

ADMISSION (POLICY)

Oglala Lakota College pursues an open door policy in which all qualified students will be admitted without regard to race, religion, origin or political belief. Enrollment in the college does not guarantee admission to any specific program, nor to any and all courses of study. To qualify for full access to college level courses, students must demonstrate minimum 10.1 grade level of reading comprehension as indicated by college readiness assessment (see policy 70-300).

General Admission

All applicants seeking admission to Oglala Lakota College must send each of the items listed below BEFORE , being admitted:

1. Complete Admission Application and declare a major. Students may only declare one major at a time while attending OLC.
2. Furnish a signed official copy of your high school transcript, or official General Education Development (GED) transcripts MANDATORY.
3. High School students who completed in December will submit a letter from the High School Counselor or Principal stating they have completed all requirements for graduation.
4. A student with a Bachelor's Degree or higher will be required to submit documentation verifying the degree awarded.
5. Transfer students must send official college transcripts from all college/universities previously attended.
6. Verification of Tribal Enrollment if the student is a tribal member of a Federally Recognized Tribe.
7. Complete College Readiness Assessment (see policy 70-300).

Any student falsifying information is subject to being dropped from all classes.

Oglala Lakota College does not admit under the Ability to Benefit criteria.

ADMISSION (PROCEDURE)

A. Non-Degree Seeking Students

Non-degree seeking students are students who are taking classes for professional development, certification renewal, or personal fulfillment and do not qualify for financial aid.

- A non-degree seeking student with a baccalaureate degree must provide a copy of their unofficial college transcripts indicating the degree and year awarded.
- A non-degree seeking student with no baccalaureate degree must meet all admission requirements including any pre-requisites in order to receive credit.
- Tribal members wishing to visit the class may do so with instructor and center director approval (see policy 81-950). This is for non-credit.

B. New Entering Freshman Students

New entering freshman students are students who have never attended a college or university must:

- attend mandatory institutional student orientation,
- review the student handbook,
- meet with the academic department advisor,
- complete the course readiness assessment (see policy 70-300),
- review the department handbook.

C. Transfer Students

Transfer students are students who have attended another college/university and with to transfer courses to OLC, students must provide:

- OFFICIAL copy of all college transcripts to the Registrar's office.
- adhere to the general admission criteria
- transfer students who do not have approved transfer college credit for Freshman English and College Algebra must complete the college readiness assessment (see policy 70-300)

D. Degree Specific Admissions

Students who are completing the general education requirements of the declared major must apply for admission into the professional degree area as specified in the Department Specific handbook; students must meet all degree entrance requirements and complete the following:

- Attend departmental specific orientation,
- Meet general admission criteria.

E. Early Entry

- Junior or senior high school students with a GPA of 2.00 or higher may enroll in college level courses (see Policy 80-200-1).
- Early Entry students must complete the college readiness assessment and meet the 10.1 reading level.

F. Readmission

- Former students of Oglala Lakota College not enrolled for two semesters or longer, must apply for readmission to the Registrar.
- Official transcripts of additional work completed at any other college, must be submitted.
- If a student has dropped out for more than two semesters and has not successfully completed Engl 103 or Math103 he/she must complete the college readiness assessment.

G. Admission of Veterans

- Veterans wishing to attend the college may use their veterans educational benefits. Applications may be found on the GI Bill website, <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.
- Continuing students should notify the Registrar to fill out an enrollment certification for the semester (s) he/she will be attending OLC.
- The spouse or child of a former or current service member may also qualify for VA educational benefits.
- The veteran will need to stop in at the Registrar's Office and sign the enrollment certification a month before classes begin to receive certification and authorization prior to registration in order to receive monthly subsistence without delay.

H. General Education Development Classes

- Students who have not completed high school and who do not have a G.E.D. may enroll for free G.E.D. classes at any of the college centers throughout the reservation.
- For further information, contact the college center director or tutor in your local district.