

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Science in Nursing - Direct Entry

Application Checklist

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- Preadmission courses must be in progress by the application deadline.
- Beginning in Fall 2025, the following will be the application deadlines for the Direct Entry ASN Program:

Cohort Start	Cohort Type	Location	Application Deadline**
Fall- October (B block) 2025	Evening Weekend Hybrid	Springfield	01 August 2025
Spring- January (A block) 2026	Day Blended*	Springfield	01 November 2025
Spring- March (B block) 2026	Evening Weekend Hybrid	Springfield	01 December 2025
Summer- June 2026	Day Blended*	Springfield	01 March 2026
Fall- August 2026	Day Hybrid	Table Rock	01 May 2026

*Blended cohorts will be a mix of seated and hybrid courses and will have the most 'in-person' instruction.

The Associate of Science in Nursing Direct Entry Program is a hybrid program. It has a selective admission process and admission is determined by a points-based system. Review the admission scoring guide [here](#). Incomplete files will not be considered.

- ☐ Complete OTC admission process.
- ☐ Attend an informational session. This is recommended but not required.
- ☐ Complete preadmission courses. Student must email healthsciences@otc.edu if:
 - a passing grade of "C" or better is not achieved after two attempts in any program preadmission requirement, **OR**
 - your anatomy and physiology sequence will be more than 5 years old at the time of your application deadline.
- ☐ **Official transcripts from accredited schools attended other than OTC must be received by OTC Admissions before the application deadline.**
- ☐ **START the ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS, apply.otc.edu. (Note: You will not be able to SUBMIT your application until you have taken your HESI Admission Assessment Exam.)**
- ☐ Complete HESI Admission Assessment Exam **by the application deadline**. Upload the results to **complete and submit** your online application. (See additional information below about HESI Exam testing windows.)
- ☐ The TOEFL is required by student if English is not student's primary language. (See additional information below regarding English Proficiency Requirements.)

HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM:

- A minimum overall score of 75% must be achieved on the HESI Admission Assessment Exam to be considered for the program.
- This test will be delivered seated or online.
- Student will have 4 hours to complete testing.

- HESI Exam instructions will be provided during the online application process when students **START** their application for the Associate of Science in Nursing - Direct Entry program. (HESI Testing Step-by-Step instructions can also be found on the Testing Services page: [OTC Students HESI Testing - OTC Springfield Testing Services](#)) There are **TWO** HESI testing cycles:
 - February 1 – May 1
 - July 1 – December 1
- Please note, you **MUST** take the exam in time to have test results ready **by the deadline** of the program you are applying to.
- You are allowed a **TOTAL of 2 attempts per testing window**.
- The cost is \$75.00 per test online, and \$45.00 per test seated.
- The HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review study resource will be found here:
 - <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323582261?role=student>

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT:

Students whose primary language is not English must document their English language proficiency. This requires:

- Minimum TOEFL iBT passing score of 83, with a minimum speaking score of 26.
- Student must satisfy this requirement by submitting a current TOEFL iBT score (Test of English as a Foreign Language) **during the online application process by the application deadline**.
- Students should register for testing using the [TOEFL](#) website, but only tests administered in a professional test center are accepted.
- The TOEFL report scores are valid for 5 years from the test date.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

- Based upon the program's admission scoring system, the top applicants will be offered a position in the program and will receive information on the necessary steps to complete the program admission.
- Students will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance into the program via the online application portal.
- The accepted students will receive an acceptance packet task list through their OTC email account to complete the admission process.

REAPPLICATION:

- ✓ Applicants and alternates not selected for admission can reapply online for the next deadline.
- ✓ Contact the Health Sciences Office with any questions at (417) 447-8803 or email healthsciences@otc.edu.

Graduation from the OTC ASN Program does not guarantee eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN exam.

OTC cannot guarantee that students classified under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program will receive approval to take the licensure exam after program completion. Please contact the state or national agency that administers the professional licensure exam to inquire about licensure exam requirements.

Background Check – Students with a felony or a significant criminal history may not be able to participate in clinical experiences at some of our sites and may not be able to apply for a license to practice. Contact the Health Sciences Office for additional information by emailing healthsciences@otc.edu.