



Is the Accelerated Baccalaureate Nursing Program Right for You?

The accelerated baccalaureate nursing program at Oregon Health & Science University is a full-time, 15 month program for students with a prior baccalaureate degree. Since it is a rigorous, fast-paced program, consider your answers to these questions to determine if this is the right program for you.

Do I have the time to devote to school?

Since the accelerated program is fast-paced and full-time, determine if you have the time to devote to the rigors of this program. The number of hours required for preparation and participation in clinical practice, in addition to preparation for and class attendance in theory courses is significant and may exceed 40 hours per week. If it is possible in your personal situation, we recommend that you do not work during this program. Please think of nursing school as your full-time job for the 15 months of the program.

Am I self-directed in my learning?

Faculty have designed this program of study using best practices for learning. Active-learning strategies are intentionally used in this program to facilitate your mastery of the program competencies. In class, you will learn by directly applying knowledge to clinical situations. If you prefer to learn by listening passively to a lecture, this may be a more challenging program for you.

Am I ready to engage again in the student role?

This program requires students to return to foundational classes in a baccalaureate program. This means going back to basic learning and being a novice again. This can be uncomfortable for some students. Determining if you are able to adapt to the student role beginning a baccalaureate program will assist you in deciding if this is the right program for you.

Do I have the support I need to succeed?

Consider if you have the support and stability over the 15 months of the program in order to succeed. The time you are in the accelerated baccalaureate program is not the time to plan major life changes. Talk to people in your support system about the expectations of this program as you determine if this is the right program for you.

Do I thrive in a fast-paced environment?

If you learn well and respond positively in a fast-paced environment, the accelerated baccalaureate may be right for you. If you find that you prefer more time when learning new information or skills or a fast-paced environment is stressful for you, our 3 year BS in nursing program may be a better match for your learning style.