Accelerated Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing

In order to meet the growing demand for nursing education for people who have or will have a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field, OHSU School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Bachelors of Science with a major in nursing degree program (ABS). The ABS program is designed to allow those students who currently have or will have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a major other than nursing to take the nursing courses required to get the B.S. with a major in nursing. This generalist nursing program is five quarters of full-time nursing coursework starting summer term and is available on both the Portland and Ashland campuses. This program will prepare the graduate for R.N. licensure and will also give interested students the necessary credentials to pursue a graduate degree in nursing. At the completion of the Bachelor of Science Nursing curriculum, the B.S. degree is awarded and graduates are eligible for professional registered nurse licensing examinations.

Application Deadlines & Decisions

- This program begins in the summer term and is offered full time at the OHSU Marquam Hill campus in Portland or Ashland only.
- 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

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA
- Essay or interview response where verbal and written communication skills and overall articulation of fit for role and program are assessed.
- Exhibited understanding and value for working with diverse and underrepresented communities.

Admission Requirements & Eligibility

The following are the requirements for admission into the OHSU School of Nursing Accelerated Bachelors program. International students: Please see the international applicant web page for additional requirements if you are a resident of a country other than the United States.

In order to be eligible to apply all applicants must have:

- A bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. Individuals with an Associate's Degree or Bachelors Degree in Nursing are not eligible to apply for this program.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college level courses will be used to calculate).
- Completed at least one term of Anatomy and Physiology by the application deadline and have a reasonable plan to complete all prerequisite coursework prior to matriculation.
- All prerequisites must be completed with a B- or higher. Any grade in a prerequisite course that is below this minimum requirement will be cause for disqualification.
- All science coursework must be taken within the last seven years which includes: Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition, Microbiology, Genetics, and Statistics.

**Prerequisite Coursework**
The following courses are required to be completed prior to matriculation.

**Human 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. **At least one term of Anatomy and Physiology must be complete at the time of application. Applicants cannot be reviewed until a grade for this course has been received.**

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

**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.

**Microbiology with lab** – 3-4 quarter credits: Basic Microbiology with laboratory component. If a course in microbiology with laboratory is available for only 3 quarter credits, then this will be accepted.

**Introduction to Genetics** (a course or a module within a course) – 3-4 quarter credits: Any human biology course that includes a human genetics component and indicates this inclusion in the college catalog course description. This requirement cannot be met through the Microbiology or Anatomy and Physiology courses.

**Statistics** – 3-4 quarter credits: Course needs to include both descriptive and inferential components. If there is a choice between one type or another, take the descriptive. It is not necessary to take two courses in order to get inferential statistics. Statistics may be taken in any department (e.g. Math, Psychology, Business, etc.)
Prerequisite coursework advising:
Find out if your previous coursework will meet our prerequisite requirements. Go to course equivalency guide for more information about courses at OR and WA schools that meet our requirements.

Applying to OHSU School of Nursing:

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<th>STEP 1: Set up a NursingCAS account and start your application for the program/campus to which you are applying.</th>
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<td>• The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service or Nursing CAS.</td>
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<td>• All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date.</td>
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<td>• The NCAS application fee is $45.00.</td>
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<th>STEP 2: Upload all required items into your Nursing CAS account and select the designated OHSU program to which you would like to apply.</th>
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<td>• 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.</td>
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<td>• 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.</td>
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<th>• STEP 3: Done. Check back to your NCAS account often as we will e-mail you with status updates and additional information requests.</th>
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<td>• The application review process will take approximately 3-4 months to complete. You will be notified when admission decisions have been made.</td>
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Materials that will be submitted as part of your Nursing CAS Application

- You may be asked to submit an essay response as part of your application. Once applications are open you will be able to find the essay question(s) for your program at the following link: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm. Complete the essay question and upload your essay response to your Nursing CAS application. After uploading your personal statement, go to “Designations” on the home page of your Nursing CAS account, select “designated schools” then Oregon Health & Science University and ATTACH the personal statement to your designated program.
- You will indicate which campus you are applying to when selecting the Accelerated Bachelor (Ashland or Portland) campus application in Nursing CAS.
- 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 directly and questions about our program materials and application requirements to OHSU at proginfo@ohsu.edu.

Helpful Resources:

**Prerequisites:** http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/accelerated_bs_prereqs.cfm

**Application Deadlines:** http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/undergrad_deadlines.cfm

**Program of Study:** http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/programs-of-study-page.cfm

**Financing your education:** Start planning to finance your nursing education now. Review the tuition and fees and potential limitations for receiving federal aid here: 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

This document is a guide only; 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.

**FAQs for Applying to the Accelerated BS with a Major in Nursing**

**What is the deadline and start dates for this program?**

The application opens in September each year and closes in early January. Applicants will receive a decision letter in April and will begin the program at the end of June. For the last three years we have been able to offer a fall cohort as well. This cohort will have the same deadlines and notifications as the summer cohort. The fall cohort would start the program at the end of September.

**How much are Tuition and Fees?**

The estimated tuition and fees sheet can be found online and will vary by campus and does not include living expenses or books, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm
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 deadline for applications for this program is typically January 15.

The 3 year B.S. program is for people who have no previous degree or for people with a previous bachelor's 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. The deadline for applications for this program is typically February 15.

Can I complete either the 3 year B.S. or ABS program part-time, or are they offered online?

No, these bachelor's 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 graduate programs for 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.

Please send questions about program information to proginfo@ohsu.edu.
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