Applying to the 3 year Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing

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The Bachelor of Science degree offers students the opportunity to obtain their license as a registered nurse while giving them the necessary leadership, education and clinical experience to prepare them for future opportunities within the nursing profession. Applicants will complete 45 quarter hours of prerequisite coursework prior to enrolling (prerequisites are listed below). Once admitted, students will take a combination of nursing and non-nursing coursework in order to complete the requirements for graduation from the program. OHSU only offers nursing coursework so students in this program will be dually enrolled at OHSU and another institution in order to complete the required non-nursing courses. This program is currently offered on five campuses: Ashland, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Monmouth, and Portland. Courses are taught in a traditional classroom setting as well as in simulation laboratories and clinical rotations.

Application Deadlines & Decisions
- This program takes applications once a year for fall entry.
- Applications open each fall with an established application deadline that can be found at: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/deadlines.cfm. All materials must be submitted by the identified deadline. Late applications or application materials will not be accepted.
- Note: Applications close at midnight on the designated deadline date Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Admission Factors
- Prerequisite GPA
- Interview or Proctored essay response where verbal and written communication skills and overall articulation of fit for role and program are assessed (essay or interview instructions will be provided at time of application)
- Additional consideration will be given to applicants with the following (please note these are not admissions requirements)
  - Documented 400 hours or more of healthcare experience (instructions will be supplied at the time of application)
  - Completion of college level microbiology or chemistry course with a grade of "C-" or better
  - Prerequisite credits taken at the host institution -Ashland: Southern Oregon University -Klamath Falls: Oregon Institute of Technology -La Grande: Eastern Oregon University -Monmouth: Western Oregon University

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**Admission Requirements & Eligibility**

All students must have completed 45 quarter/30 semester credits of prerequisites at an accredited institution prior to enrolling in the program. Although students may apply while in the process of completing admissions prerequisites, 30 quarter/20 semester credits must be completed by the end of Fall term. The 30 quarter credits must include Anatomy and Physiology I and Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher. Students who are selected for admission to the nursing program must complete the remaining credits to a total of 45 quarter credits prior to matriculation.

A minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.00 is required for all applicants to be eligible for application review. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the GPA calculation. The general prerequisite standard is that all prerequisites must be taken for a grade of "C-" or higher rather than pass/no pass, must be taken at an accredited institution, and must be college level (100 level or higher).

**Prerequisite Coursework**

Prerequisite courses can be taken from any regionally accredited institution. We have already identified which courses meet our prerequisites for the public institutions in Oregon and Washington. Go to our course equivalency guide linked here: [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/prerequisites.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/prerequisites.cfm) to get more information.

**NOTE:** All science coursework must be taken within the last seven years.

The following courses must be taken and completed prior to starting the School of Nursing OCNE program. In addition applicants are required to have Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Math 95 or higher completed by the end of the fall term prior to the application deadline in order to apply.

- **Anatomy and Physiology** - 12 quarter credits: A full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems. This sequence must be taken in its entirety. The first term of A&P must be completed prior to application to the nursing program; the full sequence must be taken prior to matriculation into the program. Note: Chemistry or Biology may be required prior to the A&P sequence at some colleges/universities; please check individual college requirements.

- **Human Development** - 3 quarter credits: Course should cover the social and psychological developmental process of human life including the full lifespan (birth through death) Courses that cover only a part of the life span will not be accepted.
• Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 (or higher): Competency for Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher must be demonstrated prior to matriculation into the nursing program, either by a math placement test or by successful completion of an appropriate course.

• Nutrition - 3 quarter credits: Class should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients and the relationship of diet to health.

• Written English/English Composition (WR 121 & 122 or equivalent) - 6 quarter credits: Class should involve the development and support of ideas through the medium of written English. Remedial English such as sentence structure and punctuation will not be accepted as sufficient to meet the prerequisite. These courses are preparation for scientific or technical writing, which will be required later in the nursing program. The requirement can also be met through college/university courses that are identified as writing intensive and include the above elements in addition to at least one composition course (i.e. WR 121, 122, or 123). Applicants who have completed a non-nursing bachelor's degree in an English speaking country can use it to meet this requirement. However, additional elective credit may be needed for graduation.

• Social Science Electives - 6 quarter credits: Selection of these electives may serve as a foundation for a focused area of study. Specific options include courses from the following departments: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Business, Criminology, and Sociology.

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| STEP 1: | All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date.
| | The NCAS application fee is $45.00.
| | NCAS runs on Eastern Standard Time and applications will close on the designated date at 12:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST). |

- Set up a NursingCAS account and start your application for the program/campus to which you are applying.
- The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service or Nursing CAS.
- You only apply to one OHSU campus per program.
- You will select your campus (Portland, Ashland, Monmouth, Klamath Falls, or La Grande at this time)
### STEP 2: Upload all required items into your Nursing CAS account and select the designated OHSU program to which you would like to apply.

