<u>*NHS Application Submission Dates*</u>
January 29, 2024 – May 9, 2024 for Fall 2024
July 15, 2024 – September 26, 2024 for Spring 2025

<u>*Communication By*</u>
June 14, 2024
October 25, 2024

Admission to Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's Licensed Practical Nursing program is competitive. Application packets are reviewed on a competitive basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply when most competitive. **Submitting incomplete application packets or failing to meet all of the application requirements will result in the application being rejected. If an application is rejected, applicants will not be allowed to resubmit for the same application period and will need to wait until the next application period to apply.** 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.

The process of applying to the LPN program includes the submission of two separate applications: a general application to the College and the Health Science/Nursing Application. Current OCtech students do not need to submit a general application to the College. Refer to Page 2 for more instructions on applying to the LPN program.

Applicants who have had two or more Nursing or Health Science program attempts (withdrawal and/or failure) within three years of the program start date are ineligible to apply.

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 Dean of Nursing or Program Coordinator 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.

Misrepresentation of information on any required forms or a willful attempt to misrepresent residency will make an applicant ineligible for admission to the LPN curriculum.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

☐ **Apply and be accepted into the College**.
Before you can apply to a Health Science or Nursing program, you must meet all general college admission requirements and become an OCtech student. Please select Nursing Preparation and Clinical Studies as your program of study. If a current OCtech student, skip to the next step.

☐ **Get Advised and/or Registered**
Once notified of your acceptance to the college, log in to EAB Navigate to schedule your appointment. Meet with your Academic Advisor or Student Success Coach to discuss program admission requirements, plan your course of study, select and register for classes, and get assistance with the competitive Health Science/Nursing application process.

Part II - Applicants eligible to submit a Health Science/Nursing Application:

☐ **Apply to the Licensed Practical Nursing (Traditional OR Flex)** program.
The **Health Science/Nursing Application** must be submitted by the published submission date. Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis, and applicants are encouraged to apply when most competitive. The **Health Science/Nursing Application** can be found in the D2L Virtual Advising Center. **Submitting incomplete application packets or failing to meet all of the application requirements will result in the application being rejected. Students will not be allowed to resubmit an application for the same application period.**

☐ **Meet the following reading and math criteria**
1. SAT Reading – 26 and Math - 480
   OR
2. ACT Reading – 19 and Math - 17
   OR
3. TEAS (version V, VII or ATI TEAS) Reading – 65 and Math – 65 **Students are allowed to take the TEAS test a maximum of two times within 12 months. A minimum waiting time requirement is 2 weeks between each TEAS test attempt. We will only accept ATI TEAS®, TEAS V or VII. All scores must be within five (5) years from the date of application.
   OR
4. Accuplacer Reading – 71 and Math - EA 25 (within 5 years)
   OR
5. Accuplacer Next Gen Reading – 250 and Math - QAS 237 (within 5 years)

☐ **Meet the following GPA requirements**

1. **Have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA** from the last college where 12 or more credit hours (does not include developmental/ remedial courses) were attempted.
   AND
2. Have a **minimum calculated GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale)** on any previous college work used to meet general education requirements in the LPN Nursing Program. (BIO 210/211 (must be taken within 7 years), ENG 101, MAT 101 or higher, and PSY 201.

☐ **Have a current MA, CNA, PCT, EMT or Paramedic certification/licensure or certificate of completion from a nationally or regionally accredited college or high school program completed within seven (7) years of the program start date.**

Traditional LPN Guaranteed Track Admission (GTA)

Students applying on the basis of GTA must:

✓ **Meet all application requirements listed above.**
✓ **Complete ALL required program general education courses at OCtech** prior to admission into the clinical LPN program with a **3.0** or higher calculated GPA on required courses: BIO 210, BIO 211, ENG 101, MAT 101 or higher, and PSY 201.
✓ **Complete BIO 210 and 211 at OCtech** with a grade of "B" or higher.

LPN-FLEX Admission Requirements
Students seeking admission into the LPN-Flex program must:
✓ **Meet all application requirements listed above.**
✓ Complete ALL required program general education courses prior to admission into the clinical LPN program with a **3.00** or higher calculated GPA on required courses: BIO 210, BIO 211, ENG 101, MAT 101 or higher, and PSY 201.

Points are awarded for specified general education courses, completed degrees, and/or residency. See "**Selective Ranking Score Sheet".**

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

Purpose:
To communicate the technical skills, physical demands, and communicational skills required for Nursing Students.

