

APPLYING TO THE BACHELOR'S COMPLETION PROGRAM – ONLINE (for OCNE graduates)

The Baccalaureate Completion Program for RNs (RNBS) offers the upper-division nursing coursework designed to prepare current nurses who hold an associates in nursing with additional breadth and depth in nursing theory and practice. Graduates of our OCNE partner Community College nursing programs (Blue Mountain CC, Clackamas CC, Clatsop CC, Columbia Gorge CC, Lane CC, Mt. Hood CC, Portland CC, Rogue CC, Southwestern Oregon CC, Treasure Valley CC, Umpqua CC) are eligible to automatically transition to the OHSU “virtual” campus to complete the BS with a major 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 orientation at the beginning of the program that is held either in person in Portland or Eugene or online.

Students will:

- Be required to pass 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.
- Complete 33 upper division nursing credits.
- Take classes online and have mentored clinical experiences in an appropriate site in their geographical area (within Oregon and border counties in Washington).
- Need to complete required non-nursing courses while taking the nursing courses or after completion of the nursing courses unless these courses have previously been completed. Please see the full graduation requirements listed below.
- Usually be able to work during the program if completed on a part time program of study.

Recommended prior to admission:

Statistics – Statistics is required 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 from a regionally accredited college prior to admission or can be taken concurrently while completing the RNBS program nursing courses:

- **Humanities:** 9 quarter credits: Any humanities course that meets the general prerequisite standard can meet this requirement. Specific options include courses from the following departments: History of Art, Art Appreciation, History of Music, Music Appreciation, English Literature, Linguistics, Philosophy, Communication, Journalism, Religion, Speech and Theater Arts, Foreign Language, and Women's Studies.
- **Social Science:** 9 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. * 3 credits of social science electives will be met through your lifespan development course.

- **Upper Division Non-Nursing:** general electives (Any 300 or 400 college level course) 15 quarter credits taken at a 4-year institution.
- **Lower Division Non-Nursing:** general electives (Any 100 or 200 college level course) 19 quarter credits taken at a community college or university.
- **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.

Please note: Incoming bachelor's completion students who maintain an active professional license and meet the requirements to maintain licensure are exempt from the 7 year time limit for graduation requirements and science courses.

Time to graduation: All required courses in the RNBS program must be completed within 5 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.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE RNBS PROGRAM

Step 1: Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at www.ohsu.edu/son in the tab “Admissions & Prospective Students”, then select “**Applying**”. This Applying page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

Step 2: The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service or NursingCAS. You must set up a NursingCAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through NursingCAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your NursingCAS account.

- ✓ **Official transcripts:** Transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s) to NursingCAS
Mail transcripts to: NursingCAS, P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471
- ✓ You **DO NOT** need to enter any coursework into your NursingCAS account.
- ✓ You **DO NOT** need to enter any information into the “supporting information” section of NursingCAS.

Step 4: Once the above steps have been completed in your NursingCAS application, you must submit your application via NursingCAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with NursingCAS to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts.

NursingCAS Support: 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am – 7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the NursingCAS system.

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: Laura Stadum, Title IX Coordinator, 503-494-0258, titleix@ohsu.edu.