

Application Submission Dates

July 15, 2024 – September 26, 2024 for Spring 2025

Communication By

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Admission to Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's ADN Flex program is competitive. Applicants must hold a current LPN license to apply or be enrolled in the final semester of the OCtech LPN program. 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 ADN Flex 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 ADN Flex 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 of any criminal charges, convictions, orders and/or sanctions that occur during the course of his/her enrollment. Failure to notify the 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 ADN Flex 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 ADN 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.**
- **Hold a current LPN license to apply or be enrolled in the final semester of the OCtech LPN program.**
- **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 credits hours (does not include developmental/remedial courses) were attempted.
AND
 2. **Complete ALL required program general education courses prior to admission to the clinical ADN Flex program with a 3.0 or higher calculated GPA on required courses.**
BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, AHS 210 or BIO 240, ENG 101, MAT 105/102 or higher, PSY 201, and a Humanities elective.
- **Meet the following ATI assessment requirements**
ATI RN Fundamentals and Drug Calculations test scores must be within two (2) years. See page 3 for details.
 1. **Pass the ATI RN Fundamentals exam with a level two.**
AND
 2. **Achieve 80% proficiency on the Drug Calculations exam.**
Points are awarded for specified general education courses, completed degrees, and/or residency. See “**Selective Ranking Score Sheet**”.

Directions for ATI Testing to Be Completed BEFORE APPLYING TO ADN FLEX

In order to apply to the ADN Flex program, applicants must test in the OCtech Testing Center and score the required level on each of two proctored assessments (submission of previous test results must be within two years):

1. ATI RN Fundamentals – level 2 required
2. ATI RN Fundamentals Dosage Calculations – 80% proficiency required

Visit <https://www.octech.edu/student-resources/testing-center/> for the days, times, and room where the tests are administered.

These tests are online and self-paid with a debit or credit card (NO CASH) on the ATI website at the time of testing.

In preparation for these exams, review an ATI RN Fundamentals book including the Pharmacology chapters on drug calculations. You should be able to purchase this Ebook on the ATI website. (subject to change) Allow at least two weeks to prepare. A calculator is available on the ATI test for your use on drug calculations. You may not use a hand-held calculator or cell phone.

In order to prepare and test, create an ATI account. If you have a previous ATI account, **PLEASE** do not create a new one. If you took the TEAS test in the past, you have an account. Just log in and change your program. Please go to <https://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx>

- A. Choose “[I am a nursing student](#)”.
- B. **For new accounts:** Click “Create an Account”
- C. **For old accounts:** Use “Forgot User Name or Password” and get information from ATI.

Choose Institution as: **OCtech ADN Flex** and leave Student ID and Credential blank. Check “**non-degree-seeking**”. This is for testing only, not the program for your application. Make sure to check your email frequently after registering.

If you are unsuccessful after two test attempts, you cannot submit an application to ADN Flex for the current application cycle.

If you are successful on one or both of these exams this year and are not accepted into a program, you may use these results to apply during the next application cycle only. ATI RN Fundamentals and Drug Calculations test scores must be within two (2) years.

ALL ADN 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

<p>Physical Ability</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Gross and Fine Motor Skills</p>	<p>Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<p>Auditory Ability</p>	<p>Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (safetyrails, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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)

2024-2025 APPROXIMATE CHARGES FOR ADN FLEX
(Figures do not include tuition)

Fall	ViewPoint Immunizations/Background Check and Drug Screen	\$110.00	
	Uniforms	\$500.00	
	CPR Certification (OC Tech)	\$200.00	
	Hepatitis B Vaccine	\$200.00	
	<u>Physical and labwork (depending on source).....</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	
	TOTAL	\$1260.00	
Spring	Books/Course Lab Packet.....	\$850.00	
	Laptop (mandatory for program).....	\$300.00	
	Lab Fee for NUR 201 course	\$25.00	
	Exam Soft	\$135.00	
	ATI Testing Fees.....	\$605.00	
	Proctor U.....	\$12.00	
	Exam Monitoring Fee per Online Course (1 course).....	\$56.00	
	Malpractice Insurance.....	\$10.00	
	<u>Technology Fee</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>	
	TOTAL	\$2033.00	
Summer	Books/Course Lab Packets	\$400.00	
	Exam Monitoring Fee per Online Course (2 courses)	\$112.00	
	Lab Fee for NUR 210 course	\$25.00	
	<u>ATI Testing Fees.....</u>	<u>\$605.00</u>	
	TOTAL	\$1142.00	
Fall	Books/Course Lab Packets.....	\$575.00	
	Lab Fee (NUR 210/215).....	\$50.00	
	Exam Soft	\$135.00	
	Exam Monitoring Fee per Online Course (2 courses).....	\$112.00	
	ATI Testing Fees.....	\$605.00	
	HESI Exit Exam	\$75.00	
	State Board Application Fee	\$97.00	
	NCLEX-RN Application Fee	\$200.00	
	Criminal Background / Fingerprinting	\$55.00	
	1 – 2 x 2 Full Face B & W Photograph	\$15.00	
	Nursing Pin	\$50 - 250.00	
<u>Graduation Fee</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>		
	TOTAL	\$2142.00	
	Program Total.....	\$6577.00	

ADN FLEX Selective Ranking Score Sheet				
NAME:		OCtech ID#:		Spring 2025
<p>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.</p> <p>To apply, students must hold an LPN license OR be in the final semester of OCtech's LPN program AND meet one of the specified reading and math criteria AND meet the specified GPA requirements AND complete ALL required program general education courses prior to admission into the clinical ADN Flex program AND meet the ATI assessment requirements.</p> <p>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.)</p>				
ATI RN Fundamental Exam	Level 2 or above is required through the OCtech Testing Center (must be within two years).		Level →	
Drug Calculations Exam	80% proficiency or above is required through the OCtech Testing Center (must be within two years).		Level →	
Criteria	Considerations	Scoring	Grade	Points
BIO 210 ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I –	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 -	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 102 or higher	Review of student's transcript to verify points.	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		
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.	A = 5 B = 3 C = 1 D, F, W, WF = 0 Exemption Exam (E) = 3		
AHS 210 (or BIO 240) NUTRITION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS	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	Transferable course. Review of student's transcript to verify points.	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Degree in a non-healthcare field = 2 Points <input type="checkbox"/> Degree in a healthcare field = 3 Points		
Residency		Calhoun or Orangeburg County Residency = 2 Points		
Maximum Possible Score = 50 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>