

APPLYING TO THE BACCALAUREATE (RNBS) PROGRAM

The Baccalaureate Completion Program for RNs (RNBS) offers the upper division nursing coursework designed to prepare current nurses who hold an AAS in Nursing with additional breadth and depth in nursing theory and practice. This option is for students who **did not** graduate from one of the OCNE partner community colleges. Students on this pathway will join recent nursing graduates and current nurses in our virtual classroom starting once a year in winter 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 in this program 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 39 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 list on page 3.
- Usually be able to work during the program if completed on a part time program of study.

Admission Factors:

Admissions decisions are based on the following criteria:

- Applicants must hold or be in the process of completing an AAS in Nursing from a regionally accredited community college and must be NCLEX eligible.
- Completion of all prerequisite courses listed below prior to the start of the program. 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”.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (all college courses ever taken).
- All applicants are expected to have basic computer competencies in word processing, electronic file management, email and web browsing.

Prerequisite Coursework:

Applicants must complete the following coursework from a regionally accredited college or university with a grade "C" or better in each course. Please note: Incoming RNBS students who maintain an active professional license and meet the requirements to maintain licensure are exempt from the 7 year time limit for science prerequisites.

Human Anatomy and Physiology – (full series; 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. One 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.

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 – 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. ***If you took two 4 credit writing courses (8 total), this will meet our writing course requirement and you do not need to take this additional course.**

Social Science Elective – (3 quarter credits): Selection of this elective 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 Elective – (3 quarter credits): Selection of this elective may serve as a foundation for a focused area of study. Option can be selected from these departments: History of Art or Art Appreciation, History of Music or Music Appreciation, English other than English Comp such as WR 121 or 323, Linguistics,

Journalism, Philosophy, Religion, Speech and Theater Arts, Foreign Language, Women’s Studies, or Communication.

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:** 6 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.
- **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.

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. Create your NursingCAS account at www.nursingcas.org

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

- ✓ **Official transcripts** must be mailed or electronically **sent to NCAS**. Transcripts from every institution ever attended (including international) must be sent directly from your college/university.
***OHSU will not accept applicant transcripts- in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by NursingCAS**
- ✓ 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 the NursingCAS office 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. Please also visit [NCAS Applicant Responsibilities](#) and [NCAS Help Center resource](#).

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