

Allied Health Competitive Booklet



























Admissions and Selection Process

(as of June 2023)

Admission to Oconee Fall Line Technical College and the competitive selection process are two separate processes; students are responsible for understanding both. This document provides instructions for both college admission and competitive selection. Please read this entire document thoroughly.

OFTC Admissions Process

To be accepted into the College and qualify for selection, students must complete all OFTC admissions requirements:

- Submit a completed <u>Application for Admission</u>. Applicants must apply online at oftc.edu AND pay the non-refundable application fee of \$25.
- Submit an official copy of your high school or the equivalent of a high school transcript (e.g. GED, HiSet, Career Plus HSE), and ALL college/university transcripts to the Admissions Office.
 Applicants who have completed a minimum of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours at the degree level may submit official college transcripts in lieu of high school transcript or high school equivalency. However, high school transcript or the equivalent is needed for OFTC graduation. Service members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, or Navy may submit an official copy of their DD Form 214 or other official documentation of military service indicating high school graduate or equivalent.
- Provide a copy of multiple measures. Please see <u>OFTC's Academic Catalog & Handbook</u> for the list of validated assessment instruments.
- Apply for <u>Financial Aid</u>.
- Register for class and attend New Student Orientation.

Acceptance into the College does not guarantee admission into an allied health program. The competitive selection process is a separate process that must be completed to gain entry into the student's desired program.

Participating Allied Health Programs

This booklet pertains only to the following Allied Health programs:

- A. Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge (ADN)
- B. Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)
- C. Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- D. Practical Nursing
- E. Radiologic Technology

- F. Computed Tomography (CT)
- G. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- H. Medical Assisting
- I. Pharmacy Technology
- J. Respiratory Care

Competitive Selection Process

All steps below must be completed before the competitive selection deadline published for each program. Deadlines are listed in this booklet on pages 8-9. To be considered for selection in an allied health program, a student must:

- Complete the following steps by the posted deadline.
- Submit:
 - 1. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application
 - 2. Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable; page 10 in this booklet)
 - 3. **TEAS scores** (if applicable)
 - 4. Official Transcripts

Once selections are made, all applicants will be notified via email of their acceptance or denial for admission into a competitive program.

Questions?

For questions about the admissions and competitive selection process, please contact the Admissions Office at 478-553-2064 or 478-274-7837 or admissions@oftc.edu.

Allied Health Program Guidelines

Competitive Criteria

- Students can only apply to one program and one location per semester. Students not selected
 must meet all competitive admissions requirements for future allied health competitive
 admissions.
- If designated core courses and additional curriculum/other requirements listed on pages 8-9 are not completed by the date listed under deadlines, the application will not be considered.
- Applications to compete must be completed by the documentation deadline listed on pages 8-9.
 Students without an application to compete on file in the Admissions Office will NOT be considered for competition. Applications to compete signify that you:
 - 1. have completed the designated courses or will finish the designated courses by the indicated deadline.
 - 2. understand the competitive process, including deadlines for all documentation to include work experience forms, official college transcripts, and TEAS scores.

1. Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge (ADN)

- A work experience form documenting at least one year's experience working as either a
 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Licensed Paramedic is required to compete for the
 ADN Bridge program. Work experience must be current by the competitive application
 deadline.
- If a student has had an unsuccessful attempt in any RN program, the student will not be
 eligible for the Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge program unless the student completed
 an OFTC Practical Nursing program after the unsuccessful RN attempt.

2. Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)

 Please meet with your program adviser to develop a plan for completion of core as certain classes are only offered one time per year.

3. Diagnostic Medical Sonography

• Please meet with your program adviser to develop a plan for completion of core as certain classes are only offered one time per year.

4. Practical Nursing

- Completion of the courses in the Health Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit is required prior to competition for the Practical Nursing Diploma.
- All students accepted into the Practical Nursing cohort will be required to attend program
 orientation during the break prior to term of entry. Attendance at this event is mandatory,
 and dates will be listed in the student's program acceptance letter. If a selected applicant
 does not attend program orientation, his/her slot will be forfeited. No students will be added
 to the cohort after the orientation session occurs.

