

## APPLYING TO THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The School of Nursing offers a Master of Nursing (MN) in Nursing Education. This online program is designed for the bachelor's-prepared nurse who is interested in pursuing a career as either faculty in a school of nursing or staff educator in a health care organization. The core curriculum prepares students to apply best practices in teaching and learning with opportunities to explore state of the science technologies for high-fidelity simulation and online instruction. Coursework includes an individualized, focused teaching practicum guided by experienced faculty, allowing students to pursue their interests in a variety of teaching and learning environments. A major strength of this program is its linkage with the nationally known, innovative Oregon Consortium Nursing Education (OCNE) curriculum in the undergraduate program.

Besides completing core education courses, students choose a clinical population focus from one of three areas: adult gerontological nursing, community health nursing, or psychiatric mental health nursing.

Our graduates are employed as faculty in schools of nursing, staff nurse educators, and professional practice leaders in acute and community care settings.

**Course Delivery:** The program starts in fall and is available for full or part-time progression. Courses are primarily online with face-to-face intensives scheduled in some classes. The curriculum is tailored to each student's specific learning interests and needs.

### Admissions Factors

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Essay responses
- TOEFL with a score of 83 or higher (for international applicants), ILTS 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 or in the state where clinical coursework takes place prior to matriculation.
- Will need to have completed two-years of clinical practice as an R.N. prior to graduation in order to teach in Oregon.

**Grade Point Average:** Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college-level courses ever taken)

**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. Post Master Certificate Option applicants are not required to complete statistics.

**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 NURSING EDUCATION 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](http://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 responses** – 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.

**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 Nursing CAS 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](mailto:titleix@ohsu.edu)