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OHSU Requirements (See Footnotes)	Number of Required Quarter Credits	Oregon State Common Course Numbering	Blue Mountain Community College	Central Oregon Community College	Chemeketa Community College	Clackamas Community College	Clatsop Community College	Columbia Gorge Community College	Eastern Oregon University	Klamath Community College
Anatomy & Physiology with lab 1, 2, 3, 4	12		BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BIOL 231, 231L, 232, 232L, 233, 233L	BI 231, BI 231L, BI 232, BI 232L, BI 233, BI 233L
Microbiology with lab 1, 2, 3, 4	4		BI 234 or BI 260	BI 234	BI 234	BI 234	BI 234	BI 234	BIOL 234 or 244 or 323	BIO 234 and 234L
Nutrition 1, 2, 3, 4	3		FN 225	FN 225 or HHP 266	NFM 225	FN 225	NFM 225	FN 225	CH 225 or 325	HPE 225
Int. Alg/Math 95 or Higher 1, 4	0-4	Math 105Z, Math 111Z, or Math 127Z	For Oregon State Schools - Math 95 or higher will meet our prerequisite requirement.							
Human Lifespan Development 1, 2, 3, 4	3		PSY 237	PSY 215	PSY 237	PSY 215	PSY 215	PSY 215	PSY 211	PSY 235 and 236
English Composition/ Writing 1, 4, 5	6 ₁ 8 _{1, 4, 5}	WR 121Z and either WR 122Z or 227Z	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 123	WRI 121 and either 122 or 227
Intro to Genetics (or bio course with a genetics module) 2, 3, 4, 7	3	BI 221Z	BI 101 or 112 or 221	BI 101 or 108 or BI 221	BI 102 or 112 or 221	BI 101 or 112 or 221	BI 102 or 212 or 221 or 222 or GS 112	BI 211 or 212	BIOL 101 or 102 or 103 or 235 (preferred) or 341 or 342	BIO 102 or 112 or 207 or 221Z
Statistics 2, 3, 6	3	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z or 244Z	STAT 243Z or Math 244	STAT 243Z or 244	STAT 243Z or 244	STAT 243Z or 327 or MATH 361	STA 243
Social Science Electives 1, 4	6 ₁ 3 ₄		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Humanities Electives 4	9		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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Anatomy & Physiology with lab 1, 2, 3, 4	12	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BIO 231, 232, 233 or BIO 331, 332, 333	BI 231, 241, 232, 242, 233, 243 or BI 254, 255, 256 or BI 331, 341, 332, 342, 333, 343	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 301, 301L, 302, 302L, 303, 303L
Microbiology with lab 1, 2, 3, 4	3-4	BI 234	BI 234	BI 234	BI 234	BIO 234 or BIO 345	MB 230 or MB 255 or MB 302 and 303	BI 234	One of these combinations: BI 234 and BI 235, BI 380 and BI 235, or BI 380 and BI 388
Nutrition 1, 2, 3, 4	3	FN 225	NFM 225 or NUTR 225	HE 225 or FN 225	FN 225	BIO 205	NUTR 225 or 240 or 341	FN 225	CH 250 or PHE 325U
Int. Alg/Math 95 or Higher 1, 4	0-4	For Oregon State Schools - Math 95 or higher will meet our prerequisite requirement.							
Human Lifespan Development 1, 2, 3, 4	3	PSY 215	PSY 215	PSY 237	PSY 215	PSY 311 and 312	PSY 350	PSY 215	PSY 311U
English Composition/ Writing 1, 4, 5	6 8 1, 4, 5	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 123 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 123 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 123 or 227	WR 121 and either 227 or 323	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	UNST 100 ⁹ or 200 ⁹ level, or WR 121 and either 222 or 227 or 327
Intro to Genetics (or bio course with a genetics module) 2, 3, 4, 7	3	BI 101 or 112 or 221Z	BI 102 or 112 or 221Z	BI 102 or 112 or 221Z	BI 102 or 112 or 221Z	BIO 101 or 221Z or 235 or 341	BI 102 or 221Z or 311 or 445	BI 102 or 112 or 221Z or 222 (preferred)	BI 207 or 211 or 341 or 428
Statistics 2, 3, 6	3	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z (preferred) or Math 245 or HE 220	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z or MTH 244	STAT 243Z or Math 361	ST 243Z or 351 or 352 or H220	STAT 243Z or Math 244 or HIM 282	Stat 243Z or 244
Social Science Electives 1, 4	6 3 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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Anatomy & Physiology with lab 1, 2, 3, 4	12	BI 231, 231L, 232, 232L, 233, 233L	BI 231, 231L, 232, 232L, 233, 233L	BI 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	BIOL 231, 232, 233	BI 231, 232, 233	HPHY 321, 322, 323, 324, 325	BI 234, 235, 236 or 334, 335, 336
Microbiology with lab 1, 2, 3, 4	3-4	BI 234 and 234L	BI 214 and 214L or 351 and 353 or 451 and 451L	BI 234	BI 234	BIOL 234	BI 234	BI 330 and 331	BI 237 or BI 331
Nutrition 1, 2, 3, 4	3	NFM 225	HE 325	FN 225	FN 225	FNUT 225	FN 225	HPHY 105 or HPHY 199 ⁸ or HPHY 375	HE 325
Int. Alg/Math 95 or Higher 1, 4	0-4	For Oregon State Schools - Math 95 or higher will meet our prerequisite requirement.							Math 95 or higher or 110 (preferred)
Human Lifespan Development 1, 2, 3, 4	3	PSY 215	PSY 370	PSY 237	PSY 215	PSY 237 or PSY 235 and 236	PSY215	PSY 308	PSY 311
English Composition/ Writing 1, 4, 5	6 ₁ 8 _{1, 4, 5}	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and 122 or USEM 101, 102, 103 ⁵ or HON 121, 122, & 123	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 123 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 227	WR 121 and either 122 or 123 or 320	WR 121 and either 122 or 222 or 227 or 230 or 300
Intro to Genetics (or bio course with a genetics module) ^{2, 3, 4, 7}	3	BI 112 or 211 or 221Z	BI 103 or 221Z or 341 or 425	BI 101 or 102 or 149 or 221Z	BI 102 or 112 or 220 or 221Z	BIOL 101 or 211	BI 103 or 221Z or 242	BI 214 or 221Z or 281H or 282H or 283H or 320 or 322 or 328 or 423 or 428	BI 102 or 221Z or 314 or 441
Statistics 2, 3, 6	3	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z or MTH 244	STAT 243Z or Math 244	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z or Math 244	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z	STAT 243Z or MTH 244
Social Science Electives ^{1, 4}	6 ₁ 3 ₄	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Humanities Electives ⁴	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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¹ Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing standard program prerequisite.

