PRACTICAL NURSING

Licensed practical nurses give basic therapeutic, rehabilitative and preventive care to patients under the guidance of registered nurses and physicians. They have the fundamental health science knowledge and technical skills needed to organize and offer care interventions for common medical conditions. They accept responsibility, follow orders precisely, determine when consultation is required and are committed to lifelong learning.

OCtech's Practical Nursing diploma program prepares you for interdisciplinary collaboration, compassionate holistic care, legal and ethical accountability, and reliable clinical judgement while providing safe patient care. We assist you in developing the intellectual and practical abilities necessary to be a good nurse. Our on-campus simulation and skills labs coupled with off-site clinical experiences give you essential hands-on learning opportunities that expound classroom concepts. Upon graduation, you'll be ready for the National Council Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and prepared to provide excellent care to patients in our community and beyond.

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OUR GRADUATES ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER TO WORK LOCALLY AND STATEWIDE

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PRE-NURSING PN CERTIFICATE
2 Semesters/23 Hours

take these classes first

- ☐ BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I
- ☐ ENG 101 English Composition
- ☐ MAT 101 Beginning Algebra
- ☐ BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II
- ☐ PSY 201 General Psychology
- ☐ Healthcare Certification

FALL 2026 ACCEPTANCE

EARLY ACCEPTANCE
JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 19
NOTIFIED BY MARCH 20

▶ **OPEN: APRIL 6**
▶ **DEADLINE: MAY 14**
▶ **NOTIFIED BY JUNE 26**

SPRING 2027 ACCEPTANCE

▶ **OPEN: AUGUST 24**
▶ **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1**
▶ **NOTIFIED BY OCTOBER 30**

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PN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

▶ **APPLY and get accepted to OCtech.**
☐ Send in ALL official transcripts.
Transcripts take up to two weeks to be received and evaluated.

▶ **MUST HAVE a 2.25 cumulative GPA from the last college attended where 12 or more credit hours were completed (not including developmental or remedial courses).**

▶ **MEET one of the following criteria:**
☐ SAT: 480 in Math AND either 26 in Reading or 480 in Reading/Writing
☐ ACT: 19 in Reading and 17 in Math
☐ TEAS: 65 in both Reading and Math (within 5 years)
☐ Accuplacer Next-Gen: 250 in Reading and 237 in Math QAS (within 5 years)

▶ **HAVE a current CNA, EMT, MA, Paramedic or PCT certification/license OR certificate of completion from an accredited program within 7 years of program start date.**
Other healthcare certifications may be accepted at the discretion of the Dean of Nursing.

You must pass a national background check and drug test upon acceptance to the program and before starting classes. Clinical sites may require additional background and drug testing during the course of your enrollment. Prior criminal convictions may affect your clinical placement and eligibility for licensure.

Applicants who have had 2 or more Nursing and Health Science program attempts (withdrawal and/or failure) within 1 year of the program start date are ineligible to apply.

EARLY ACCEPTANCE
MEET all admission requirements above
HAVE a minimum score of 30 points

GUARANTEED ADMISSION
MEET all admission requirements above
COMPLETE all general education courses BIO 210, BIO 211 (both within 7 years with a B or higher), ENG 101, MAT 101 or higher and PSY 201 (with a minimum 2.75 calculated GPA and at least a minimum grade of C in each course.)
HAVE a minimum score of 30 points

We encourage you to apply for our Health Science and Nursing programs when you are most competitive. After being accepted as a student at OCtech, meet with an advisor for guidance on completing the competitive application process. The competitive application can be found in Self-Service under the Academics tab. Please ensure that you complete the entire application packet. Incomplete packets will be rejected, and you will be unable to resubmit your application in the same application period.

SELECTIVE RANKING SCORE SHEET

ENG 101
5 POINTS = A
3 POINTS = B
2 POINTS = C
0 POINTS = less than C

POINTS

MAT 101 OR HIGHER
5 POINTS = A
3 POINTS = B
2 POINTS = C
0 POINTS = less than C

POINTS

PSY 201
5 POINTS = A
3 POINTS = B
2 POINTS = C
0 POINTS = less than C

POINTS

BIO 210 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY
must retake if more than 7 years old
10 POINTS = A
8 POINTS = B
6 POINTS = C
0 POINTS = less than C
8 POINTS = E (exemption exam)

POINTS

PREVIOUS EDUCATION
10 POINTS
degree in a science or healthcare field

5 POINTS
degree in a non-science or non-healthcare field

5 POINTS
Pre-Nursing PN or ADN certificate from OCtech

POINTS
MULTIPLE POINTS NOT AWARDED FOR MORE THAN ONE CREDENTIAL OR DEGREE

RESIDENCY
5 POINTS
Calhoun or Orangeburg county resident

0 POINTS
Non-resident

POINTS

TOTAL POINTS
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE = 40 Points

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We are accredited by ACEN – the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.