Application Submission Dates
January 31, 2022 – May 12, 2022 for fall 2022
June 6, 2022 – August 11, 2022 for spring 2023

Communication By
June 17, 2022
September 30, 2022

Admission to Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's Associate Degree Nursing program is competitive. Application packets are reviewed on a competitive basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply when most competitive. You must meet the requirements outlined in this overview and be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident to qualify. Admission of international students must comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to international student enrollment in U.S. colleges.

Interested individuals must attend a virtual Zoom or an online (self-paced) Health Information Program (HIP) Session to receive an application packet. All documents submitted with the application packet become the exclusive property of the college and will not be returned to the applicant. Qualified applicants who attended college outside of the United States and meet citizenship requirements must provide official transcripts from World Education Service. Fees for English translation of international transcripts must be paid by the applicant (contact our Registrar at studentrecords@octech.edu or 803-535-1222 for details). Misrepresentation of information on any required forms or a willful attempt to misrepresent residency will make an applicant ineligible for admission to OCtech Nursing and Health Science programs.

Applicants who have attempted (withdrawal and/or failure) two or more Nursing or Health Science courses OR applicants who have had two or more Nursing or Health Science program attempts (withdrawal and/or failure) within the last 5 years may only apply through the appeals process. To view the appeals process, visit https://www.octech.edu/nhs-program-appeal-application/ .

All applicants can expect to hear from us according to the schedule listed above. There is no guarantee that you will be accepted; however, we suggest that you make financial arrangements and complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov**) in the event that you are offered admission, since payment of tuition, fees and books will be due upon enrollment.**

A national background check and drug test will be required upon acceptance to the program and before starting class. Positive results on background check and/or drug test may prohibit participation in clinical experiences and may necessitate removal from the program. Clinical sites may require additional background and drug testing during the course of a student's enrollment.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Program Coordinator or Dean of any criminal charges, convictions, orders and/or sanctions that occur during the course of his/her enrollment. Failure to notify the Program Coordinator or Dean may necessitate removal from the program and revocation of eligibility to take the State Board Examination for Licensure or the National Certification Exam.

Note: Prior criminal convictions may affect eligibility to take the State Board Examination for Licensure.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Part I - Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to move to Part II:

✓ Attend a Health Information Program (HIP) Session (Zoom or online).

✓ Be a high school graduate or possess a GED. (Official transcript must be submitted. If this information is already on file, it does not need to be resubmitted.)

✓ Official transcripts from all colleges must be submitted. (If this information is already on file, it does not need to be resubmitted.) Transcripts must be sent from the college to OCtech via mail, electronically, or emailed to studentrecords@octech.edu. All transcripts should be received by OCtech at least 10 days prior to submitting your application but no later than the application submission deadline. **If under a different name, please indicate last name.**

Part II - Applicants qualifying to submit an application must meet the following reading criteria:

1. SAT Reading - 26
OR
2. ACT Reading - 19
OR
3. TEAS (version V or ATI TEAS) Reading – 65 (within 5 years)
OR
4. Accuplacer Reading – 71 (within 5 years)
OR
5. Accuplacer Next Gen Reading – 250 (within 5 years)

AND have a minimum GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) on any previous college work used to meet general education requirements in the ADN Nursing Program. (BIO 210/211/225, ENG 101, MAT 105/102 or higher, AHS 210, PSY 201 and Humanities Elective). Points will be awarded based on the highest course grades received. (*Students who have received AP credit or credit by exemption (E) will receive 4 points for 4-credit hour courses and 3 points for 3-credit hour courses for the REQUIRED courses only.*)

Points are awarded for specified general education courses, certificate or licensure in health-related field, degree completion, and residency:

See "**Selective Ranking Score Sheet"**.

Guaranteed Track Admission (GTA)

Students must meet the testing criteria in **Part II** above **AND** complete ALL required program general education courses prior to admission into the clinical ADN program with a **3.0** or higher GPA on required courses: BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, AHS 210, ENG 101, MAT 105/102 or higher, PSY 201, and a Humanities elective.

Points will be awarded based on the highest course grade received. Applicants applying via appeal are not eligible for GTA.

