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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 231Z, 232Z, 233Z**	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, 232, 233
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 **and** 323L	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	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[11]		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	BI 221	BIOL 101 **or** **or** 235 **or** 341 **or** 342	BIO 102 **or** 112 **or** 207 **or** 221
Statistics [2, 3, 6]	3	**STAT 243Z**	STAT 243	STAT 243	STAT 243 **or** 244	STAT 243 **or** Math 244	STAT 243 **or** 244	STAT 243 **or** 244	STAT 243 **or** MATH 361	STA 243
Social Science Electives 1, 4	8[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 **or** BI 231, 232, 233	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 [11]	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 [1] 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** 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** 221	BI 102 **or** 112 **or** 221	BI 102 **or** 112 **or** 221	BI 102 **or** 112 **or** 221	BIO 101 **or** 221 **or** 235 **or** 341	BI 204 **or** 221 **or** 311	BI 102 **or** 112 **or** 221 **or** 225	BI 207 **or** 341 **or** 428
Statistics [2, 3, 6]	3	STAT 243	STAT 243 (preferred) **or** MTH 245	STAT 243	STAT 243 **or** MTH 244	STAT 243 **or** Math 361	ST 243 **or** 351 **or** H220	STAT 243 **or** MTH 244 **or** HIM 282	STAT 243 **or** 244
Social Science Electives [1, 4]	8 [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, 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 231, 231L, 232, 232L, 233, 233L **or** 334, 334L, 335, 335L, 336, 336L
Microbiology with lab [1, 2, 3, 4]	3-4	BI 234	BI 214 **and** 214L **or** 451 **and** 451L	BI 234	BI 234	BIOL 234	BI 234	BI 330 **and** 331	BI 237 **and** 237L **or** BI 331 **and** 331L
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.							
Human **Lifespan** Development [1, 2, 3, 4]	3 [11]	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 either** 122 **or** 227 **or** HON 121, 122, **and** 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
Intro to Genetics (or bio course with a genetics module) [2, 3, 7]	3	BI 101 **or** 112 **or** 221	BI 103 **or** 221 **or** 341 **or** 425	BI 101 **or** 102 **or** 149 **or** 221	BI 102 **or** 112 **or** 220 **or** 221	BIOL 101 **or** 221	BI 103 **or** 221 **or** 242	BI 214 **or** 221 **or** 282H **or** 320 **or** 328 **or** 423 **or** 428	BI 102 **or** 221 **or** 303 **or** 314
Statistics [2, 3, 6]	3	STAT 243	STAT 243 **or** MTH 244	STAT 243 **or** MTH 244	STAT 243	STAT 243 **or** Math 244	STAT 243	STAT 243	STAT 243 **or** MTH 244
Social Science Electives [1, 4]	8 [1] 3 [4]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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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.
[11] Completion of this course will also count towards the 8 quarter prerequisite credits students need for social science.

*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: 10/28/2026. 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.

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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 an 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.**

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. For students completing competency tests, it must be a proctored exam, and they must place out of Intermediate Algebra.

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. **Completion of this course will also count towards the 8 quarter prerequisite credits students need for social science.**

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.