² Accelerated B.S. program prerequisite.

³ Accelerated B.S. to DNP or PhD program prerequisite.

⁴ Traditional non-OCNE RNBS program for current RNs.

⁵ English Writing: 6 quarter credits are required as prerequisites; however, you will need to take 8 quarter credits to meet the writing requirement for graduation. Most students complete both the prerequisite and the graduation requirement by taking two 4-credit classes; but you could take 6 credits before entry and later take an additional 2 or more credits. If you mix courses from different schools, please make sure that you convert any semester hours to quarters and that you do not duplicate content. For instance, if you take WR 121 (or its equivalent) at two different schools, only one will count toward the 8 credits.

⁶ Doctor of Nursing Practice programs (excluding Post-Master's DNP).

⁷ This requirement may not be met through a Microbiology or Anatomy & Physiology course.

⁸ This course MAY meet the OHSU nutrition requirement depending on content coverage as indicated in your syllabus from the course. OHSU will only review a syllabus from the term during which you took the course to determine acceptability.

⁹ 15 credits of 100-level UNST courses equals 4 credits of WR 121. One 200-level UNST course equals 4 credits of lower-division writing credit.

¹⁰ You will need to take a total of 8 quarter credits to meet the writing requirement for graduation.

*Please review your options with the advisor at the school you are attending.

Please note: This table is only a guide and is not an official document. Final decisions regarding the acceptance of prerequisites are made by the OHSU Registrar. This table was last updated on: 8/5/2025. Curriculum and/or course changes may have occurred since that date. Students who matriculated in prior years may be eligible for prior year transfer matrixes.

For most current information, please visit our [Admissions and Prospective Students](#) webpage or call 503-494-7725.

