

APPLYING TO THE FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

In Oregon, Family Nurse Practitioners deliver critically important services especially to rural and medically underserved populations. Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) 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. FNPs have prescriptive rights and work in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, businesses, physician offices, independent nurse practitioner offices, and schools of nursing.

The Family Nurse Practitioner program has been designed to cover a combination of advanced practice core, FNP specialty courses, and doctor of nursing practice core courses. This combination prepares students for practice in the field and simultaneously provides a framework for clinical leadership and policy that is critical for any nurse practitioner in practice today.

Degree options: Students in this program complete three years of full-time study and achieve the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

Course delivery: This program is offered both on the Portland campus and statewide in Oregon and starts once a year in the fall.

Core Principles for course delivery for distance students: We commit to working with you to advance your education and career goals. While recognizing you may need to work, we use technology and innovation to allow you to complete coursework in your home community as much as possible. Faculty use dynamic learning strategies to offer the same quality of education regardless of student location and classes are scheduled to facilitate active learning with travel only when necessary. We will confirm you have the technology capacity to be successful. We balance standardization with flexibility to ensure the education you receive is of the highest quality and prepares you for independent practice.

Travel to Portland will be approximately 1-2 times per term, usually for no more than three days. In addition, travel to one of our regional campuses varies according to term and specialty program; some terms require no travel and some terms require visits up to twice a month. Travel is minimized during winter term. Our commitment to transparency and communication about delivery methods and required travel includes having schedules available two to three months in advance.

Admissions Factors:

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

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

Admission Requirements & Eligibility:

Prior Degree

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing or BSN from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

R.N. Status

- Must have or be eligible for an Oregon registered nurse license upon application
- Must be licensed in the state of Oregon prior to matriculation.

Resume

Applicants will need to provide a curriculum vitae or resume as part of the application.

Grade Point Average

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college-level courses ever taken)
- Minimum science GPA of a 3.0 (i.e. anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, physiology, etc.)

Statistics: Applicants must have successfully passed a basic statistics course from a regionally accredited school with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entering the program.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit three letters of reference. The Admissions Committee prefers applicants to submit references from the following sources: a supervisor, an instructor or academic source, and a co-worker.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE FNP 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 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 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.

- ✓ **3 Letters of Recommendation** submitted via NursingCAS.
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – upload in document upload section.
- ✓ **Essay response** – essay prompts available in the NursingCAS application.
- ✓ **5-year time limit Statistics waiver form** – (if applicable) upload to NursingCAS in document upload section.

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 Office titleix@ohsu.edu