ACCELERATED BACHELOR TO MASTER’S PROGRAM  
(MASTER OF NURSING OR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE)

The School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s program with three tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse-Midwifery and Psychiatric Mental Health. This accelerated option allows students to pre-identify their graduate area of interest and enroll seamlessly into the Family, Midwifery or Psychiatric Mental Health graduate courses directly after completing the undergraduate nursing degree to achieve the Master of Nursing or the Doctor of nursing Practice degree. This pathway is a great option for applicants who are already familiar with one of these specialty areas and is seeking an advanced practice degree. **This option is only available on the Portland campus and additional application items are required.**

ACCELERATED BACHELOR PROGRAM (ABS)

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 portion of the 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 on the Portland campus. This program will prepare the graduate for R.N. licensure and to transition seamlessly into the graduate coursework for one of the specialties listed below.

ABS TO FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

In Oregon, family nurse practitioners deliver critically important services especially to rural and medically underserved populations. Family nurse practitioners apply advanced knowledge and clinical skills in many facets of healthcare, including providing prenatal care and family-planning services; providing well-child care; obtaining medical histories and performing physical examinations; diagnosing, treating, and monitoring acute health problems and chronic diseases; ordering, performing and interpreting diagnostic studies. FNP’s have prescriptive rights and work in a variety of settings including clinics, businesses, physician offices, independent nurse practitioner offices, and schools of nursing.

ABS TO NURSE-MIDWIFERY

The Nurse-Midwifery program at OHSU prepares students to meet the unique health care needs of women. Nurse-Midwives provide primary and gynecologic care to women as well as specialty care and support for expecting mothers and their infants. In addition to studying the reproductive science, students examine the influences of culture, tradition and the social, economic and political forces that influence the health of women. The program strives to prepare compassionate, skilled clinician-scholars willing to address issues that affect the lives of women. The faculty have three priorities for their graduates: a scientific basis for clinical practice, clinical competence, and a perspective that views a woman in the context of her family. All faculty in the program participate in a faculty practice, which serves as a
primary learning site for students. Other clinical opportunities are provided in community health centers, health maintenance organizations, migrant health clinics, and private practices. Students receive more than 1000 hours of supervised clinical practice in the program.

After achieving the BS in nursing, students will begin the midwifery core and specialty courses. This combination prepares our students for practice in the field and simultaneously provides a framework for clinical leadership and policy that is critical for any midwife in practice.

ABS TO PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares graduates for advanced specialty practice with a dual emphasis on intervention through psychotherapy and psychopharmacology. PMHNP's intervene with vulnerable populations and promote mental health across the lifespan. They work with children, adolescents, adults, and older persons in a variety of settings, including community mental health clinics, public health departments, hospitals and outpatient mental health clinics, health maintenance organizations, government facilities, schools of nursing, and independent private practice.

After achieving the BS in nursing, students will begin the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty and graduate courses. The PMHNP program at OHSU School of Nursing has earned a national reputation for its emphasis on primary mental healthcare. Students study the interaction among biological and neurophysiological vulnerabilities, psychological and developmental factors, and social and physical environmental stressors. Supervised clinical experience is available primarily in community-based agencies and programs.

Application Deadlines & Decisions

- This program begins in the summer and is offered full time at the OHSU Marquam Hill campus in Portland, OR only.
- Applications open each fall with established application deadlines 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).

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA
- Essay response & Interview
- GRE scores
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY

The following are the requirements for admission into the OHSU School of Nursing Accelerated Bachelors to Master’s/D.N.P. degree programs. 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 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.*
- 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 science prerequisites must be taken within the last seven years which includes: Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition, Microbiology, and Genetics. *Note the Statistics prerequisite must be met within 5 years.*
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college level courses will be used to calculate).
- Meet minimum GRE scores. OHSU recommends a minimum score of 500 in each section (verbal and quantitative) as well as a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0 for the scoring scale used prior to August 2011 or a 144 in the quantitative section, 153 in the verbal section, and a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0 to be competitive.
  - Applicants who already hold a graduate degree from an accredited US institution do not need to take the GRE.
- Letters of Recommendation: Applicants must submit three letters of reference using the NursingCAS reference form. OHSU prefers that applicants submit references from the following: a supervisor, an instructor, a co-worker or similar role.

**Prerequisite Coursework**

The following courses are required to be completed with a “B-” or better in each course prior to matriculation.

**Human Anatomy & Physiology** - A full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems. This sequence must be taken in its entirety. 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** - Class should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients and the relationship of diet to health.

**Human Growth and Development** - The developmental process of human life covering the full life span. Courses that cover only a part of the life span will not be accepted.

**Microbiology, with lab** - Basic Microbiology with laboratory component
Introduction to Human Genetics - 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 - Course needs to include both descriptive and inferential components. If there is a choice between one type and another, then 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.) This course must be completed within 5 years of matriculation into the program.

Sample of Scholarly Work (Acc Bacc to DNP applicants only):
Applicants to the DNP program track are required to submit a sample of scholarly writing. This can include a professional work sample that is evidence based, with citations and references, an article you have authored (and if co-authored highlight the sections that you contributed to) or, a paper from your undergraduate program that synthesizes evidence, using citations and references (this should not be a reflection type paper).

- **Note:** If you do not have this type of work to submit, please let us know; we can arrange for you to write an article analysis in response to an article that we provide you.

- **Upload** your sample of scholarly work to the documents section of your NCAS application.

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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**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, course descriptions and essay) 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: Exam Scores | • Send your GRE scores to OHSU directly via 4900.  
| • International applicants only send TOEFL scores to OHSU directly via 4900. |

| • STEP 4: 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**

- Please submit an essay/personal statement response as part of your application. Between September 15 and your application deadline, 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](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.

- Please submit the supplemental questionnaire found here: [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm) as part of your application and upload to the documents section of your NCAS application.

- Please submit 3 letters of references as part of your application. You will be able to send the electronic reference form from your Nursing CAS account.

- Please submit a resume or vitae as part of your application. Please PDF this item(s) and upload to the documents section of your Nursing CAS account.

- Send your official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores from the general test from ETS directly to OHSU School of Nursing. Our GRE code is 4900.

- You will be asked to submit official transcripts from ALL institutions that you have ever attended as part of your application to NCAS. Follow the instructions provided in your Nursing CAS application to submit your official transcripts to Nursing CAS directly.
  - Note: Order 2-3 copies of your transcripts to keep for your records for later use if needed upon matriculation.

- 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:
A sample program of study for each program 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/graduate_deadlines.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; 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

Can I complete this program part-time, or is it offered online?
No, these 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.

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 between March - April and will begin the program at the end of June. Students go through 5 consecutive terms of undergraduate coursework and then enters directly into the graduate program.

How much are Tuition and Fees?
The estimated tuition and fees sheet can be found online and will vary by specialty and does not include living expenses or books, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm

Where does OHSU rank with other nursing schools?
U.S. News and World Report rank’s the OHSU School of Nursing graduate programs 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 proinfo@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

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