OCC Post Acceptance Checklist

IEC@OCC Students

Congratulations, you are accepted to OCC! Now what do you do? Follow this checklist for a smooth transition into college life.

Purchase OCC Health Insurance

- It is MANDATORY to purchase health insurance from Ascension
- You will need to purchase semester or annual insurance online before registering for classes: http://renstudent.com

Take the OCC Placement Test

- Call the OCC Global Engagement Center at 714-432-5940 to arrange a time to take your assessment tests.
- You must take the Math and English placement tests before you can attend the counseling session and register for English and Math courses
- You must wait one year to retake the English test. For the Math test, there are four different levels. You can select another level anytime, but you must wait 4 months to retake the same level.
- Visit the Assessment Center website for sample tests: http://orangecoastcollege.edu/assessment

Sign up for Counseling Session

- You will get to meet with a counselor to learn about overall degree/transfer requirements and select courses for the upcoming semester
- If you are a new college student (no college transcript), you will attend a group counseling session. You will receive an email invitation for the group counseling. Select the earliest date you can attend and sign up.
- If you have attended college before (in the U.S. and/or in your home country), you will need meet with a counselor in an individual appointment. Please call the Global Engagement Center at 714-432-5940.
- **Please remember to bring your English/ESL and Math assessment results with you to your group counseling session/appointment.**

Register for Classes

- Register for classes as soon as enrollment begins using the MyOCC login information you received by email.
- Refer to the MyOCC reference guide for information on how to use the system.
- Refer to the Course Selection Guide for advice on courses for new international students (most students will start with mostly general courses).

- You should pay for your classes at the time of enrollment to avoid being dropped from classes. If you cannot pay for some unusual reason, please contact us for help. It is wise to enroll early as all F-1 students must enroll in and complete 12 units in Fall and Spring semesters to maintain their legal status. If you are starting OCC in the summer semester you must enroll in and complete 6 units to maintain status in your first semester. Waitlisted classes do not count as enrollment.

Attend Orientation

- You will receive an invitation by email. Sign up on Eventbrite. Attendance is **MANDATORY**. Failure to attend will result in a hold on your account and losing priority registration next semester.

Get OCC I-20

- We will issue you a new I-20 for OCC and will notify you by email when it's ready. Make sure you pick it up before you leave the U.S. if you plan to travel!

Traveling Abroad?

- If you are travelling abroad or are already outside the U.S. during the session break, you must receive OCC I-20 before you can re-enter the U.S.
- Please contact us at least 1 week before you plan to travel. Fill out the "Travel Form" available at the Global Engagement Center front desk or on our website.
- Verify that your passport will be valid for 6 more months from the date of your return to the USA.
- Make sure you have a valid F1 visa. If it is expired you will need to get a new one while you are abroad (Apply using the new OCC I-20).
- You will need to return to the USA and report to OCC no later than the program start date listed on your I-20 and you must remain in the local area until classes begin.

Join the Admitted Student Facebook Group

If you have a Facebook profile, join the admitted student Facebook group! You received an invitation to join and a link to the group in your acceptance email. This is a great way to connect with fellow incoming students

QUESTIONS? Please feel free to contact us for help

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WELCOME TO ORANGE COAST COLLEGE!