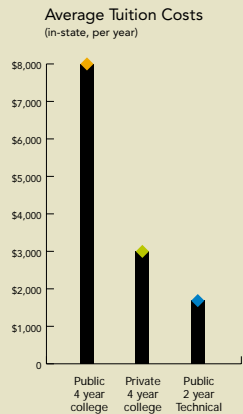
Just call us at (803) 535-1223/1250 or 1251.

What do I have to do to be considered for financial assistance?

- Complete an application for admission to OCtech.
- Obtain a Financial Aid Package from our Financial Aid Office. This package includes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a Student Data Form. Complete these and submit them as soon as possible.
- Priority consideration is given to students whose financial aid materials are received by the following deadlines:

July 1*	For the academic year or fall semester only
November 1	For spring semester only
April 1	For summer session

*To be considered for campus-based aid (college work/study, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Need-based Grant), your financial aid materials must be received prior to June 1.



admissions/application & registration information

Who can apply?

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College has an open door admissions policy. That means we are here to welcome you if:

- You are a graduate of an accredited secondary school.
- You are 18 years of age or older, but don't have a high school diploma.
- Or in some circumstances, you are a high school student.

How to apply

- 1 Complete an application for admission. (If an application is not in this packet, one can be obtained from the Office of Admissions.)
- 2 Take the COMPASS or ASSET test, a placement instrument designed to aid counselors and advisors in determining your best course of study. SAT or ACT scores may also be presented instead of the COMPASS or ASSET.
- 3 Request the high school and colleges you have attended to forward to OCtech an official transcript of all academic work.
- 4 A \$15 application-processing fee is due upon notification of acceptance to OCtech. This fee is non-refundable.
- 5 Register for classes during the scheduled registration period.
- 6 Each curriculum has established admissions criteria. You should become familiar with these through contact with an admissions counselor.
- 7 You will receive notification of acceptance into the curricula through the admissions office once all admissions criteria have been met.

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International Students

International students enrich the student body by bringing different cultural viewpoints to the campus. Admission of international students must comply with federal and state regulations. International students should consult with the Dean of Student Services for specific admissions requirements.

Transfer Students

OCtech admits transfer students with advanced standing by transfer of credits from other regionally accredited colleges and universities.

High School Students

OCtech admits high school students in the Triple C (College Credit Courses) program. Students may enroll in college courses during their junior and senior years of high school.



programs of study

ARTS & SCIENCE (University Transfer)

Students enrolled in courses offered through this curriculum usually have as their primary objective a later transfer to a four-year college or university. Many students complete a two-year associate degree, while others transfer specific courses. In addition, these courses will apply toward public school teacher recertification requirements.

The Associate in Arts degree emphasizes a concentration of courses in the social and behavioral sciences, humanities and the arts. The Associate in Science degree emphasizes a concentration of courses in mathematics and science.



programs of study

Because Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's University Transfer program specializes first and foremost in the needs of first- and second-year college students, we are able to provide educational instruction on a more individual basis and to offer more personal services than our four-year counterparts.

For example, consider the huge English, history and math classes at a large state university where you're likely to find yourself one among several hundred other freshmen. If a crowded, impersonal institution with oversized classrooms doesn't fit into your comfort zone, check out the two-year approach at OCtech.

Through University Transfer's Triple C program, high school juniors and seniors who are capable of meeting

an increased challenge have the opportunity to earn college credit and get a head start on their college careers. These students enroll in college-level courses at OCtech during the fall, spring and summer terms.

Or if you are a college student home for the summer, you might consider taking advantage of these credit courses. It'll give you a jump on the next year's courses.



Associate Degree

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science

Certificate

- General Studies



BUSINESS

We understand that the key to success in the business world today requires knowledge in a broad variety of fields. Our business graduates will find employment opportunities in organizations ranging from education and health, to legal and business services as well as firms engaging in manufacturing, construction, wholesale and retail trade, transportation, and communications. Whether you are looking for training to begin a new career or you want to upgrade your current job skills, OCtech has the right program for you.



