

Admissions

Admission to SUNY Orange is open to all graduates of an accredited and/or registered high school or to those who have received a state-issued HSE or GED diploma. Once formally admitted to the College in a degree program, students may choose to pursue their degree on a full-time (12 credits or more per semester) or part-time (less than 12 credits) basis. In order to receive financial aid, students must be accepted and enrolled into one of the College's degree programs.

Formal admission to the College assures students that their course requirements for completion of degree or certificate programs will not change, even in the event that the College revises its program requirements during the student's period of study. In addition, the College will complete a thorough appraisal of transfer credits that may have been earned from another college or university, or through advanced placement or other examinations.

Application Deadlines

A completed admission application, all related transcripts and documents must be received prior to the application deadline to receive full consideration.

Fall Semester

- Feb. 1: Health Professions Programs
- May 1: Honors Program, L.P.N. to R.N. Program
- June 1: International Students (domestic transfers)
- Two weeks prior to the start of the semester: General Admission

Spring Semester

- Oct. 1: International Students, Spring Nursing (Newburgh campus), L.P.N. to R.N. (Middletown campus)
- Dec. 1: Honors Program
- Two weeks prior to the start of the semester: General Admission

Summer Session

- Two weeks prior to the start of the semester: General Admission

The Admission Process

The Application

Students may [apply online](#) for admission for full-time or part-time status. Students may request more information about SUNY Orange by emailing apply@sunyorange.edu.

Admission requires an official high school transcript or high school equivalency diploma.

State University of New York (SUNY) policy prohibits SUNY Orange admission applications from inquiring into an applicant's prior criminal history. After acceptance, the College shall inquire if the student previously has been convicted of a felony if such individual seeks campus housing or participation in clinical or field experiences, internships, or study abroad programs. The information required to be disclosed under SUNY policy regarding such felony convictions shall be reviewed by a standing campus committee consistent with the legal standards articulated in New York State Corrections Law.

English and Math Placement Requirements

All students who are accepted as degree-seeking students are required to complete the English and math placement requirements prior to course registration. Students may qualify for a placement waiver.

- English placement will be determined based on students' high school GPA and/or 11th grade English course or HSE records.
- Math placement will be determined by the Math Placement Survey for placement into the appropriate mathematics course. Placement for students with a GED or High School Equivalency (HSE) will be based on results of Stemify, an online math instrument.

New York State Department of Health Mandatory Proof of Immunization

New York State Public Health Law requires that all students born on or after Jan. 1, 1957, who wish to enroll for six or more credits in any one semester, provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. Acceptable proof of immunity requires two dates of measles immunization, one of rubella and one of mumps, all given after 1968, and on or after your first birthday. In addition, all students, regardless of age must sign and return the College's Meningitis Response Form, indicating they have received the information about meningococcal disease and have either received or waived the vaccine.

Students will not be allowed to register for classes until they have uploaded their immunization records to MedProctor, showing proof of at least one measles immunization.

SUNY COVID Vaccine and Booster Policy

COVID-19 vaccines are no longer required for students to attend classes on campus. All students are strongly recommended to stay up to date on their vaccinations as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including obtaining any booster authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC for their age group. While not required at this time, SUNY reserves the authority to impose a requirement for any vaccination or booster at any time because of changes in local conditions or requirements imposed by Federal, State, or local authorities. Certain employees, students, and volunteers at healthcare facilities, including SUNY healthcare facilities and hospitals, or any external location, may be subject to mandatory COVID-19 vaccination pursuant to relevant regulations and policies.

“Students” are defined as any individuals matriculated or otherwise enrolled full-time or part-time at SUNY facilities including visiting, auditing, exchange, continuing education (examples include CASAC, HSE and ESL, among others) and international students taking in-person courses. The policy excludes individuals in workforce training programs arranged through their employer or concurrently enrolled high school students taking courses located at the high school. Students participating in clinicals or internships held at a third-party location must comply with all health, safety, vaccine and testing protocols in place at that location.

Health Professions Applicants

Students interested in applying for admission to one of SUNY Orange’s Health Professions programs follow a different admission process with earlier deadlines and more stringent entrance requirements. The particular admission requirements for the College’s Health Professions are listed alongside the respective program’s description later in this catalog. Additional information on particular Health Professions programs, including the Health Professions application, can be accessed at www.sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html or by attending a Health Professions information session.

All students accepted into a Health Professions program must successfully complete an annual physical examination which includes a Tuberculosis screening. A drug screen and background check are also required once the student has been accepted.

Physical Examination Requirements

Students must complete the form which is provided by the College. Health Professions students must meet the New York State Department of Health physical examination and immunization regulations for Health Care workers. Exams are to be completed and submitted within the timeframe stated on the form for each program.

NOTE: The Health Professions regulations exceed the immunization requirements that you may have already met for prior attendance at the College Health Professions students must have an annual physical exam, an annual screening for Tuberculosis, and proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella by documentation of two MMR and two Varicella vaccines, or positive blood titers, regardless of age and/or prior immunization or disease history. Immunization for Tetanus or TDAP and Hepatitis B is recommended, though not required. COVID-19 vaccination including vaccine booster is required for all students enrolled in Health Professions programs whose academic progress depends on clinical placement. The annual flu vaccine is also recommended as most clinical sites expect this.