5. Radiologic Technology

 Completion of the Imaging Science Technical Certificate of Credit is required prior to competition for the Radiologic Technology program.

Other Allied Health Programs

1. Computed Tomography (CT)

- OFTC Radiologic Technology graduates will receive first option for available seats.
 However, if additional seats remain after OFTC graduates are accommodated, other
 credentialed professionals in good standing with ARRT or NMTCB will be placed on a firstcome, first-serve basis. All certifications must be turned in to the Admissions Office by the
 deadline.
- Offered every other Fall Semester: 2024, 2026, 2028, and 2030.

2. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

- OFTC Radiologic Technology graduates will receive first option for available seats.
 However, if additional seats remain after OFTC graduates are accommodated, other
 credentialed professionals in good standing with ARRT, ARDMS, or NMTCB will be placed
 on a first-come, first-serve basis. All certifications must be turned in to the Admissions
 Office by the deadline.
- Offered every other Fall Semester: 2025, 2027, 2029, and 2031.
- 3. Medical Assisting
- 4. Pharmacy Technology
- 5. Respiratory Care Technology

Designated Courses & Time Expiration

- The Registrar will calculate GPA's for all applicants.
- The competitive GPA is calculated using only grades earned in the designated courses.
- The competitive GPA is typically not the GPA listed in Degree Works.

- ALHS, BIOL, CHEM, and PHYS courses must have been completed within the past five (5) calendar years (January-December), and if these courses have been repeated, the last two grades within the previous five (5) calendar years (January-December) will be used in the GPA calculation. If the student has been continuously enrolled at OFTC, the five-year period will not apply.
- OFTC will accept the following courses completed within the past three (3) calendars years (January-December): DMSO, IMSA, MAST, NAST, PHAR, PHLT, PNSG, RADT, RESP, and RNSG. (Only RNSG Courses in the Associate of Science in Nursing Program are eligible.)
- General education core courses, such as English, math, and psychology do not expire. The highest attempt of these general education core courses will be used in the GPA calculation.
- Transfer students must submit ALL final transcripts by the designated deadline listed on pages 8-9.

Exemption Exam

- Exempted course credit will not be used for calculating the GPA for a competitive allied health program acceptance. Students may only exempt two courses in competitive allied health programs.
- To receive exemption credit, for NAST 1100-Nurse Aide Fundamentals, the student is responsible for providing a copy of current Georgia Nurse Aide Registry (CNA license) to the Registrar's Office.

TEAS Information

- Students applying for Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge, Associate of Science in Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Practical Nursing, and Radiologic Technology programs must complete the *Test of Essential Academic Skills* (TEAS).
- The test must be taken and scored prior to the application deadline. The highest overall score
 will be used in the competitive process. The TEAS exam must be taken within a 2-year period
 prior to the competitive application deadline. Students are allowed unlimited attempts within the
 2-year requirement.
- A minimum TEAS scores of 59.5 must be attained for competition for Practical Nursing. A
 minimum TEAS score of 65 must be attained for competition for the Associate Degree in
 Nursing Bridge, Associate of Science in Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and
 Radiologic Technology.
- Students should register online to take the TEAS exam. The TEAS test fee must be paid in advance of the test.
- Students may choose to take the TEAS test at another testing center. However, the transfer of
 scores from other testing centers is not automatic. Any student who tests at a testing center
 other than OFTC must request their scores be sent to OFTC by the application deadline.

Bonus Points

- With the exception of the ADN Bridge, bonus points may be earned through documented, program specific, paid work experience. One (1) bonus point for every year of work experience will be awarded with a maximum of three (3) bonus points for consecutive work experience. Only work experience from the past five years will be considered for bonus points.
- Three (3) bonus points will be awarded in Practical Nursing competition for applicants who graduated from the Health Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit at OFTC.
- Three (3) bonus points will be awarded in ADN Bridge competition for applicants who graduated from the Practical Nursing or Paramedicine program at OFTC.

