The Baccalaureate Completion Program for RNs (RNBS) offers the upper division nursing coursework designed to prepare current nurses with additional breadth and depth in nursing theory and practice. Two pathways available:

- **Baccalaureate Completion for OCNE “RN’s”:** Graduates of our OCNE partner Community College nursing programs (Blue Mountain CC, Clackamas CC, Lane CC, Mt. Hood CC, Portland CC, Rogue CC, Southwestern Oregon CC, Treasure Valley CC, Umpqua CC) are eligible to transition to the OHSU “Virtual” campus to complete the BS in nursing. Students on this pathway will join recent nursing graduates and current nurses in our virtual classroom starting in either fall or spring term on a full or part time basis. Theory courses are delivered online and your clinical placements are located in Oregon in your home community. There is a required face-to-face orientation in Portland at the beginning of the program, and a two-day in-person conference in Salem (at the end of NRS 410B). Students will:
  - Complete their AAS at their Community College Partner School and would be NCLEX eligible.
  - Would need to complete the NCLEX and have an Oregon RN license by the end of the first term at OHSU Transfer NRS224 Integrative Practicum to OHSU for 9 credits of upper division nursing coursework.
  - Take classes online and would have mentored clinical experiences in an appropriate site in their geographical area (within Oregon and border counties in Washington).
  - Would typically finish the B.S. nursing courses in up to 6 quarters as a part-time student or 3 quarters as a full-time student.
  - May need to complete required non-nursing courses while taking the nursing courses or after completion of the nursing courses.

- **Baccalaureate Completion for traditional “RN’s”:** As an applicant with an Associate’s degree in nursing from a community college that is not affiliated with the OCNE partnership, you will complete 39 nursing credits.
  - All students in the RNBS program must be licensed to practice in Oregon. Theory courses are offered online. There will be a required on-campus orientation for new students and a 1-2 day conference at the end of NRS 410. Clinical placement courses take place as close to the student's home community as possible. This program is offered with full time and part-time options. Many students continue to work as RNs while going to school part time.
Application Deadlines
This program takes applications for fall and spring terms.

- Application deadlines vary depending on the entry term and can be found on the deadlines page of our website.
- 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 decisions are based on:

- Completion of prerequisite courses listed below. These courses must be 100 level or above and taken for a grade at a regionally accredited institution. The minimum acceptable grade is a C-.
- All applicants are expected to have basic computer competencies in word processing, electronic file management, email and web browsing.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Prerequisite Coursework
Applicants must complete the following coursework with a grade "C-" or better in each course:

- 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.
- 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 may not be met through the Microbiology or Anatomy and Physiology courses.
- 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.
• 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.

• Technical or Research Writing – 3 quarter credits: Class should involve the development and support of ideas through the medium of written English. Technical or scientific research writing is typically the third part in an English Composition series. Applicants who have completed a non-nursing bachelor's degree in an English speaking country can use it to meet this requirement.

• Social Science Electives - 3 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.

• Humanities Electives – 3 quarter credits: English (non-composition), foreign languages, history of art or art appreciation, history of music or music appreciation, linguistics, philosophy, religion, speech or theatre arts and women’s studies.

Recommended prior to admission:

• Statistics – Statistics is strongly recommended as a prerequisite or co-requisite of NRS 411 Epidemiology course, a nursing course required in the OCNE curriculum.

Additional non-nursing requirements needed for graduation:
The following additional non-nursing courses may be completed prior to admission, or can be taken concurrently while completing the RNBS program nursing courses:

• Humanities – 6 quarter credits
• Social Science – 6 quarter credits
• Upper Division Non-Nursing: general electives (300 or 400 level) 15 quarter credits.
• Lower Division Non-Nursing: general electives (100-200 level) 19 quarter credits.
• Foreign Language Competency – can be met by: 1) two years of one foreign language in high school, 2) two terms of one foreign language at the college level, or 3) a language proficiency examination.
Time to graduation:
All required courses (both nursing and non-nursing) in the RNBS program must be completed within five years of admission in order to graduate. Once R.N.s are admitted to the program, the expectation is that they will enroll continuously, taking one or two courses a term, until they finish.

Applying to OHSU School of Nursing:

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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>• The NCAS application fee is $45.00.</td>
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Materials that will be submitted as part of your Nursing CAS Application
• You will 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](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm).
  o Complete the essay question and upload your essay response to your Nursing CAS application. Once uploaded go the “designation section in NCAS” and click on “designated schools”, select OHSU RNBS, and then attach your essay to the “OHSU RNBS” 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.

- 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.

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 RN/BS

Who is eligible for the RNBS program?
The RNBS program is for licensed Registered Nurses who already have their Associate's degree or diploma in nursing and are ready to earn their Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing.

How is the RNBS program structured?
The RNBS program has full time and part time programs of study. The full time plan for Traditional students consists of 4 terms of nursing, while the part time plan consists of seven terms of nursing. See here: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/programs-of-study-page.cfm for more information.

How does the RNBS program relate to the OCNE curriculum?
The OHSU School of Nursing has partnered with eight of Oregon's community colleges to develop and implement the innovative Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) curriculum. Students entering the RNBS Program from OCNE partner schools move directly into senior level OCNE courses and complete a total of 33 nursing credits at OHSU. Students who have graduated from a non-OCNE community college will complete two 3-credit transition courses to introduce the major concepts of the OCNE curriculum, and then move into the senior level OCNE courses. All RNBS students graduate with an OHSU Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing degree.

How long is the program?
The time to graduation depends on the students’ programs of study how many non-nursing courses they have left to complete. Full time students can complete the program in 3 to 5 terms. Part time students can complete the program in 7 terms. All required courses (both nursing and non-nursing requirements remaining upon admission) must be completed within five years of admission in order to graduate.
Does the program have residency restrictions?
RNBS students must live in the state of Oregon or in the counties that border Oregon in Washington, Idaho, or California. Clinical options are not available for people who live beyond this area, and thus they are not eligible for this program.

Is there any required in-person instruction?
The in-person orientation event is mandatory. All theory courses are delivered entirely online. Clinical placements/practicums are arranged in students’ home communities for NRS 410B (Population-Based Care) and NRS 426A (Integrative Practicum). There is also a 1-2 conference at the end of NRS 410B (usually held in Salem). Attendance at graduation is not required but it is highly encouraged.

Additional Resources
- A sample program of study can be found online, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/upload/RNBS-OCNE-Trad-Spring-Fall-Start-POS.pdf
- 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
- Financial Aid and Scholarship information: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/scholarships.cfm

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