Description:
The clinical/lab and didactic environment will include but not be limited to the following:

ISSUE	STANDARD	AS EVIDENCED BY (including but not limited to)
Critical Thinking Ability	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	• Identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations. • Develop nursing care plans, evaluate the plan of care and revise as appropriate. • Analyze and use assessment findings to plan and implement care for clients and families. • Use relevant data to support the decision-making process. • Identify priorities of care based on analysis of data. • Manage and respond to multiple priorities in stressful situations. • Respond instantly to emergency situations. • Exhibit arithmetic competence that would allow the student to read, understand and perform calculations for computing dosages • Solve problems and make valid rational decisions using logic, creativity, and reasoning.
Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal skills sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	• Establish rapport (relationship) with clients/colleagues. • Maintain therapeutic relationships with clients and colleagues. • Respect cultural diversity and the rights of others. • Work effectively in small groups as a team member and as a team leader • Practice verbal and non-verbal therapeutic communication • Recognize adverse events and attempt to resolve for both client and colleague.
Emotional Stability	Emotional stability sufficient to tolerate rapidly changing conditions and environmental stress.	• Establish therapeutic interpersonal boundaries. • Provide clients with emotional support. • Adapt to changing environment and stress while maintaining professional conduct and standards without displaying hostility, agitation, rudeness or belligerence. • Poses no threat to self or others. • Perform potentially stressful tasks concurrently. • Able to effectively deal with exposure to trauma, grief, or death.
Communication Ability	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction in verbal, written, electronic format.	• Write and speak English effectively so as to be understood by general public. • Communicate therapeutically with clients, families, and groups in a variety of settings. • Document client data and nursing care completely and accurately use correct medical terminology. • Obtain health history information from client/family. • Interpret nonverbal cues and behaviors. • Provide health teaching information for clients, families, and/or groups based on assessed needs, available resources, age, lifestyle and cultural considerations. • Remember multiple messages and information • Communicate to all interdisciplinary team members and family/client.

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Physical Ability	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces. Maintain physical tolerance for repetitive movements and demands of the work assignment.	- Lift a minimum of 25 lbs. of weight. - Lift, move, position, and transport clients without causing harm, undue pain, or discomfort to the client or one's self. - Transport mobile equipment in a timely and safe manner. - Exhibit physical mobility and strength sufficient to propel wheelchairs, stretchers, equipment, etc. through doorways and close-fitting areas alone. - Move around in client's room, workspaces and treatment areas, in all clinical settings Stand, walk for the duration of a work assignment (may be 12 hr shift). - Stoop, bend, squat, reach overhead as required to safely reach equipment, and provide nursing care in emergent and non-emergent care. - Safely assist with ambulation of a client. - Navigate stairs. - Maintain client's dignity and personal space at all times. - Sit in class for prolonged periods of time for lectures and test.
Gross and Fine Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	- Perform physical activities necessary to do basic fundamental nursing skills, including but not limited to: putting on sterile gloves, donning mask and gown, operating a manual and electronic blood pressure cuff, sterile technique and other essential fundamental nursing skills. - Perform correct hand washing technique and behaviors. - Provide or assist with activities of daily living such as bed bath, hygiene, toileting, positioning clients, making an occupied and unoccupied bed. - Manipulate instruments, supplies, and equipment with speed, dexterity, precision, strength, coordination and adequate eye-hand coordination. - Correctly prepare and administer oral and parenteral medications to maintain client safety. - Perform electronic keyboarding/documentation and/or extensive writing with a pen and/or pencil - Maintain and safely operate orthopedic device such as traction equipment, casts, and assistive devices. - Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures. - Calibrate and use equipment (i.e. syringes, vials, ampoules and medication packages, manual blood pressure cuff, don sterile gloves, etc.) Grasp small objects with hands (e.g. IV tubing, pencil). Pinch/pick or otherwise work with finders (e.g. manipulate a syringe, eye dropper, etc.) Twist (turn objects/knobs using hands).
Auditory Ability	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	- Hear monitor alarm, emergency signals, ringing phones, telephone interactions and cries for help. - Distinguish sounds with background noise ranging from conversational levels to high pitch sounding alarms. - Perceive and receive verbal communication from clients and members of the health team. - Tolerate occasional exposure to loud and unpleasant noises. - Hear and understand communication without visualization of the communicator's mouth/lips within 20 feet. - Hear and distinguish changes in tone and pitch when listening to a client's respiratory, cardiac, and abdomen auditory characteristics when using a stethoscope.
Visual Ability	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for safe client care.	- Perform basic nursing skills such as insertion of a catheter, insertion of an IV, counting respirations, preparing and administering medications. - Observe client responses (level of consciousness, respirations patterns) and recognize subtle physical changes. - Read small print, gauges, thermometers, measuring cups, syringes, and other equipment. - Discriminate colors, changes in color, size, and continuity of body part. - Accurately identify, prepare, and administer medications. - Identify hazards in the environment (safety rails, restraints, water spills and harmful situations). - Correctly visualize written words and information on paper and on a computer screen.

