APPLYING TO THE 3 YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING

The Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing 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 must complete 45 quarter / 30 semester hours of prerequisite coursework prior to enrolling. 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 may 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.

Admission Factors

- **Prerequisite GPA**: Minimum of 3.0. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the GPA calculation.
- **Completion of 45 quarter / 30 semester hours of prerequisite coursework** prior to enrolling.
- **Interview**: Verbal & written communication skills, and overall articulation of fit for role and program.

Additional admissions consideration will be given to applicants with the following:

- If **Anatomy & Physiology plus lab** series is completed by the end of fall 2016 term.
- If all **required prerequisites are completed** by the end of fall 2016 term.
- **Documented 400 hours+ of human healthcare** work or volunteer experience. Signature from supervisor is required.
- **Completion of microbiology and/or chemistry** course with a grade of "C-" or better. Applicants are encouraged to have microbiology with lab completed prior to matriculation. This course will be a required co-requisite during the first term in the nursing program and a required prerequisite for students starting the nursing program in fall 2018.
- **Credits taken at these host institutions**: Southern Oregon University (SOU) if applying to Ashland, Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) if applying to Klamath Falls, Eastern Oregon University (EOU) if applying to La Grande, Western Oregon University (WOU) if applying to Monmouth. This is not a factor for the Portland campus.
- **Supplemental Questions** - OHSU School of Nursing looks at students holistically and as such the supplemental questionnaire allows admissions to get to know applicants. The supplemental questionnaire is optional and not required; however it can help and be factored into your overall application.
- Exhibited understanding and value for working with diverse and underrepresented communities.
Admission Requirements & Eligibility

All students must have completed 45 quarter/30 semester credits of prerequisites at a regionally accredited institution prior to enrolling in the nursing program; 30 quarter/20 semester credits must be completed by the end of fall 2016 term. The 30 quarter credits must include completion of Anatomy & Physiology I and Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher by the end of all 2016 term.

Prerequisite Coursework

All prerequisites must be taken for a grade of "C-" or higher, must be taken at a regionally accredited institution, and must be college level. All natural science coursework must be taken within the last 7 years (Anatomy & Physiology series and Nutrition). The following courses must be completed prior to enrolling in the 3 year Bachelors of Science with a major in Nursing (OCNE) program.

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 submitting the application by fall 2016 term; the full sequence must be taken prior to matriculation into the program.

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. Note: Coursework can be taken in 2 separate courses as long as both courses cover the full lifespan from birth to death. i.e. Psychology 235 & Psychology 236.

Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 (or higher) Competency for Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher must be demonstrated by the end of Fall 2016 term, either by a math placement test (score report must be added to application file) placing out of math 95 or by successful completion of an appropriate course. Please note: for Oregon State Schools Math 98 alone does not meet our prerequisite requirement. Options include taking Math 95 – OR - both Math 98 and Math 105 – OR - taking Math 111 or higher.

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). Please note: 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.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Step 1: Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at www.ohsu.edu/son in the tab “Admissions & Prospective Students”, then select “Applying”. This Applying page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

Step 2: The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service (Nursing CAS). You must set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s)).
  
  Mail transcripts to: NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471

- **Manually enter every college course ever taken** into your Nursing CAS account (this includes all prerequisite & non-prerequisite courses).

- **Prerequisite course descriptions document**. Upload to the Documents section in Nursing CAS. Applicants must create an original document listing the completed and in progress prerequisite course descriptions.

- **Healthcare documentation form** (if applicable). Upload the form to the documents section in Nursing CAS. Healthcare experience will not be considered if you do not submit the signed documentation form.

- **7-year time limit waiver form** (if applicable). Upload to the Documents section in Nursing CAS.

Step 4: Once the above steps have been completed in your Nursing CAS application, you must submit your application via Nursing CAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with the Nursing CAS office to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts.

Nursing CAS Technical Support: 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am -7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the Nursing CAS system.
Step 5: All students applying to an OHSU Nursing program must submit an OHSU supplemental application. The link to this application can be found on our “Applying” webpage. Your OHSU supplemental application must be submitted by the stipulated deadline date.

Application Deadlines
This program begins in the fall term, and is offered full time. Applications open each fall with an application deadline of February 15. All materials must be submitted through NursingCAS by the deadline. Applications close at midnight (EST) or 9pm (PST) on the designated deadline date.

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.