Competitive Scoring Process

Following the successful completion (a grade of "C" or higher) of all designated courses, students will enter into a competitive process for determining eligibility to progress into occupational program courses. The formula used for the competitive process is:

(GPA/4.0 X 50%) + (TEAS/100 X 50%) + Bonus Points = Total Score

- All students' total scores will be ranked from the highest to the lowest. Students with the highest total scores, a GPA of at least 3.0, and the required minimum TEAS score (see "TEAS Information" section) will be accepted. The total number of students accepted is based on the number of available openings. If all seats are not filled through the competitive admissions requirements, consideration may be given to students who did not make the required GPA or TEAS cut scores based on the number of available seats.
- In the event of a total score tie, the student with the highest GPA will be selected.

Residency Requirements for Admissions

Out of state and non-citizen students shall be enrolled in the College on a space available basis and shall not displace any Georgia students desiring to enroll in the College.

Advanced Placement/Re-Entry

Students who have been unsuccessful or have withdrawn from an allied health program at OFTC, or another TCSG school and desire to re-enroll must compete for re-entry.

In order to graduate from Oconee Fall Line Technical College allied health programs, the student must complete a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the course work of a particular program of study at OFTC. See the OFTC Academic Catalog & Handbook, for more information.

Program Re-Entry/Transfer Students

Students who wish to reenroll in a program must meet OFTC's first term entry requirements.

 Students must complete the <u>Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application</u>, choosing their status as "Re-Entry".

- Students will be ranked from the highest to the lowest based on the normal competitive process. Students with the highest ranking will be accepted, up to the maximum of available openings.
- Students requesting re-entry into a program cohort will only be added if vacant slots exist.

Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge

 Students wishing to transfer into the Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge program must compete and, if selected, will be placed in first semester RNSG classes. There are no advanced placement slots for transfer into the ADN Bridge program.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

- Students returning or transferring into the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program must attend
 scanning labs the semester before re-entry. Specific requirements and deadlines for lab and
 clinical competencies as well as clinical onboarding must be met before the re-entry term
 begins. See the program advisor three weeks into the term prior to your re-entry term to receive
 the detailed Advanced Placement Re-entry Requirements for the Diagnostic Medical
 Sonography program.
- Any student unsuccessful in meeting all re-entry requirements by the prescribed deadline will not be allowed to attend clinical rotations and, therefore, will be withdrawn from the program.

Practical Nursing

- To complete the 50% residency requirement for graduation, PNSG 2010 (Introduction to Pharmacology and Clinical Calculations) and PNSG 2030 (Nursing Fundamentals) are the only Practical Nursing courses eligible for transfer credit.
- There is no validation testing for PNSG 2010 transfer credit.
- To receive transfer credit for PNSG 2030, students must successfully complete validation testing administered by OFTC faculty. Validation testing includes the applicable ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) exam(s) and a skills-based performance test. The ATI exam(s) must be completed with a minimum score of a level 2; the skills-based test must be completed with a score of 100%. Both requirements must be fulfilled prior to the student being allowed to compete for a program slot. Therefore, all skills validation testing must be completed before the competitive application deadline for the chosen term of entry. Tests should be scheduled well in advance, and availability is based on OFTC instructor schedules. Students will be allowed one attempt on the ATI exam(s) and one attempt on the skills-based exam. Successful completion of the ATI exam(s) is required prior to the skill-based test being administered. The fee for the ATI exam must be paid with a credit card by the student during the testing process.

Respiratory Care

Students wishing to re-enter or transfer into the Respiratory Care program must successfully
complete validation testing administered by OFTC Respiratory Care faculty. Validation testing
will consist of a combination of hands-on program-related activities and written evaluation,
which will require a score of 70% or greater. Both requirements must be fulfilled prior to the
student being allowed to compete for a program slot. Therefore, all skills validation testing must
be completed before the competitive application deadline for the chosen term of entry.
Validation testing should be scheduled well in advance, and availability is based on OFTC
instructor schedules.

