

APPLYING TO THE ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING

The accelerated bachelor's program is designed to allow those students who currently have or will have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a major other than nursing to take the nursing courses required to obtain the BS with a major in nursing. This generalist nursing program is five quarters or 15-months of full-time nursing coursework and is available on both the Portland and Ashland campuses. Ashland matriculates a cohort in summer term and Portland matriculates cohorts in summer, fall and winter term. This program will prepare the graduate for R.N. licensure and will also give interested students the necessary credentials to pursue a graduate degree in nursing. At the completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum, the B.S. degree is awarded and graduates are eligible for professional registered nurse licensing examinations (NCLEX).

Admission Factors:

Admissions decisions are based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA (all college level courses will be used to calculate your GPA).
- Prerequisite GPA (prerequisite courses only).
- Life/ Healthcare Experience - you will be asked to provide evidence (via an essay response) of knowledge and or skill acquired through work, volunteer, or personal experiences and describe how these translate to nursing.
- In-Person Interview: verbal & written communication skills, and overall articulation of fit for role and program are assessed.
- Supplemental Questions - OHSU School of Nursing looks at students holistically and as such the supplemental questionnaire allows admissions to get to know applicants. The supplemental questionnaire is optional and not required; however it can help and be factored into your overall application.
- Exhibited understanding and value for working with diverse and underrepresented communities.

Admission Requirements & Eligibility:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. Degree can be in progress during application cycle as long as it is complete by the time the program begins. *Individuals with an Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Nursing are not eligible to apply for this program.*
- Completed at least one term of Anatomy and Physiology by the end of fall 2019 term, and have a reasonable plan to complete all prerequisite coursework prior to matriculation.

Prerequisite Coursework:

The following courses must be completed with a grade "B-" or higher, must be from a regionally accredited college, and taken at the undergraduate level prior to matriculation. If you have retaken a prerequisite, we will

use the most recent grade. All science coursework must be taken within the last 7 years which includes: Anatomy & Physiology series, Nutrition, Microbiology with lab, Genetics, and Statistics.

Anatomy and Physiology – 12 quarter credits or 8 semester 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 no later than the fall 2019 term; the full sequence must be complete prior to matriculation into the program. **A&P courses can only be taken twice within the last 7 years. If you have taken a class more than 2 times in the last 7 years, your 2nd course grade will be used.**

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 – 1 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 cannot be met through the Microbiology or Anatomy and Physiology courses.

Statistics – 3-4 quarter credits: Course needs to include both descriptive and inferential components. If there is a choice between one type and another, take the descriptive. Statistics may be taken in any department (e.g. Math, Psychology, Business, etc.).

HOW TO APPLY TO THE ABS 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 for Nursing CAS. You must set up a Nursing CAS 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 Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions. Visit www.nursingcas.org to set up your account.

Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- ✓ **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s).
Mail transcripts to: NursingCAS, P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471 ***OHSU will not accept applicant transcripts - in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by Nursing CAS.**
- ✓ **Manually enter every college course** into your Nursing CAS account (this includes all prerequisite & non-prerequisite courses).
- ✓ **Prerequisite course descriptions document.** Upload to the Documents section in Nursing CAS.
Applicants must create an original document listing the completed and in progress prerequisite course descriptions copy and pasted from the course catalog. Please include course number and title along with description and combine course descriptions and upload as one document.
- ✓ **7-year time limit waiver form**, if applicable, Upload to the documents section in Nursing CAS. Form available on the [Applying](#) web page.

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

Nursing CAS 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 Nursing CAS system.

Application Deadline

This program begins in the summer term and is offered full time at the Portland and Ashland campus only. The program is also offered in fall on the Portland campus. You cannot apply directly to the fall cohort but if you would prefer to start in fall you can indicate this preference in your Nursing CAS application. You can only choose one campus in your Nursing CAS application. The application deadline is January 5th. Applications close at midnight (EST) or 9pm (PST) on the designated deadline date.

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.