ALL ADN students must be able to meet the core performance standards for the classroom and clinical environment before starting the program.

Issue	Standard	Examples of Necessary Activities
Critical thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgement	1) Identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations 2) Use of the scientific method in the development of nursing care plans 3) Evaluation of the effectiveness of nursing interventions 4) Make decisions made on the nursing process
Problem Solving	Make adjustments in therapies based on patient responses	1) Notify appropriate member of health care team of changes in patient condition 2) Capacity to engage in successful conflict resolution 3) Peer accountability
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds	1) Establishment of rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	1) Explanation of treatment procedures, initiation of health teaching 2) Documentation and interpretation of nursing actions and patient/client responses 3) Correctly read aloud written instructions 4) Follow oral and written instructions
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces	1) Movement about patient's room, work spaces and treatment areas 2) Administration of rescue procedures – cardiopulmonary resuscitation 3) Lift 20 pounds from the floor, carry and place on a surface 36 inches in height 4) Stand from a seated position and walk 300 feet without any impairment 5) Assist patient from a bed, stretcher or wheelchair safely (NSPH) 6) Move from a standing position to a squatting position and vice versa 7) Walk up and down several flights of stairs and pivot 8) Extend legs forward and backward to provide patient support as needed 9) Push a stretcher with a patient without assistance 10) Transport a patient in a wheelchair, bed or stretcher with oxygen or IV fluids

Issue	Standard	Examples of Necessary Activities
Motor skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	1) Calibration and use of equipment, operation of computers, telephones, call lights, etc. 2) Therapeutic positioning of patients 3) Put on and remove proper clothing and equipment correctly without assistance (i.e. surgery suit, shoe covers or other protective devices, etc.) 4) Demonstrate fine motor skills in manipulating small objects
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	1) Ability to hear monitoring device alarm and other emergency signals 2) Ability to discern auscultatory sounds and cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	1) Establishment of rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	1) Ability to perform palpation in physical examinations and various therapeutic interventions Ex: Distinguish smells which are contributory to assessing and/or maintaining patient's health status, e.g. smell fire, wound drainage
Smell/olfaction	Olfactory senses sufficient for maintaining environmental and patient safety	1) Distinguish smells which are contributory to assessing and or maintaining patient's health status (e.g. fire)
Self-Care	Ability to present professional appearance and implement measures to maintain own health.	1) Implement standard precautions 2) Follow established procedures for body hygiene 3) Awareness of the potential exposure to pathogens through bodily secretions, mucous and blood
Temperament	Deal effectively with stress produced by work and interpersonal interaction situations	1) Perform procedures on patients in pain from trauma, disease or under the influence of drugs/alcohol 2) Maintain professional composure under stress

Applicants who need to be evaluated for reasonable accommodations should make an appointment with the Coordinator for Services for Students with Disabilities, Tracy Dibble, by calling 803-535-1225 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. Admitted students who are not able to perform all Core Performance Standards will have the admission offer rescinded.

Non-Discrimination Policy: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or veteran status in its admissions policies, programs, activities or employment practices. Employee and applicant inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College may be directed to the College's Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer, the Director of Human Resources, Marie Howell, 3250 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118, 803-535-1207, who serves as the College's Section 504, Title II and Title IX Coordinator.

OCtech's ADN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia 30326; Phone: 404-975-5000; Fax: 404-975-5020. (www.acenursing.org)

2022-2023 ADN PROJECTED EXPENSES

DOES NOT include tuition, travel to clinical, copy of SS card or birth certificate. Costs are approximate and are subject to change.

FRESHMAN YEAR - FALL I/SPRING1

Uniforms and Equipment	$350.00
Laptop Computer (Approximately)	$350.00
Lab Packet	$250.00
Books	$850.00
CPR Certification	$200.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine (if needed) (Approximately $73.00 per shot)	$219.00
Physical Examination (depending on source) and Lab Fees	$250.00
ATI Testing Fees	$490.00
SwiftRiver	$75.00
Viewpoint Immunizations/Background Check and Drug Screen	$100.00
ExamSoft	$135.00
Technology Fee	$90.00
Lab Fee	$25.00
TOTAL	**$3389.00**