Appeals

- Refer to the OFTC's Academic Catalog & Handbook for the appeal process.
- Applicants who feel that they were unjustly denied admission have the right to appeal any decision regarding acceptance to Oconee Fall Line Technical College. Appeals should be made in writing to the Director for Student Affairs within three (3) business days of receiving notification of their admission status. The written document must include specific details supporting the appeal. A further appeal may be made to the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- This appeal also must be made in writing to the Vice President within three (3) business days of receiving notification of the Director for Student Affairs' decision. The decision of the Vice President is final. Please refer to the OFTC Student Handbook for information regarding Admissions Appeals.
- If a student has been extended two attempts into a specific allied health program at HGTC, STC, and/or OFTC and does not complete the program, the student will be denied admittance into the program. Students who have extenuating circumstances may appeal via the admissions appeal process.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Technical College System of Georgia and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed or religion, national or ethnic origin, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, veteran or military status, marital status, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, programs financed by the federal government including any Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I financed programs, educational programs, and activities, including admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also encompasses the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity. The following person has been designated to manage inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

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Designated Courses & Deadlines

	Designated Co		Additional Curriculum/Other Requirements	Term of Entry	Deadlines					
S	Associate D	Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge (ADN)								
ASSOCIATE DEGREES	BIOL 2113 BIOL 2113L	ENGL 2130 MATH 1111	One additional 3 credit hour approved general eduation course	Fall 2024 (North Campus)	May 13, 2024					
	BIOL 2114 BIOL 2114L BIOL 2117 BIOL 2117L ENGL 1101 ENGL 1102	OR MATH 1103 PSYC 1101	 AND LPN unrestricted license or paramedic license AND Work Experience form documenting at least one year of work experience as either a License Practical Nurse (LPN) or Licensed Paramedic. AND Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) card will be required on first day of class 		*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (Required) Official Transcripts TEAS scores					
	Associate o	Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)								
	BIOL 2113 BIOL 2113L	ENGL 2130 MATH 1111	One additional 3 credit hour approved general eduation course	Spring 2024 (South Campus)	November 1, 2023					
	BIOL 2114 BIOL 2114L BIOL 2117 BIOL 2117L ENGL 1101 ENGL 1102	PSYC 1101	Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) card will be required on first day of class		*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts TEAS scores					
	Diagnostic	Medical Sono	ography							
	ALHS 1090 BIOL 2113	ENGL 2130 MATH 1111	• N/A	Fall 2024 (South Campus)	May 13, 2024					
	BIOL 2113L BIOL 2114 BIOL 2114L ENGL 1101	PSYC 1101 PHYS 1110 PHYS 1110L		(Journ Campus)	*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts TEAS scores					
	Pharmacy 1	Technology								
	ALHS 1040 ALHS 1090	LHS 1090 ENGL 2130	One additional 3 credit hour approved general education course	Fall 2024 (South Campus)	June 7, 2024					
	BIOL 2113L OR MA	MATH 1111 OR MATH 1103 PSYC 1101			*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts					
	Radiologic Technology									
	BIOL 2113	IMSA 1100	Completion of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant To be a significant of the Imaging Science Assistant of the Imaging Scien	Spring 2024 (South Campus)	November 1, 2023					
	BIOL 2113L BIOL 2114 BIOL 2114L ENGL 1101 ENGL 2130	MATH 1111 0R MATH 1103 RADT 1010	Technical Certificate of Credit is required by the end of the term prior to competition.	(South Campus)	*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts TEAS scores					
	Respiratory	/ Care								
	BIOL 2113 BIOL 2113L	COLL 1060 ENGL 1101	• N/A	Fall 2024 (South Campus)	June 7, 2024					
	BIOL 2114 BIOL 2114L BIOL 2117 BIOL 2117L CHEM 1151 CHEM 1151L	ENGL 2130 MATH 1111 PSYC 1101			*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts					