Associate Degree

- Accounting
- General Business
- Office Systems Technology

Certificate

- Basic Accounting
- Basic Marketing
- Basic Supervision

Diploma

- Automated Office
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Small Business Management
- Word Processing



COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Why choose a career in Computer Technology?

In a word — demand. The “hot jobs” over the next decade will be defined by the technological revolution we are experiencing today. In fact, the computer technology field is growing by triple digit percentages.

In the workplace of the future, the best jobs will go to those who are technologically adept and capable of keeping pace with rapidly changing environments. In the very least, individuals must be computer literate just to communicate. Being comfortable with technology is a must for the vast majority of occupations.

The result of all of this is change in all aspects of daily life — how we receive medical care, shop for things we need, how we entertain ourselves and, most importantly, how we will earn a living. We are much closer to that reality than ever

before. Prepare yourself for it and you will reap many rewards from the vast changes that are occurring today and that are sure to come.

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College offers flexible access to training and re-training and is a certified technology provider for Microsoft and Cisco Academy .



- Computer Technology
- Engineering Graphics Technology

Certificate

- Microcomputer Applications
- Network Engineering Technology

HEALTH SCIENCES

Health care is still the nation's hottest ticket for employment. It is a field that the US Labor Department sees as a “super growth” category because the field has so many job opportunities. Jobs in health care grew by 50 percent in the last decade and the trend is not expected to stop anytime soon. Wages in the industry are healthy, too. Increases in health care salaries were almost six times greater than those for the overall economy during the same time period. And improvements in medical technology and an aging population will guarantee the continued demand for health services.

There are more than 400 allied health professions, so options for a career in health care go far beyond that of doctors and nurses. Whether you are an individual who likes a lot of people contact or one who prefers a field more technical in nature, chances are good there is a health care profession that you will find challenging and fulfilling.

NOTE: Special admissions criteria are required for many of the Health Sciences programs. The Admissions Office can provide specific program information and additional admissions requirements.



Associate Degree

- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care Technology

Diploma

- Medical Lab Office Assisting

Certificate

- Electrocardiography/ Cardiac Monitoring
- Health Careers Preparation
- Phlebotomy
- Pre-Dental Hygiene
- Pre-Health Information Management
- Pre-Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant





INDUSTRIAL/TECHNOLOGY

Experts agree that tomorrow's most promising employees possess a new set of job skills that make them uniquely qualified to meet the challenges ahead. Independent thinking, teamwork and knowledge of the latest technologies are a must in the coming decade. Wondering if you can ever keep up with it all?

At OCtech, we know jobs are evolving at a supersonic rate. That's why our industrial/technology programs offer career training that is continuously evolving. It's our commitment to this community to help build a more competitive workforce while also supplying both our students and local industry with training that is directly applicable to jobs in today's workplace.

There is a broad diversity of academic programs available through the industrial/technology curricula. With its instructional blend of academic theory and hands-on experience, students will see the link between the classroom and the real world, quickly acquiring the higher levels of complex skills they will need to be competitive there.

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Associate Degree

- Automotive Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology with a specialization in Computer Electronics
- Electronics Engineering Technology with a specialization in Electronics Instrumentation Technology
- Industrial Electronics Technology
- Machine Tool Technology

Certificate

- Advanced Automotive Systems Repair
- Electrical Systems Repair
- Engine & Brake Repair
- Ignition & Fuel Systems Repair
- Suspension & Transmission Repair
- Welding



NURSING

You've probably read about the serious nursing shortage we are facing in America today. The reasons are many: an aging population, life-prolonging advances in medical technology, a growing awareness of the importance of health care. Add to this the fact that this rewarding profession offers many great opportunities — including work in acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, physicians' offices, ambulatory centers, home health — and it is easy to see why nursing is among the top 10 fastest growing occupations, according to the US Labor Department.

No profession offers such diverse choices with the same credentialing licensure. The nursing curricula at OCtech assist students in developing the intellectual and technical competencies necessary to function as a safe practitioner of health care delivery on a number of levels. Throughout the curricula, students have planned clinical and laboratory experiences to complement classroom instruction in order to become skillful in the technology and application of nursing.

