

## Health Professions Admissions Process Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. Is it true that there's a 2 – 3 year waiting list to get into any of the Health Professions programs?**  
No! There are no waiting lists for our Health programs. However, we often get more qualified applicants than we have seats. Therefore, the admissions office will form Alternate groups. Alternate groups consist of qualified applicants. If seats become available before the semester begins, students are selected, in order, from the Alternate groups. Once the semester begins, Alternate groups no longer exist.
- 2. Do I have to be attending SUNY Orange to be considered for the Health Professions programs?**  
No! A Health Professions program applicant does not have to be attending to be eligible for any of the Health programs. However, applicants who have not attended SUNY Orange before or within a year will also need to apply to the college using the [SUNY Orange Admissions Application](#)
- 3. Will all my college credits transfer to SUNY Orange?**  
SUNY Orange will transfer up to 30 credits from another institution. However, credits will only transfer if they are applicable to the degree program.
- 4. How long will it take for me to finish my Health degree?**  
From the point of entry into any of the Health Professions programs, a student can expect to finish their degree in 2 years, as long as all the required courses have been completed with a "C" or better.
- 5. Would any of my past college credits be too old?**  
All courses are considered valid if transferred from an accredited college or university. However, for the Health Professions programs, if a student is transferring Science courses more than 5 years old, or select Psychology courses more than 10 years old (Nursing, PTA and OTA only), he/she will be asked to retake the course.
- 6. Will I still be considered if I take all my pre-requisites at another college?**  
Yes! However, the courses must be the equivalent to the SUNY Orange course in order to transfer.
- 7. What if I don't get in this year, can I still apply for next year?**  
Yes! A student can apply every year by submitting a new Program Application by the February 1<sup>st</sup> (fall programs) or October 1<sup>st</sup> (spring program) deadline.
- 8. Does life experience increase my chances of being accepted?**  
Though life experience may help you in the clinical aspect of the Health programs, we do not consider it during the application process.
- 9. If I am currently working in the field for which I am applying, do I still need to take the pre-requisite courses?**  
As far as the Office of Admissions is concerned, every student applying for a Health program must meet the pre-requisite requirements. Any exceptions to this policy would be at the Department Chair's discretion.
- 10. I'm an LPN and would like to be an RN; can I do that at SUNY Orange?**  
Please consult the following link: [http://sunyorange.edu/nursing/ed\\_mobility.shtml](http://sunyorange.edu/nursing/ed_mobility.shtml)
- 11. I am not a legal resident of Orange County but am interested in a Health Professions program. Realistically speaking, what are my chances?**  
All Health Professions programs have a limited number of seats for out-of-county residents.
- 12. As a Nursing applicant, do I need to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)?**  
Yes! Nursing program applicants must take the TEAS prior to the application deadline. Please review the [TEAS Frequently Asked Questions](#) form for more details.

If you have questions that were not answered or you would like further information regarding our Health Professions programs at SUNY Orange, please attend one of our Health Profession Information Sessions or contact the Admissions Office at 845-341-4030.