Recruitment and Admissions

Future students can access information about the college and its programs through the Office of Recruitment and Admissions. Services provided by this office include campus tours, community and high school outreach, information sessions, international services, scholarship programs, and corporate recruiting. For more information, please visit our website at www.occc.edu. To receive more information by mail, or to arrange a campus tour, please call (405) 682-OCCC (6222) or e-mail admissions@occc.edu.

I. Recent High School Graduates or GED Recipients

Graduates from an Accredited School

Applicants who (a) are graduates of an accredited high school or have received a high school equivalency certificate based on the GED test (GED recipient's high school class must have graduated), (b) have participated in the American College Testing Program (ACT), the Scholastic Aptitude Testing Program (SAT) or a similar acceptable battery of tests, and (c) meet high school curricular requirements, are eligible for admission to Oklahoma City Community College.

High school curricular requirements:

- 4 units English (grammar, composition, literature)
- 3 units Lab Science (from biology, chemistry or physics)
- 3 units Mathematics (from algebra, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, calculus, or advanced placement statistics)
- 3 units History and Citizenship Skills (including one unit of American History and two additional from economics, geography, government or non-western culture)
- 2 additional units from subjects previously listed or from computer science, foreign language, or any advanced placement course except applied courses in fine arts

15 Total Required Units

In addition to the above requirements, the following subjects are recommended for college preparation:

- 2 additional units: Fine Arts-music, art, drama; Speech
- 1 additional unit: Lab Science (as described above)
- 1 additional unit: Mathematics (as described above)

4 Total Recommended Units

Recent high school graduates (or GED recipients) who are admitted into an AA or AS degree program without having met high school curricular requirements must remediate any basic academic skill deficiencies within their first 24 credit hours of college level work. If deficiencies have not been remediated, by that time all subsequent enrollments will be restricted to deficiency removal courses until the deficiencies are met. ALL students must remove curricular deficiencies in a discipline area before taking college level work in that discipline. Students may remediate deficiencies through prescribed coursework or testing. Courses used to remediate a deficiency may not be used toward meeting degree requirements. Further information is available in the Office of Academic Advising.

Graduates from Home Study or Unaccredited High Schools

Applicants who are graduates of an unaccredited or home study high school program and who have participated in the ACT or the SAT are eligible for admission if their high school class has graduated. Students admitted under this category must meet high school curricular requirements as specified under the Regular Admission Policy.

II. Adult Students

Students who are 21 years of age or older or who are on active military duty may be admitted upon completion of academic skills assessment by the College (high school degree not required).

Applicants who are not 21, who did not graduate from high school (their high school class has already graduated), and who may or may not have participated in the ACT, the SAT or the College assessment test, are eligible for admission. Students admitted under this category must meet high school curricular requirements as specified under the Regular Admission Policy.

III. Transfer Students

Students transferring from another accredited college who are in good standing and have met all curricular requirements are eligible for admission to Oklahoma City Community College. Transfer students who do not meet curricular requirements must make up deficiencies within their first 12 credit hours of college level work. Information on remediating deficiencies is available in the Office of Academic Advising.

Students who have been placed on academic probation or suspension by their previous college or who do not meet Oklahoma City Community College retention standards may be admitted on probation. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted prior to admission.

Students transferring from an unaccredited college may also be admitted. Such transfer credit will generally qualify the student to take Advanced Standing examinations in specific subject areas to validate their knowledge.

Evaluation of Transfer Credit Earned

All coursework previously completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education will be accepted as transfer credit, although not all credit will necessarily apply toward program requirements. Courses with grades of “D” may not meet degree or course prerequisite requirements.

Credit for courses from institutions not using a traditional semester academic calendar will be converted to semester hour credits. Grade points earned at institutions using any method other than the traditional 4.0 system will be converted to the 4.0 system.

An analysis of transfer credit will be performed for students who are currently enrolled. Students must have official copies of transcripts from all colleges attended on file in the Office of Graduation, Employment, and Transfer Services. Once these documents have been submitted, they become a permanent part of the student’s record at Oklahoma City Community College. They will not be returned, reissued, or copied for distribution. Transcripts from other institutions, if needed, must be obtained directly from the institution where they were originally issued.

It is the student’s responsibility to furnish additional information to the College, if needed, to evaluate transfer credit, i.e., course descriptions, catalogs or syllabi.

IV. International Students

Students who are citizens of countries other than the United States and who have completed their secondary education or its equivalent may be admitted to the college. Certain educational, financial, and immigration documents are required, as well as proof
of minimum proficiency in English. Students may apply for admission to the fall, spring, and summer semesters. For detailed eligibility and admission information, contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

V. Students for Whom English is a Second Language
Students for whom English is a second language are required to present evidence of proficiency in English in one of the following ways prior to admission to credit classes. This requirement ensures that students have a reasonable chance to succeed based upon their ability to comprehend, read, and write the English language.

Standardized Testing
Proficiency in English may be determined by the student’s score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A minimum score of 500 on the Institutional paperbased TOEFL (offered at Oklahoma City Community College), a minimum score of 173 on the international computer-based TOEFL or a minimum score of 61 on the TOEFL iBT is required for admission. A minimum score of 6.0 on the IELTS is required for admission.

Intensive English Program (IEP)
Students whose TOEFL scores are below the minimum required for admission but within a range of 460 to 499 on the Institutional TOEFL, 140 to 172 on the International TOEFL, 48 to 60 on the International TOEFL iBT or 5.0 to 5.9 on the IELTS may be eligible for provisional admission. The College offers the Academic Bridge Program for students in this category. The Academic Bridge Program is a full-time schedule of English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at the advanced level. The program is available in the fall and spring semesters. Students who successfully complete the Academic Bridge Program become eligible for full admission to the College without having to retake the TOEFL or IELTS. More information about English as a Second Language (ESL) at Oklahoma City Community College can be found under the “Special Academic Programs” section of this catalog.