Tactile Ability	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	• Correctly perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention. • Don and wear gloves and other protective devices while accurately performing physical assessment. • Correctly perform skills that require tactile sensation. • Accurately palpate for pulses, temperature, texture, hardness or softness, and landmarks.
Olfactory Ability	Olfactory ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for safe client care.	• Recognize environmental odors and dynamic monitoring of various disease processes, infections, etc.

Applicant/Student: Receives Core Performance Standards policy prior to admission to program and declares accommodations based on meeting the expected standards.

Exemptions: There are no exemptions - if any changes occur in the student's physical or mental condition that interferes with class or lab/clinical activities while enrolled in the Nursing Program the Dean and/or Program Coordinator must be notified immediately!

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 LPN 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)

Approximate Charges for Traditional Practical Nursing – 2024-2025

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

Prior to first day of class

Physical to include 2-step PPD (depending on source)		$250.00
Hepatitis Vaccine		$250.00
CPR (OCtech)		$200.00
Bloodwork Fee (may require immunizations not included in price)		$50.00
Viewpoint Background and Drug Screen		$110.00
	Total	**$860.00**

Fall Semester

Books/Packets		$800.00
Laptop (mandatory for program – available in bookstore)		$300.00
Technology Fee		$90.00
Lab Fee (PNR 110 and PNR 120)		$50.00
Malpractice Insurance		$5.00 - $10.00
Lab Package/Nursing Equipment		$350.00
ATI Package Payment #1		$660.00
Exam Monitoring for Online Course Fee per course (1 course)		$56.00
Student Uniforms/Supplies		$300.00 - $500.00
Flu Vaccine		$20.00-25.00
Examsoft (PNR 110)		$135.00
	Total	**$2976.00**

Spring Semester

Books/Packets		$500.00
ATI Package Payment #2		$660.00
Lab Packet/Nursing Equipment		$150.00
Exam Monitoring for Online Course Fee per course (1 course)		$56.00
Lab Fee (PNR 138)		$25.00
Examsoft (PNR 138) covers summer		$135.00
	Total	**$1526.00**

Summer Semester

Books/Packets		$300.00
Lab Packet/Nursing Equipment		$150.00
ATI Package Payment #3		$660.00
Lab Fee (PNR 154)		$25.00
Exam Monitoring for Online Course Fee per course (1 course)		$56.00
State Board Application Fee		$70.00
State Board Criminal Background Check		$55.00
NCLEX-PN Licensure Exam		$200.00
Graduation Fee		$20.00
One 2x2 Passport Type Photograph		$15.00
Nursing Pin		$50.00 - $300.00
	Total	**$1851.00**

Program Total (excluding tuition)	***$7188.00***

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Approximate Charges for FLEX Practical Nursing – 2024-2025

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

Prior to first day of class

Physical to include 2-step PPD (depending on source)	$250.00
Hepatitis Vaccine	$250.00
CPR (OCtech)	$200.00
Bloodwork Fee (may require immunizations not included in price)	$50.00
Viewpoint Background and Drug Screen	$110.00
Total	**$860.00**

Fall Semester

Books/Packets	$800.00
Laptop (mandatory for program – available in bookstore)	$300.00
Technology Fee	$90.00
Lab Fee (PNR 110 and PNR 120)	$50.00
Malpractice Insurance	$5.00 - $10.00
Lab Package/Nursing Equipment	$350.00
ATI Package Payment #1	$660.00
Exam Monitoring for Online Course Fee per course (1 course)	$56.00
Student Uniforms/Supplies	$300.00 - $500.00
Flu Vaccine	$20.00-25.00
Examsoft (PNR 110)	$135.00
Total	**$2976.00**