Your health care practitioner is required to sign a statement, that to the best of their knowledge, you are free from any physical or mental impairment which would pose a potential risk to patients, or might interfere with the performance of your duties. Students must also either complete the Hepatitis B vaccine series or sign an annual waiver declining the Hepatitis B vaccine. It is highly recommended that all Health Professions students complete the Hepatitis B vaccine series as a safe and effective way of preventing Hepatitis B infection.

College Credits for Current High School Students

Academically qualified high school students in their junior or senior year have two options for earning college credit at SUNY Orange.

College Experience Program (CEP)

The College Experience Program allows high school juniors and seniors to take credit courses on the SUNY Orange campus in Middletown or at the Newburgh campus. Credits earned while participating in the College Experience Program may be applied toward a degree at SUNY Orange or may be transferred to another college or university.

Program Guidelines

Part-time participation in the program is open to high school juniors. Seniors may take part on either a part-time or a full-time basis. The part-time classification allows students to take up to eight credits (one to two courses) per semester and up to 4 credits per summer session. Full-time participation requires four courses (12-15 credits) per semester and six credits in a summer session.

To be eligible, students must meet the following:

- Seniors need a minimum cumulative GPA of 85 and a minimum score of 85 on the NYS Regents Exam that corresponds to their SUNY Orange course, if applicable. •

- Juniors need a minimum cumulative GPA of 90 and a minimum score of 90 on the NYS Regents exam that corresponds to their SUNY Orange course, if applicable.
- To study English, you must be a senior and have earned an 85 or higher on the NYS English Language Arts Exam (Regents).
- Students enrolled in the CCHS program who wish to be concurrently enrolled in the CEP, may take no more than 15 credits total.

Application Process

To apply for the College Experience Program:

- Complete an online College Experience Program Application indicating the courses that you wish to take at SUNY Orange. Students must reapply each semester.
- Submit an official high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from your guidance counselor indicating your ability to do college work.
- An interview is required for both the applicant and parent/guardian as part of the admission process.

Important Program Information

- Accepted CEP students must be registered prior to the first day of classes.
- Students must follow the same application procedures for every semester they wish to attend (parent interview excluded).
- If you take six credits or more, you must provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella.
- College Experience Program students are not eligible to receive financial aid.
- Students are assigned an academic advisor in the Admission Office.
- If you need accommodations please contact the Office of Accessibility Services at (845) 341-4077.

College Experience Program participants who intend to continue studying at SUNY Orange after they receive their high school diploma should formally apply for admission to the College by submitting an admissions application during their senior year.

Community College in the High School Program (CCHSP)

The Community College in the High School Program gives qualified high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college courses for credit in their own high schools. Please contact the Office of Educational Partnerships at (845) 341-4760 for more information.

Home-Schooled Students

Students who have been home-schooled will receive consideration for admission if they submit the following:

- Documentation that confirms compliance with the minimum requirements of the home instruction regulations (include home school instruction plan).
- A letter from a local school district providing that the student followed the above regulations leading to the receipt of a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Please contact the Director of Admissions at (845) 341-4205 for more information.

International Student Admissions

SUNY Orange is authorized under Federal Law to enroll non-immigrant students.

Students who have attended or graduated from secondary school and/or universities outside of the United States must follow the College's general application process.

In addition, read the instructions below and follow those that pertain to you.

- If you are a citizen, permanent resident or have another immigrant status and have completed secondary school and/or college in a country other than the United States, you must have all transcripts and diplomas evaluated by an agency listed at www.naces.org.
- If you are applying for a student visa (F-1), or if you are currently attending a U.S. college or university and wish to transfer to SUNY Orange on a student visa, you must complete the International Student Application process. You may obtain information from the Office of Admissions either in person, by mail, or by visiting our [website](#).
- If you have a Tourist Visa (B-1, B-2), U.S. immigration law states that you are not permitted to enroll in a full course of study.
- If you enroll at SUNY Orange, the College is mandated by law, via the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), to collect and report information to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- As long as you are enrolled at SUNY Orange you will be responsible for keeping a Designated School Official apprised of information related to these immigration laws, and maintaining full-time status.

Readmission to SUNY Orange

Former SUNY Orange students who were previously enrolled but have not attended the College for two or more semesters (excluding summer) are required to complete a new application.

Students who were separated from the College may seek readmission, but will be limited to 14 credits and must first complete any required developmental courses.

Over Sixty Program (Senior Auditors)

SUNY Orange permits individuals 60 years of age or older to audit credit courses on a space available basis without payment of tuition according to NY State Law Article 126, Section 6303. Full classroom participation is encouraged; no grades are given nor is credit earned. Senior (60+) auditors are eligible to register for credit courses (excluding Nursing, other Health Professions courses, Private Music Instruction, PTECH, Honors Seminars and other lab intensive courses) with seats available at the end of the add/drop period. Senior Auditors pay no fees, are not eligible to borrow college equipment, and do not participate in student clubs/activities. Senior Auditors must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct.

Registration for Over Sixty students is after the add/drop period of the Fall and Spring terms. All students are required to complete an audit registration form and, if they are NY State residents, a Certificate of Residence form.

For questions regarding the Over Sixty Program or to receive a credit course bulletin please call the Registrar's Office at (845) 341-4140.