High School Performance
Students who have successfully completed the high school core requirements or graduated from high school where English is the primary teaching language in a country where English is the primary language and demonstrates competency through the Remediation and Removal of High School Curricular Deficiencies Policy may be admitted.

Transfer Students
Students who are non-native speakers of English must meet the same standards as new students or have successfully completed a minimum of 24 college level semester hours at a college or university where English is the primary language and that is recognized by professional organizations in the U.S. involved in admissions and international education.

VI. Concurrently Enrolled High School Student
High school juniors and seniors meeting the requirements listed below may be admitted provisionally. Students must meet the required ACT test score in science, math or English to enroll in coursework in the corresponding college subject area. Students must meet the required ACT test score in reading to enroll in any other collegiate course. Please contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions for the current, required ACT scores.

Graduating Seniors
Graduating seniors who are enrolled at an accredited high school and who have achieved a composite ACT score at or above the 42nd percentile using Oklahoma norms (19 or above) or an equivalent SAT score may be admitted provisionally. Students scoring below a 19 composite on the ACT may use a high school grade point average of 3.0 or above for admission purposes. In accordance with state policy, senior students will have their college tuition waived for up to 6 credit hours per semester of concurrent enrollment. (A student is considered to be a senior during the summer after their junior year.)

Juniors
Juniors who are enrolled at an accredited high school and who have achieved a composite ACT score at or above the 58th percentile using Oklahoma norms (21 or above), or who have achieved a combined verbal and mathematical score on the SAT at or above the 58th percentile using national norms, may be admitted provisionally. Students scoring below a 21 composite on the ACT may use a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above for admissions purposes. (A student is considered to be a junior during the summer after their sophomore year.)

Home Study
Home study students or students from unaccredited high schools who are 17 years of age or older and who have achieved a composite ACT score at or above the 42nd percentile using Oklahoma norms (19 or above) or an equivalent SAT may be admitted provisionally. Home study students or students from unaccredited high schools who are 16 years of age and who have achieved a composite ACT score at or above the 58th percentile using Oklahoma norms (21 or above), or who have achieved a combined verbal and mathematical score on the SAT at or above the 58th percentile using national norms, may be admitted provisionally.

A concurrently enrolled student may enroll in a combined number of high school and college hours not to exceed a full-time college workload of 19 semester credit-hours per semester. Students wishing to exceed this limit may petition to the Registrar.

VII. Non-Degree Seeking Students (9 Hour Maximum)
Students who wish to enroll in courses without intending to pursue a degree may be admitted provisionally, providing they are in good academic standing, and enroll in up to nine credit hours without submitting all official academic credentials at the time of admission. However, credentials and/or assessment testing may be required prior to actual enrollment in order to establish curricular proficiency or the presence of a course prerequisite. Upon completion of nine hours, the student will be required to submit official credentials and meet formal admission or transfer criteria prior to any further enrollment.

VIII. Opportunity Admission
Applicants who have not yet graduated from high school and whose ACT score is at the 99th percentile (Oklahoma norms) may be eligible for admission.

Submission of Academic Credentials
Recent high school graduates are required to submit official and complete high school transcripts and ACT or SAT scores (if either test has been completed). College transfer students are required to submit official and complete college transcripts and other available credentials during the admission process. Failure to list all previously attended colleges or the submission of false information is grounds for denial of admission or immediate suspension.
All credentials submitted become the property of Oklahoma City Community College and a part of the student’s academic record. They will not be returned or released. Students wishing to obtain such documents must contact the original issuing institution.

**Evaluation of Academic Preparation**

All credentials submitted during the application process will be evaluated during the admission process. Students may be required to take a college assessment test to determine a proficiency level in English, reading, mathematics, and science. This test is not an admissions test but rather a placement instrument used to foster the academic success of students enrolling at Oklahoma City Community College.

**Non-Credit Classes**

Non-credit classes may be used to explore new fields of study, to increase proficiency in a particular profession or for personal enrichment. These courses are primarily designed to meet educational needs in the community which are not met by the formal degree and certificate programs. Non-credit classes do not apply toward an associate degree and certificate programs. Students enrolled exclusively in non-credit classes are not required to apply for regular admission to the college.

**Special Admission Procedures: Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, and Respiratory Care Programs**

Certain programs are restricted to a limited number of students and have a special admission and enrollment procedures. These programs currently include: Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, and Respiratory Care. Each program has a special application which lists program requirements, selection criteria, and specific application deadlines. Special applications are available for these programs and must be completed and submitted by the deadlines listed on the individual application form. Only completed applications will be accepted. Applications are accepted for fall and spring program entries into the Traditional Nursing Program, for Fall entry into the The Nursing Career Ladder Pathway (LPN to RN), and for Summer entry into the Baccalaureate to RN Program. Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Surgical Technology programs accept applications for the fall semester only. Respiratory Care applications will be available at francistuttle.edu.

**Background Checks:** Due to clinical agency requirements, the Division of Health Professions requires an extensive nationwide Background Report which includes, but is not limited to, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) background searches for sex offender, violent offender, and criminal history.

Classes will be selected from eligible applicants and ranked according to program preference points and GPA according to program requirements. See specific applications for detailed information. Remaining applicants will be placed on an alternate list.

Special admission procedures exist regarding advanced placement, admission of licensed LPN applicants for the nursing program, transfer of credit from other schools and re-enrollment for students previously admitted into the program. Specific information regarding the procedures and eligibility for licensing can be found in the “Curriculum” section of this catalog. For application forms, contact the Office of Records and Graduation Services.