SUMMER1

Books	$300.00
ATI Testing Fees	$490.00
Lab Packet	$100.00
Lab Fee-	$25.00
ExamSoft	$135.00
TOTAL	**$1050.00**

FALL1

Books	250.00
ATI Testing Fees	490.00
Background Check and Drug testing	100.00
IV Packet (Approximately)	210.00
Lab Fee	$25.00
TOTAL	**1075.00**

SPRING2

Books	$325.00
ATI Testing Fees	$490.00
Malpractice Insurance	$5.00
Lab Packet (Approximately)	$100.00
ExamSoft	$135.00
Technology Fee	$80.00
Lab Fees	$25.00
TOTAL	**$1235.00**

SUMMER2—GRADUATION PLANNING

Books	$450.00
ExamSoft	$135.00
SwiftRiver	$75.00
ATI Testing Fees	$490.00
HESI Exit Exam	$75.00
State Board Application Fee	$97.00
NCLEX-RN Application Fee	$200.00
1 - 2 x 2 Full Face B & W Photograph	$15.00
Uniform Dress	$35.00
Nursing Pin	$45.00 - $80.00
Nursing Cap	$20.00
Graduation Fee	$50.00
Lab Fee	$25.00
TOTAL	**$1672.00**

APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST EXCLUDING TUITION *$8431.00*

Associate Degree Nursing Program – Generic
Selective Ranking Score Sheet: Published

STUDENT:	OCtech ID#:	FALL 2022 – SPRING 2023

To submit an application package, students must meet the specified reading criteria: Accuplacer: Reading – 71 (within 5 years); Accuplacer Next Gen: Reading – 250 (within 5 years); SAT: Reading – 26; ACT: Reading 19; or TEAS Reading – 65 (version V or ATI TEAS within 5 years) AND a minimum GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) on any previous college work used to meet general education requirements in the ADN Nursing Program. Students who have received AP credit or credit by exemption (E) will receive 4 points for 4-credit hour courses and 3 points for 3-credit hour courses for the REQUIRED courses only. Points will be awarded based on the highest course grades received.

GUARANTEED ADN ADMISSION: Students must meet the specified reading criteria above AND complete ALL required program general education courses prior to admission into the ADN program as well as have a least a 3.0 or higher GPA on required courses. Points will be awarded based on the highest course grades received.

Criteria	Considerations	Scoring	Grade	Points
MAT 105/102 or higher **(advised to retake if >7 years old)**	Review of student's transcript to verify points MAT 110 or higher recommended for transfer.	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
BIO 210 ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I – **(advised to retake if >7 years old)**	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points	A = 9 B = 5 C = 3 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 4		
ENG 101 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
PSY 201 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
Humanities Elective	Review of student's transcript to verify points Students planning to transfer should select a transferable humanities course.	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
BIO 211 ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II – **(advised to retake if >7 years old)**	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points	A = 9 B = 5 C = 3 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 4		
BIO 225 MICROBIOLOGY – **(advised to retake if >7 years old)**	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points	A = 9 B = 5 C = 3 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 4		

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Criteria	Considerations	Scoring	Grade	Points
AHS 210 (or BIO 240) NUTRITION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS	Transferable course under university specific transfer agreements Review of student's transcript to verify points	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
Additional Points Allowed - for current certificate or licensure in health-related field	**MUST include a copy of current certificate, and/or license in order to receive the points** **(or provide documentation of successful course or program completion if not currently certified or licensed)** **(other certifications must be approved by Dean)**	Certificate, Diploma, or higher in a Health-Related field from an accredited college program. (these include: CNA, PCT, EMT, Paramedic, Surg Tech, OTA, MLT, Pharm Tech, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Dialysis Tech, ECG, Phlebotomy) = **receive 3 points – (multiple points are not awarded for more than 1 certificate/degree LPN/RAD/RES/PTA receive 4 points**		
Additional Points Allowed - for degree completion		Associate/Bachelor/Master/ PhD Degree = 2 points – **(multiple points are not awarded for more than 1 degree)**		
Additional Points Allowed - for residency		Calhoun or Orangeburg County Residency = 2 Points		
Maximum Possible Score = 60 Points			Total Score	

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