If your friends and family comment that you are a caring, nurturing person, and you enjoy interacting with people, consider a career in nursing.

NOTE: Special admissions criteria are required for the Nursing programs. The Admissions Office can provide specific program and additional admissions requirements information.



Associate Degree

- Associate Degree Nursing

Certificate

- Nursing Assistant

Diploma

- Practical Nursing

PUBLIC SERVICE/SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Individuals who graduate from OCtech’s Public Service/Social & Behavioral Sciences programs usually find career paths that are challenging and rewarding. These are men and women who most often possess a great dedication to the community and to the well-being of its citizens.

The criminal justice field encompasses a variety of employment opportunities at every level of local, state and federal government, as well as in private industry. Whether you choose to pursue an associate degree in criminal justice or a certificate in security, the training you will receive in these programs will enable you to develop the technical understanding, professionalism and competencies necessary to succeed in this diverse field.

The paralegal/legal assistant program offers training in yet another aspect of the legal field. Working in one of the fastest growing occupations in our nation today, paralegals (also called legal assistants) play a vital role in assisting attorneys with legal research and litigation support. The curricula of this program offers in-depth training in all areas of the law with an emphasis on writing and communication skills and the logical handling of legal issues.

Interested in teaching or working with children? We offer three levels of training in childhood development. Through a combination of basic care and teaching activities, graduates of this program are equipped with skills necessary to play an instrumental role in a child’s early development. To better meet the needs of the community, the Associate Degree in Early Care and Education has three options available, depending on whether the student plans to work in a childcare facility, own a childcare facility or pursue a baccalaureate degree in education.



Associate Degree

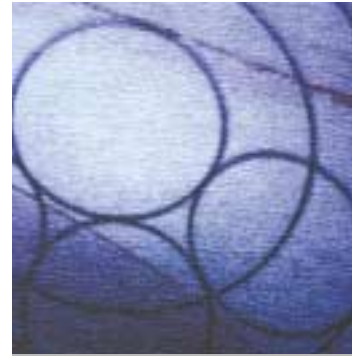
- Criminal Justice
- Early Care and Education
- Paralegal/Legal Assistant

Certificate

- Early Childhood Development
- Security

Diploma

- Early Childhood Development



misc. information

Student Demographics

Female.....69%	African-American54%	Day69%
Male31%	Caucasian44%	Evening16%
Full-time53%	Other.....2%	Both.....5%
Part-time47%		

County of Residence

Orangeburg County.....71%
Calhoun County9%
Other.....20%

Nondiscrimination Policy

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and equal access in student services programs and student employment, and in faculty and staff personnel administration without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, political affiliation, legally identified disabilities, veteran, or marital status. Title IX and Section 504, Compliance Officer: Tyrone Russell, 3250 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118-8299. Telephone: (803) 535-1207.

How to contact us

If there is anything else we can do to help with your decision, please get in touch with us. You may call or email us, or better yet, stop by. We’re here to answer any questions you have.

Main Numbers

- (803) 536-0311Orangeburg
- (803) 655-7400St. Matthews
- (803) 737-1746Columbia area
- (800) 813-6519within SC
- (803) 536-0311out-of-state
- e-mailsuggest@org.tec.sc.us
- webwww.octech.org

Listed below are a few of the direct numbers you may need for further information. The last four digits of each number are also the extensions for each respective area should you dial our main numbers. OCtech uses a voice mailbox system to ensure that your call gets through even when the person you are calling is tied up on the phone. If you get someone's voice mailbox, please leave a message and you will receive a prompt reply.

- Admissions.....535-1221
- Admissions Counselors535-1225/1228/1219/1369
- Assessment.....535-1225
- Bookstore535-1252
- Campus Tours.....535-1369
- Career Planning Center.....535-1373
- College Registrar.....535-1220
- Financial Aid.....535-1376
- High School Admissions Representative535-1219
- Student Records.....535-1220
- Arts & Science/Public Service535-1268
- Business535-1308
- Computer Technology.....535-1308
- Health Sciences535-1339
- Nursing535-1338
- Industrial/Technology535-1308



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