- All application materials (official transcripts, prerequisite coursework form, and course descriptions) must be received by Nursing CAS by the designated application deadline in order to have your application considered.
- Nursing CAS will not forward incomplete files for review. Please make sure to check your Nursing CAS account to ensure that you have provided all required materials.

### STEP 3: Done. Check back to your NCAS account often as we will e-mail you with status updates and additional information requests.

- The application review process will take approximately 3-4 months to complete. You will be notified when admission decisions have been made.

**Materials that will be submitted as part of your Nursing CAS Application**

- You will be asked to submit official transcripts from ALL institutions that you have ever attended as part of your application. Follow the instructions provided in your Nursing CAS application to submit your official transcripts to Nursing CAS directly.

Please send questions about your NCAS application to NCAS direct and questions about our program materials and application requirements to OHSU at proginfo@ohsu.edu.

**Additional Resources**

- A sample program of study can be found online, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/programs-of-study-page.cfm
- Application Deadlines: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/undergrad_deadlines.cfm
- Tuition and Fees: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm
- Scholarship information: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/scholarships.cfm
- Program Graduation Requirements: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/upload/bs-requirements.pdf

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FAQs for Applying to the 3 Year BS with a major in nursing

What are the minimum requirements to apply for the program?
Applicants will need:

- 3.0 prerequisite GPA
- 30 college credits
- Anatomy and Physiology 1 completed for a grade
- Math 95 or higher completed for a grade

What is the deadline and start dates for this program?
The application opens in September each year and closes in February. Applicants will receive a decision letter in early June and will begin the program at the end of September.

How much is Tuition and Fees?
The full tuition and fees sheet can be found online and will vary by campus, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm.

Can I apply to multiple campuses?
Although our program is offered on 5 different campuses (Portland, Ashland, Monmouth, La Grande and Klamath Falls) the School of Nursing only allows applicants to specify one campus as the main campus they apply to.

What is the difference between the 3 year Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing (B.S.) and the Accelerated BS (ABS) program?
Both the 3 year B.S. and ABS programs yield the same degree: a Bachelor's of Science with a major in Nursing. However, they offer different paths to get to this degree.

Our Accelerated Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing degree is a program for people who have or will have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field prior to matriculation but are wishing to earn their B.S. with a major in Nursing. Applicants with an accredited bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing or those anticipating the degree prior to starting the nursing program must complete eight additional prerequisite courses, which must be taken with a grade of "B-" or better. Once admitted, students will start the program in the summer and complete a generalist nursing curriculum that is comprised of five (5) intensive, consecutive quarters of full time nursing coursework required to achieve a B.S. with a major in Nursing. The B.S. degree is awarded at the successful completion of the undergraduate coursework, and graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). The ABS program looks at a cumulative GPA, which must be above a 3.0.
The 3 year B.S. program is for people who have no previous degree or for people with a previous bachelor degree in another field. Applicants must do their 45 quarter credit hours of prerequisite requirements for one year at any accredited institution. Applicants must earn a "C-" or better in all prerequisite courses to be eligible. Once admitted, students will start the program in the fall of each year and complete a generalist nursing curriculum. Students will take classes and work with nurse preceptors in clinical settings with varying hours and schedules. This program is over a three year period and includes both nursing and non-nursing coursework; students have summers off. The B.S. degree is awarded at the successful completion of the undergraduate coursework, and graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). The OCNE program looks at applicants' prerequisite GPAs only, which must be above a 3.0.

Can I accelerate through the 3 year B.S. program if I already have a bachelor's degree or many of the courses from the program completed?
No. Students who already have bachelor degrees or a lot of previous course credit can transfer credits toward our general education and non-nursing requirements if their credits are from accredited institutions, if the courses are college level, and they received a "C-" or higher in the courses. This would not make you advance through the program any faster (it would still take three years); no students are allowed to accelerate through this program. However, your course load for each term would be lighter as you would only be taking the nursing courses. The specific sample program of study can be found online, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/upload/OHSU-BS-Degree-POS-Statewide.pdf.

Can I complete either the 3 year B.S. or ABS program part-time, or are they offered online?
No, these bachelor programs are full-time programs of study not offered via distance education. To see a sample schedule of courses please visit our program of study website, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/programs-of-study-page.cfm.

Where does OHSU rank with other nursing schools?
U.S. News and World Report ranks the OHSU School of Nursing among the top ten schools of nursing in the nation. The school's midwifery program is ranked number one in the nation. This document is a guide; final decisions regarding the acceptance of prerequisite course work is made by the OHSU Registrar's Office. The OHSU School of Nursing reserves the right to make changes to the academic program structure.

Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy
Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender
discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Michael Tom, Director of the Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity (AAEO) Dept., 503-494-5148, tomm@ohsu.edu. Mailing address: OHSU, Mail code MP240, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239. Office: Marquam Plaza