Reminder: Please also make sure to pay close attention to the number of credits offered for each of your courses. If you mix courses from multiple schools, please make sure that you convert semester/quarter grades, that you count the total amount of credits between both schools, and that you pay attention to which class you are taking and where. For instance, do not take two WR 121's or its equivalent at 4 credits each—you would need to take two different courses to complete all levels of the series.

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Non-Nursing Course Descriptions for OHSU SoN Programs

Note: All coursework must be taken from a regionally accredited institution, taken for a grade (rather than pass/no pass), and be undergraduate college-level to meet the OHSU requirement. Minimum grade requirements for each program must also be met. **All science prerequisite courses need to be completed within 7 years* prior to the program start date. Science prerequisites include Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition, Microbiology, Intro to Human Genetics, and Statistics. *Statistics must be completed within 5 years prior to the program start date for the ABSN to DNP/PhD programs and the post-Bacc programs (MSN, DNP, PhD).**

Anatomy and Physiology with lab: A full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems. This sequence must be taken in its entirety. A&P can only be retaken once within 7 years prior to matriculation. If you have retaken an A&P course more than once, your 2nd grade will be used.

Microbiology with lab: Basic microbiology with laboratory component. If a course in microbiology with laboratory is available for only 3 quarter credits, then this will be accepted.

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

Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher competency: Competency for **Intermediate Algebra** or above must be demonstrated prior to application to the nursing program. Minimum requirements include coverage of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of rational expressions, long division of polynomials, solution of fractional equations, applications involving linear equations, fractional equations, inequalities, literal equations, variations, negative and fractional exponents, radicals, solution of quadratic equations, and complex numbers, Cartesian coordinates, graphs of linear equations and inequalities, distance formula, slope, equations of lines, and solutions of systems of linear equations in two unknowns and inequalities. Competency may be demonstrated by a math placement test or by successful completion of Intermediate Algebra or higher.

Note: Math 95 credits and any credits that are not college level are not applicable to credits for the bachelor's degree; however, math courses that are 100 or higher may be included in the credits that are applied to the prerequisite requirement and to the degree. The student is advised to consider taking the prerequisite for Statistics in choosing a math course, which is required later in the nursing program.

Human Lifespan Development: Course should cover the social and psychological developmental process of human life covering the **lifespan** (birth through death). Courses that include only infancy or through school age will not suffice. This course is typically from the Psychology department.

Written English/English Composition: Met by a two- or three- course series focused on developing skills in academic writing. The following courses taught at Oregon community colleges meet the writing requirement: **WR 121Z and 122Z at 4 credits each, or WR 121Z, 122Z, and 123Z at 3 credits each. 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).** This requirement is automatically fulfilled for students with a previous bachelor's degree or an AAOT.¹⁰

Note: Remedial English such as sentence structure and grammar will not be accepted for this requirement. For the Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing standard program, 6 quarter prerequisite credits are not required if a previous baccalaureate degree is held.

Intro to Genetics (a course or a module within a course): Any human biology course that includes a human genetics component in the course and indicates this inclusion in the college catalog course description. This requirement may not be met through a Microbiology or Anatomy & Physiology course.

Statistics: 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.). If applying to the 3 Year program, statistics **must** be taken in a math department (e.g. Math, Statistics, etc.). The course description must indicate that Algebra is a prerequisite for the course.

Social Science Electives: The social sciences are generally objective fields that study societies, human behavior, and human interaction. Subject areas in the social sciences include anthropology, criminal justice, cultural geography, cultural studies, economics, environmental studies, gender or ethnic studies, gerontology, history, international studies, political science, psychology, social justice, and sociology. Selection of these electives may serve as a foundation for a focused area of study.

Humanities Electives: The humanities are generally subjective fields that examine human ideas, values, creativity, and expression. Subject areas in the humanities include art, communications, English, ethics, film/media studies, foreign language/ASL, linguistics, humanities, journalism, law, literature, music, philosophy, religion, public speaking, and theater arts. To meet the humanities requirement at OHSU, art, music, dance, and theater classes must be academic in nature rather than studio-based (e.g. Painting) or performance-based (e.g. Choir, Ballet). Up to 12 credits of studio and performance classes may be applied to electives. Selection of these electives may serve as a foundation for a focused area of study.

Required Competency:

Basic Computer Literacy: College credit work and/or life experience can meet this competency. Students need proficiency in using email, internet searching, word processing, and file management.