

Application Procedure

Processing of an application will begin only when the application form, application fee, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and test data as required by the department are received in the Nursing Department. If an applicant fails to complete the application file by the *last Friday of January deadline* for the proposed term, a new date of entry will need to be specified. Students will be selected only in the Spring, to begin the nursing program the following Fall semester, providing they have met all prerequisite requirements.

Complete application files will include:

1. Complete, signed application form.
2. \$48.00 application fee. This fee is non-refundable, regardless of what action is taken on the application for admission.
3. Official transcripts from each higher education institution attended (transfer students only). These transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to the Registrar's Office of Oglala Lakota College. Transcripts "Issued to Student" are unofficial. Official transcripts must be sent to: Registrar, P.O. Box 490, Kyle, SD 57752.
4. Three letters of recommendation. These are required from persons other than relatives and friends, who are familiar with the applicant's academic and/or employment record. Please have recommendations completed on the accompanying forms.
5. Essay – APA format (Five paragraphs of 100 to 150 words each) developing the answers to: Why you have chosen nursing as a career, life events that contributed to your decision, people that have influenced you, what types of nursing interests you and what you hope to do with your nursing degree. Include the four Lakota values of Wisdom, Respect, Generosity, and Courage, in any way you can in your essay, as you related them to aspects of nursing.
6. Certificate of degree of Indian blood if applying to OLC for the first time.
7. Official high school transcript or GED Certificate if it is not already on file at OLC.
8. Applications and all related documents should be mailed to:
Oglala Lakota College-Department of Nursing
P.O. Box 861
1 Nursing Way
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Selection Criteria

Students who have completed pre-requisites will be selected according to the following criteria:

1. G.P.A. of 2.8 or better
2. Tribal Enrollment priority as follows:
 - a. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who are veterans
 - b. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe
 - c. Enrolled members of other Lakota Tribes who are veterans
 - d. Enrolled members of other Lakota Tribes (Rosebud Priority)
 - e. Other enrolled Tribal members
3. Reference letters and personal interviews that evaluate personal characteristics desired in health professionals and that are reflective of Lakota values including the following:
 - a. Ability to work with people
 - b. Potential for leadership
 - c. Personal initiative
 - d. Growth potential
 - e. Concern for others
 - f. Motivation
 - g. Integrity
 - h. Reliability
 - i. Communication skills
4. When in the judgment of the Nursing Department Admission Committee the program can accommodate additional students, non-Indian applicants who meet all other requirements will be selected according to the following criteria:
 - a. Commitment to remain in the service area as evidenced by:
 - i. Living in the service area for more than 10 years thus demonstrating permanent residence
 - ii. Having permanent family/relative ties in the community

The number of students admitted for each fall semester will not exceed available faculty or clinical laboratory resources and will be determined prior to the convening of the Nursing Department Admission Committee.

Admissions Committee membership is comprised of Nursing Faculty/staff and outside members appointed by the Nursing Department Chair, and approved of by the V.P. for Instruction. Provisional selection of students and alternates for the Fall semester will be made pending the successful completion of Spring prerequisite courses. The applicant will be notified at the end of June, prior to Fall entry.

You will be asked to come in for an interview and will be scheduled for admission testing.