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The answer is simple: a highly effective learning community at an affordable cost. The combination of lecture and lab format for most courses gives students a sound academic foundation along with “hands on” learning experiences designed to simulate actual workplace projects. A curriculum that is responsive to workplace and industry-driven demands is offered in a state-of-the-art CAD lab. Students learn valuable skills that make them competitive in the workforce and are able to connect the dots between topics and specialties.

Top 5 Reasons You Should Study Architectural Technology at SUNY Orange

- Students form close working relationships with each other and instructors in a close-knit professional educational environment.
- Graduates enter the workforce as versatile and well-trained employees.
- Transfer opportunities exist for those graduates who wish to pursue a bachelor’s degree.
- The Architecture Club provides an opportunity for students to travel and visit well-known architectural sites and to build upon the camaraderie formed in the classroom.
- Students will leave the program with a digital portfolio of their work.

“In 1989, Orange County Community College provided an undecided student with a solid foundation in architecture that has taken me on an exciting journey of travel and business. I was accepted by the Pratt Institute and became president and director of an architectural subsidiary of a global petroleum company. I now own my own business and hire the best qualified employees—those who have graduated the Architectural Technology program at SUNY Orange.”

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