APPLYING TO THE NURSE-MIDWIFERY PROGRAM
(Master of Nursing, Post Master, or Doctor of Nursing Practice)

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 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 has 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.

The Nurse-Midwifery (NM) program of study has been designed to offer a combination of graduate core courses, advanced practice core and NM 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.

Note: An Accelerated Bachelor to Master’s with the Midwifery specialty is available for applicants that hold a bachelor degree in another field but not in nursing. Please review the specific application instructions for the Accelerated Bachelor to Master’s program found on this page: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/index.cfm.

Course Delivery
This program begins in the fall and is offered full time at the OHSU Marquam Hill campus in Portland, OR. Students in this program are eligible for certification after completing two years and receiving the master of nursing degree. They may also elect to complete an additional year of education and receive the doctor of nursing practice degree. Either option offers a practice-focused curriculum that will support the career trajectory for those pursuing expert clinical practice and leadership as a certified Nurse-Midwife.

Application Deadlines & Decisions
Applications open each September for a fall term entry 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 in order to receive priority* consideration.

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Late applications may be accepted after the priority deadline if seats are still available but this is not guaranteed. Applicants wanting to receive full consideration should submit all materials by the identified deadline(s).

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 and Interview
- GRE scores (and TOEFL scores for international applicants if applicable)

Admission Requirements & Eligibility

Applicants must have the following materials in order to apply. If you are an international student please see the international applicant web page for additional requirements if you are a resident of a country other than the United States.

Prior Degree

Applicants need a B.S. with a major in nursing or B.S.N. degree from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

R.N. Status

- Must have or be eligible for an Oregon registered nurse license upon application.
- Must be licensed in the state of Oregon prior to matriculation.

Work Experience: One year of labor and delivery experience is recommended.

Grade Point Average

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Minimum science GPA of a 3.0 (this includes coursework from departments such as anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, physiology, etc.)

Statistics: Must successfully pass a basic statistics course with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entry into the master's program. Post Master Certificate Option applicants are not required to complete statistics.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores: Applicants are required to submit official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores from the general test from ETS. The OHSU School of Nursing GRE code is 4900. 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 as part of their application. Electronic reference forms are located and sent out via the online Nursing CAS application system. It is preferable that applicants submit references from the following:
  - A supervisor, & an instructor, & an co-worker or other

**Entrance Essay Question**

- You will be asked to provide a written essay(s) as part of your application. Please see the link to the essay instructions for this program located on this page:
  http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm

**Sample of Scholarly Work**

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.
Applying to OHSU School of Nursing Via Nursing CAS (NCAS)

**STEP 1:** Set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program/campus 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.
- The NCAS application fee is $65.00.
- NCAS runs on Eastern Standard Time and applications will close on the designated date at 12:00 PM EST.

**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, essay responses, vitae, & letters of reference) must be received by Nursing CAS by the designated application deadline in order to have your application considered. See the full list and instructions below.
- 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.

- You will be notified when admission decisions have been made.

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**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 3 letters of reference as part of your application. You will be able to send the electronic reference form your Nursing CAS account.

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

Additional 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.

FAQ's

What can I do with an advanced practice graduate nursing degree?

There are many opportunities and options for advanced practice nurses. Nurses are discovering the path to ensuring continued upward mobility in their profession, greater personal satisfaction and, not the least, a greater impact on the lives of patients. That path is the professional credential of a graduate degree in nursing. A graduate degree in nursing can open career doors and unlock personal potential.

What is a nurse practitioner (NP)?
A Nurse Practitioner is an advanced practice nurse with master's or post-master's education. The NP is a skilled health care provider who provides direct care to patients and families in primary care settings. Certified Nurse Midwives do prenatal, labor and delivery and postnatal care.

What clinical experiences may be available to me during the program?

Clinical sites include private office, such as nurse practitioner owned practices, large health institutions, such as HMOs, migrant and Indian Health Centers and county health departments. Because Oregon is a largely rural state, students can obtain experiences serving rural and or underserved populations. These opportunities may be two or more hours from the Portland metropolitan area. Students find rural opportunities autonomous and highly rewarding. OHSU SON faculty are responsible for arranging clinical placements for the students.

Who are my faculty and lecturers?

All OHSU Midwifery faculty are nationally certified nurse practitioners, who practice in a variety of settings. Many faculty and guest lecturers are known experts in their field as OHSU is part of a large academic health center. This is advantageous as these experts lecture from their relevant clinical experiences and programs of research, providing students with the latest medical evidence.

Do I need work experience to apply to the master's program?

Yes, at least one year of experience as a registered nurse is highly recommended.

How long does the master's program take?

The estimated length of time to complete the master's degree is two years.

Can I take classes’ part time?

Due to limited space, course schedules in the Midwifery program are for full-time study only.

Do most students work during the Midwifery program?

Many students work part time, usually 8-16 hours/week the first year and fewer hours the second year as clinical requirements increase.

When are the courses and clinical experiences offered?

Courses and clinical experiences are generally day time hours Monday through Friday, with minimal evening lab offerings. The faculty strives to cluster classes 1-3 days/week to allow greater access to clinical opportunities.

Are there courses required prior to admission?

Yes. Master's students must have successfully passed a statistics course within five years prior to entry into the program. If this requirement has not been met at the time of application, the
student will be required to take a statistics course (graduate or undergraduate) prior to the first quarter of the program.

**Can I take courses without being admitted into the graduate nursing program?**

Yes. You may take up to nine (9) credits total as a non-degree student on the OHSU main campuses if you are a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree, with the permission of the course faculty. For example, some students have elected to take required courses such as Pathophysiology prior to matriculating. Close communication with a faculty advisor is recommended prior to enrolling as a non-degree student.

**Is there a matriculation (enrollment) deposit?**

Yes, once you have received a letter of acceptance to the program, you must submit a deposit of $200.00 to the OHSU School of Nursing in order to hold your place in the cohort. Failure to do so in the time allotted may forfeit your place and an alternate will be selected. The matriculation fee is applied towards payment of tuition for the first term of the 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](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm)

**Gainful Employment Disclosure**

[http://www.ohsu.edu/academic/gainful-employment/Gedt_NMID/Gedt.html](http://www.ohsu.edu/academic/gainful-employment/Gedt_NMID/Gedt.html)

**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](mailto:tomm@ohsu.edu). Mailing address: OHSU, Mail code MP240, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239. Office: Marquam Plaza