

## **International Applicant - Bachelor of Science Program (B.S. OCNE or A.B.S.)**

1. You must fulfill the general requirements as described in the undergraduate program page.
2. You must have a passing score on the following exams:
  - For the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) a score of 560 for the paper version, 220 for the computer version, or 83 for the internet version.
  - A score of 4.5 on the Test of Written English (TWE),
  - A score of 55 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE), which are two components of the TOEFL.

OHSU School of Nursing requires all three test scores. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the appropriate SON faculty Admission & Progression Committee.

3. If you have college level foreign transcripts, you must have a course-by-course evaluation of your foreign transcripts by a transcript and credential evaluation service.

## **International Applicant - Bachelor of Science Program for RNs (R.N.B.S.)**

1. You must fulfill the general requirements as described in the RNBS requirements page.
2. You must have a full Oregon nursing license. This requires that you have passed the State Board of Nursing NCLEX exam. OHSU School of Nursing recommends that international students prepare for the NCLEX by taking the CGFNS (Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools) exam in your home country.
3. If you have college level foreign transcripts, you must have a course-by-course evaluation of your foreign transcripts by a transcript and credential evaluation service.
4. If your initial credentials were earned outside of the US, you must have your credentials evaluated by a transcript and credential evaluation service.
5. You must have a passing score on the following exams:
  - For the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) a score of 560 for the paper version, 220 for the computer version, or 83 for the internet version.
  - A score of 4.5 on the Test of Written English (TWE),
  - A score of 55 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE), which are two components of the TOEFL.

OHSU School of Nursing requires all three test scores. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the appropriate SON faculty Admission & Progression Committee.

## **International Applicant - Graduate and Doctoral Programs**

1. You must fulfill the general requirements as described for the graduate or doctoral programs Web pages.

2. You must have a full Oregon nursing license. This requires that you have passed the State Board of Nursing [NCLEX exam](#). OHSU School of Nursing recommends that international students prepare for the NCLEX by taking the CGFNS (Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools) exam in your home country.
3. If you have college level foreign transcripts, you must have a course-by-course evaluation of your foreign transcripts by a [transcript and credential evaluation service](#).
4. If your initial credentials were earned outside of the US, you must have your credentials evaluated by a [transcript and credential evaluation service](#).
5. You must have a passing score on the following exams:
  - For the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) a score of 560 for the paper version, 220 for the computer version, or 83 for the internet version.
  - A score of 4.5 on the Test of Written English (TWE),
  - A score of 55 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE), which are two components of the TOEFL.

OHSU School of Nursing requires all three test scores. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the appropriate SON faculty Admission & Progression Committee.

## Suggested Timeline

Below is a proposed schedule for accomplishing the requirements for application and admission to OHSU School of Nursing. Please note that this timeline may vary depending on which OHSU program you are applying to. Also, many of the items below can be accomplished ahead of this timeline.

Date	Task(s) to Accomplish
September	• Take TOEFL Exam now (or before)
September	• Submit transcripts for evaluation (or before), it takes 3 weeks to get application
September	• Take <a href="#">GRE</a> (if required) now (or before)
November	• Prepare online application and all materials including fee
November	• Take CGFNS if necessary • Retake TOEFL exam if necessary
November 1	• OHSU application deadline for graduate programs
October 1	• OHSU application deadline for RNBS program - spring entry
January 15	• OHSU application deadline for the ABS program
February 15	• OHSU application deadline for the standard undergraduate OCNE program
March-June	• Notification of admission status to OHSU • If admitted, apply to Oregon State Board of Nursing (if required) • If admitted, register for NCLEX (4-6 weeks prior to taking exam, if required)
June-August	• Take NCLEX exam no later than mid-August • Start OHSU School of Nursing program

## State Board of Nursing Information

### NCLEX Licensure Exam

#### Full Oregon License

To obtain a full Oregon nursing license you must take the Oregon Registered Nurse Licensing Examination (NCLEX). Before you will be allowed to take the NCLEX, you must fulfill ONE of the following requirements:

1. Have a passing score on both sections of the Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) qualifying examination (see contact information below).
2. Have a score of 560 or better on the paper-based Written Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) AND a Test of Written English (TWE).
3. Have a computer-based [TOEFL](#) score of 220 and the Test of Spoken English (TSE), and a transcript evaluation.
4. Have obtained your nursing education in English using English textbooks.
5. Have practiced nursing in English for a total of at least 960 hours in the past two years.

#### Limited Oregon Nursing License

To obtain a limited Oregon Nursing license you must fulfill ONE of the following requirements:

1. Have a passing score on both sections of the Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) qualifying examination.
2. Have a score of 540 or better on the paper-based Written Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) AND a Test of Written English (TWE).
3. Have a computer-based [TOEFL](#) score of 207 and the Test of Spoken English (TSE), and a transcript evaluation.

#### NCLEX Contact Information

Oregon State Board of Nursing  
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<http://www.osbn.state.or.us>

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Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)  
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