

APPLYING TO THE ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO DNP PROGRAM

The School of Nursing offers an **Accelerated Bachelor's to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program** with four tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse-Midwifery, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. This accelerated option allows students to pre-identify their graduate area of interest and enroll seamlessly into the graduate program of their choice directly after completing the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing degree to achieve the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. This pathway is a great option for applicants who are already familiar with one of these specialty areas and are seeking an advanced practice degree. These programs are available on OHSU's Portland campus. The Accbacc to FNP and PMHNP programs are also available on the Ashland campus (the grad portion of the programs in Ashland are via distance learning).

Accelerated Bachelor Program (ABS): In order to meet the growing demand for nursing education for people who have or will have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field, OHSU School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing degree program. The ABS portion of the program is designed to allow those students who currently have or will have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a major other than nursing to take the nursing courses required to get the B.S. with a major in nursing. This generalist nursing program is five quarters of full-time nursing coursework starting summer term on the Portland or Ashland campus. This program will prepare the graduate for R.N. licensure and to transition seamlessly into the graduate coursework for one of the specialties listed below.

ABS to Family Nurse Practitioner: In Oregon, Family Nurse Practitioners deliver critically important services especially to rural and medically underserved populations. FNP's apply advanced knowledge and clinical skills in many facets of healthcare, including providing prenatal care and family-planning services; providing well-child care; obtaining medical histories and performing physical examinations; diagnosing, treating, and monitoring acute health problems and chronic diseases; ordering, performing and interpreting diagnostic studies. FNP's have prescriptive rights and work in a variety of settings including clinics, businesses, physician offices, independent nurse practitioner offices, and schools of nursing. This track is offered on the Portland campus and the Ashland campus.

ABS to Nurse-Midwifery: The Nurse-Midwifery program at OHSU prepares students to meet the unique health care needs of their patients. Nurse-Midwives provide primary and gynecologic care to women as well as specialty care and support for expecting mothers and their infants. In addition to studying reproductive science, students examine the influences of culture, tradition and the social, economic and political forces that influence the health of women. The program strives to prepare compassionate, skilled clinician-scholars willing to address issues that affect the lives of women. The faculty have three priorities for their graduates: a scientific basis for clinical practice, clinical competence, and a perspective that views a woman in the context of her family. All faculty in the program participate in a faculty practice, which serves as a primary learning site for students. Other clinical opportunities are provided in community health centers, health maintenance organizations, migrant health clinics, and private practices. Students receive more than 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice in the program.

ABS to Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares graduates for advanced specialty practice with a dual emphasis on intervention through psychotherapy and psychopharmacology. PMHNPs intervene with vulnerable populations and promote mental health across the lifespan. They work with children, adolescents, adults, and older persons in a variety of settings, including community mental health clinics, public health departments, hospitals and outpatient mental health clinics, health maintenance organizations, government facilities, schools of nursing, and independent private practice. The PMHNP program at OHSU School of Nursing has earned a national reputation for its emphasis on primary mental healthcare. Students study the interaction among biological and neurophysiological vulnerabilities, psychological and developmental factors, and social and physical environmental stressors.

ABS to Pediatric Nurse Practitioner:

The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) program is designed to prepare advanced practice registered nurses to deliver primary and acute care to children (birth - 21 years of age) across practice settings and institutional boundaries. The overall objective of the PNP program is to provide the foundation and scaffolding for students to become competent and caring Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, scholars, and leaders.

The program includes both didactic and clinical courses, beginning with foundational coursework and advancing to specialized clinical applications. In addition to providing direct care, graduates are prepared as lifelong learners, leaders, and advocates for children and their families.

Admission Factors

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (academic source, supervisor, co-worker)
- Essay responses
- Interview (for select applicants)
- TOEFL with a score of 83 or higher (for international applicants), ILTS scores will not be accepted

Admission Requirements & Eligibility

The following are the requirements for admission into the Accelerated Bachelor's to DNP program.

In order to apply all applicants must have:

- A bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. Degree can be in progress during application cycle with degree completion prior to program start. *Individuals with an Associate's Degree in Nursing or Bachelor's Degree in Nursing are not eligible to apply for this program.*
- Completion of one term of anatomy & physiology by the end of fall 2021 term.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and science GPA of 3.0 (all college-level courses will be used to calculate your cumulative GPA).

Prerequisite Coursework

The following courses are required to be completed from a regionally accredited college or university with a “B-” or better in each course prior to matriculation. If courses have been retaken, we will use the most recent grade.

Human Anatomy & Physiology* – 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. *At least one term of anatomy and physiology must be complete at the time of submitting the application by fall 2021 term.* A&P can only be retaken once within the last 7 years. If you have taken an A&P course more than twice, we will use your 2nd grade.

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

Human Development – 3 quarter credits: The developmental process of human life covering the *full life span* (birth to 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.

Intro to Human Genetics* – 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, then take the descriptive. It is not necessary to take two courses in order to get inferential statistics. Statistics may be taken in any department (e.g. Math, Psychology, Business, etc.).

This course must be completed within 5 years of matriculation into the program.

* All science prerequisites must be taken within the last seven years which includes: Anatomy & Physiology series, Nutrition, Microbiology, and Genetics.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE ABS TO DNP PROGRAM:

Step 1: Review and follow the specific application 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 (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. All required application materials are as follows:

- ✓ **Official transcripts** must be mailed or electronically **sent to NCAS**. Transcripts from every institution (including international transcripts and applicable transcript evaluations) ever attended 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 (include all prerequisite & non-prerequisite courses).
- ✓ **Prerequisite course descriptions document**. Upload to the Documents section in NursingCAS. Applicants must create an original document listing the completed and in progress prerequisite course descriptions copy and pasted from the course catalog. Please combine course descriptions and upload as one document.
- ✓ **3 Letters of Recommendation** submitted via NursingCAS.
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – upload in document upload section.
- ✓ **Essay responses** – essay prompts available in the NursingCAS application.

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](#).

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