Spring Semester

Books/Packets	$500.00
ATI Package Payment #2	$660.00
Lab Packet/Nursing Equipment	$150.00
Exam Monitoring for Online Course Fee per course (1 course)	$56.00
Lab Fee (PNR 138)	$25.00
Examsoft (PNR 138) covers summer	$135.00
Total	**$1526.00**

Summer Semester

Books/Packets	$300.00
Lab Packet/Nursing Equipment	$150.00
ATI Package Payment #3	$660.00
Lab Fee (PNR 154)	$25.00
Exam Monitoring for Online Course Fee per course (1 course)	$56.00
State Board Application Fee	$70.00
State Board Criminal Background Check	$55.00
NCLEX-PN Licensure Exam	$200.00
Graduation Fee	$20.00
One 2x2 Passport Type Photograph	$15.00
Nursing Pin	$50.00 - $300.00
Total	**$1851.00**

Program Total (excluding tuition)   *$7188.00*

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Licensed Practical Nursing Program - TRADITIONAL
Selective Ranking Score Sheet

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NAME:	OCtech ID #:	2024-2025

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION. Use this Selective Ranking Score Sheet to calculate your competitive score. Students are encouraged to apply when they feel they are the most competitive. **The Health Science/Nursing Application can be found in the D2L Virtual Advising Center.**

-Do NOT submit an incomplete application. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Students will not be allowed to resubmit an application for the same application period.

-Applicants who have had two or more Nursing or Health Science program attempts (withdrawal and/or failure) within three years of the program start date are ineligible to apply.

To apply, students must meet the specified reading and math criteria AND meet the specified GPA requirements AND have a current MA, CNA, PCT, EMT, or Paramedic certificate/licensure or certificate of completion from a nationally or regionally accredited college or high school program completed within 7 years of the program start date. A**ttempts in BIO 210 and BIO 211 must be within seven (7) years of the program start.**

GUARANTEED LPN ADMISSION: Students must meet all application requirements AND complete ALL required program general education courses at OCtech prior to admission into the clinical LPN program with a 3.0 or higher GPA on required courses AND complete BIO 210 and 211 at OCtech with a grade of "B" or higher in both courses.

Points will be awarded based on the highest course grade 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.)

Criteria	Considerations	Scoring	Grade	Points
BIO 210 **ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I –** **(must 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 211 **ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II -** **(must 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		
MAT 101 or higher	Review of student's transcript to verify points. *NOTE: MAT 102 is the minimum Math requirement for the ADN program.*	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
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		
Completion of **Additional Required Courses**	Earn 5 points if all courses are completed at the time of application	☐ **ENG 101** ☐ **MAT 101** ☐ **PSY 201**		
BIO 225 **MICROBIOLOGY** (must retake if >7 years old)	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points.	☐ **Passed course with a C or higher = 2 Points**		
Degree Completion **Associates/Bachelors/Masters/PhD**	Multiple points are not awarded for more than one degree	☐ **Degree in a non-healthcare field = 2 Points** ☐ **Degree in a healthcare field = 3 Points**		
Residency		Calhoun or Orangeburg County Residency = 2 Points		
		Maximum Possible Score = 40 Points	Total Score	

See current OCtech catalog for additional program requirements. Visit this website for more information on the application process: https://www.octech.edu/admissions/health-science-and-nursing-admission/

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Licensed Practical Nursing Program - FLEX
Selective Ranking Score Sheet

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Students must complete ALL required program general education courses prior to admission into the clinical LPN program with a 3.00 or higher calculated GPA on required courses: BIO 210, BIO 211, ENG 101, MAT 101 or higher, and PSY 201.

Points will be awarded based on the highest course grade 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.)

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BIO 210 **ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I –** **(must 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 211 **ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II -** **(must 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		
MAT 101 or higher	Review of student's transcript to verify points. *NOTE: MAT 102 is the minimum Math requirement for the ADN program.*	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
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		
BIO 225 **MICROBIOLOGY** **(must retake if >7 years old)**	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points.	☐ **Passed course with a C or higher = 2 Points**		
Degree Completion **Associates/Bachelors/Masters/PhD**	Multiple points are not awarded for more than one degree	☐ **Degree in a non-healthcare field = 2 Points** ☐ **Degree in a healthcare field = 3 Points**		
Residency		**Calhoun or Orangeburg County Residency = 2 Points**		
		Maximum Possible Score = 35 Points	Total Score	

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