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AS	Medical Assisting							
DIPLOMAS	ALHS 1011 ALHS 1090 COLL 1060 ENGL 1010 MATH 1012 PSYC 1010		• N/A	Spring 2024 (South Campus)	*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts			
	Pharmacy Technology							
	ENGL 1010 MATH 1012 PSYC 1010 ALHS 1011 ALHS 1040 ALHS 1090 COLL 1060		• N/A	Fall 2024 (South Campus)	**June 7, 2024 **All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts			
	Practical No	ursing			· ·			
	ALHS 1011 ALHS 1040 ALHS 1060	NAST 1100 0R Current	Completion of the courses in the Health Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit is required by the end of the term prior to	Spring 2024 (South Campus)	November 1, 2023			
	ALHS 1090 COLL 1060 ENGL 1010 MATH 1012 PSYC 1010	Georgia Nurse Aide Registry (CNA License)	competition. • AND Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) certification required first day of class	Fall 2024 (North Campus) (South Campus)	**All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts TEAS scores			
5	Computed Tomography (CT)							
TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES OF CREDIT (TCC)	N/A		Current certification in good standing with: (1) ARRT as either a registered Radiologic Technologist (South Campus) or Radiation Therapist, or (2) NMTCB as a registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist.	Offered Every Other Fall: Fall 2024 Fall 2026 Fall 2028 Fall 2030 (South Campus)	*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts If not an OFTC graduate please provide the following: ARRT or NMTCB certification			
<u>8</u>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)							
TECHN	N/A		Current certification in good standing with: (1) ARRT as either a registered Radiologic Technologist or Radiation Therapist or (2) NMTCB as a registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist.	Offered Every Other Fall: Fall 2023 Fall 2025 Fall 2027 Fall 2029 (South Campus)	*All required documents are due by the specified deadline. Allied Health Competitive Admissions Application Work Experience Credit Verification (if applicable) Official Transcripts If not an OFTC graduate please provide the following: ARRT, ARDMS, or NMTCB certifications			



Work Experience Credit Verification

IMPORTANT: Form must be completed by employer. Use a separate form for each employer.

NOTE: This form is REQUIRED for ADN students and OPTIONAL for other Allied Health programs. Check the program and term for which you are applying.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS:		NON-COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS:					
Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge (ADN) □ Fall 2024—North Campus (Sandersville)	Practical Nursing □ Spring 2024—South Campus (Dublin)	Computed Tomography (CT) □ Fall 2024—South Campus (Dublin)	Pharmacy Technology Degree □ Fall 2024—South Campus (Dublin)				
Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Spring 2024—South Campus (Dublin)	☐ Fall 2024—South Campus(Dublin) ☐ Fall 2024—North Campus(Sandersville)	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Fall 2025—South Campus (Dublin)	Pharmacy Technology Diploma Grall 2024—South Campus (Dublin)				
Diagnostic Medical Sonography ☐ Fall 2024—South Campus (Dublin)	Radiologic Technology □ Spring 2024—South Campus (Dublin)	Medical Assisting □ Spring 2024—South Campus (Dublin)	Respiratory Care □ Fall 2024—South Campus (Dublin)				
Student's Name		Student ID 900					
I certify that the above named person h	as been employed by this faci	lity as a paid employee within the l	ast five years.				
For Allied Health students (does not include ADN students): "Bonus" points equaling one point for each year of work experience directly related to the program of study will be awarded, up to a maximum of 3 (three) bonus points for consecutive work experience.							
You must submit a work experience fo	rm for each employer.						
Employer, please list major duties and please write "still employed" as the en		ment for each position held. <i>If the i</i>	individual is still employed,				
HIRE DATE / END DATE:	POS	SITION/JOB TITLE:					
Duties							
Name of Person completing this form (I	Please print) P	osition/Job Title					
Signature of Person Completing this for	m B	Business Address					
Date	C	ity	State Zip				
Name of Business		Phone					

Send completed form to one of the following: North Campus -1189 Deepstep Road, Sandersville, GA 31082, Phone: 478-553-2064, Fax: 800-373-4783, Email: admissions@oftc.edu **South Campus** – 560 Pinehill Road, Dublin, GA 31021, Phone: 478-274-7837, Fax: 800-373-4783, Email: admissions@oftc.edu