

APPLYING TO THE 3 YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING

The Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing degree offers students the opportunity to obtain their license as a registered nurse while giving them the necessary leadership, education, and clinical experience to prepare them for future opportunities within the nursing profession. Applicants must complete 45 quarter / 30 semester hours of prerequisite coursework prior to enrolling. Once admitted, students will take a combination of nursing and non-nursing coursework in order to complete the requirements for graduation from the program. OHSU only offers nursing coursework which means students in this program may be dually enrolled at OHSU and another institution in order to complete the required non-nursing courses. This program is currently offered on five campuses across Oregon: Ashland, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Monmouth, and Portland. Courses are taught in a traditional classroom setting as well as in simulation laboratories and clinical rotations.

Admission Factors

- **Prerequisite GPA:** Minimum of 3.0. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the GPA calculation.
- **Completion of 45 quarter / 30 semester hours of prerequisite coursework** prior to enrolling.
- **Interview:** Verbal & written communication skills, and overall articulation of fit for role and program.

Additional admissions consideration will be given to applicants with the following:

- **If Anatomy & Physiology plus lab** series is completed by the end of fall 2021 term.
- **If all required prerequisites are completed** by the end of fall 2021 term.
- **Life/ healthcare experience** - you will be asked to provide evidence (via an essay response) of knowledge and or skills acquired through work, volunteer, or personal experiences and describe how these translate to nursing.
- **Completion of a college level chemistry course** with a grade of "C" or better.
- **Credits taken at these host institutions** – Southern Oregon University (SOU) if applying to Ashland, Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) if applying to Klamath Falls, Eastern Oregon University (EOU) if applying to La Grande, Western Oregon University (WOU) if applying to Monmouth. This is not a factor for the Portland campus.
- **Previous Degree** – completed a previous college degree (i.e. associates, bachelor's, graduate degree).
- **Oregon Resident**
- **Supplemental Questions** – OHSU School of Nursing looks at students holistically, and as such the supplemental questionnaire allows the admissions committee 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

All students must have completed 45 quarter / 30 semester credits of prerequisites at a regionally accredited institution *prior to enrolling in the nursing program*; 30 quarter / 20 semester prerequisite credits must be completed by the end of fall 2021 term. The 30 quarter prerequisite credits must include completion of one term of Anatomy & Physiology and Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher by the end of fall 2021 term.

Prerequisite Coursework

All prerequisite courses must be taken for a grade of "C" or higher, must be taken at a regionally accredited institution. If you have taken a course multiple times, we will use your most recent grade. All natural science coursework (Anatomy & Physiology series, Microbiology, and Nutrition) must be taken within 7 years from the intended start year (Ex: 2015-2022 for 2022). The following courses must be completed prior to enrolling in the 3 year bachelor's program.

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. One term of A&P must be completed no later than the fall 2021 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 the class more than 2 times in the last 7 years, your 2nd course grade will be used.**

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, this is also acceptable.

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 lifespan will not be accepted. Note: Coursework can be taken in 2 separate courses as long as both courses cover the full lifespan from birth to death (i.e. Psychology 235 & Psychology 236). This course is usually found in a psychology department.

Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 (or higher) – Competency for Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher must be demonstrated by the end of fall 2021 term, either by a math placement test (unofficial score report must be added to NursingCAS and an official score report from your school must be sent to OHSU Admissions Office) placing out of Math 95 or by successful completion of an appropriate course.

Nutrition – 3 quarter credits: Class should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients and the relationship of diet to health.

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). **Please note:** Applicants who have completed a non-nursing bachelor's degree in an English speaking country can use their degree to satisfy this requirement. However, additional elective credit may be needed for graduation.

Social Science Electives – 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.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE 3 YEAR BACHELOR'S 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 “**Steps to Apply**”. This webpage 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 (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. NursingCAS can be found at the following link:

<https://nursingcas.liasoncas.org/apply/>

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

- ✓ **Official transcripts** must be mailed or electronically **sent to NCAS**. Transcripts from every institution ever attended (**including international transcripts and applicable transcript evaluations**) 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.**
- ✓ **Manually enter every college course** into your NursingCAS account (includes all prerequisite & non-prerequisite courses).
- ✓ **Prerequisite course descriptions document.** Upload to the Documents section in NursingCAS. Applicants must create a single document listing the completed and in progress prerequisite course descriptions, copy and pasted from the course catalog. Please include course number, title, term when it was taken and where and upload as one document. Form available on the **Steps to Apply** web page.
- ✓ **Time limit waiver form** (if applicable). Upload to the documents section in NursingCAS. Form available on the **Steps to Apply** web page.



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 and your application is verified.

NursingCAS Technical 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](#).

Application Deadlines

This program begins in the fall term, and is offered full time. Applications open each fall. All materials must be submitted through NursingCAS by the deadline. Applications close at 11:59 pm on the designated deadline date **Eastern Standard Time (EST)**.

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.