Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing Degree

The Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing curriculum prepares students to practice in a variety of settings and to care for individuals, families and populations across the lifespan.

Graduates achieve competencies that address the rapidly changing health care needs of Oregon’s aging and ethnically diverse populations and are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). Students applying to the BS program are asked to designate their choices for application to any of five OHSU School of Nursing locations throughout the state.
What the B.S. degree in nursing does for you:

- Extends and deepens your knowledge, skill, and competence in nursing practice.
- Provides in-depth study in the new competencies deemed essential for 21st century nursing practice, including public health and population-focused care, leadership, and engaging in activities that will improve patient care.
- Opens the door to many more career options: leadership positions, advanced study as a nurse practitioner, clinical specialist, nursing faculty member, and/or nurse researcher.
- Builds on your current curriculum.
Types of Nursing Positions that require Bachelor’s degree:

- Health Care Management
- Public Health Nursing
- Quality/Process Improvement
- Risk Management
- School Nursing
- Health Care Informatics
- Occupational Health
- Case Management
- Patient Education
- Charge Nurse (some facilities)
Pathways into the B.S. Degree:

**Accelerated Bachelors** - The ABS program (15 months) is designed to allow those students who currently have or will have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a major other than nursing and a set of prerequisites to take the nursing courses required to get the B.S. with a major in nursing.

**3 year BS in Nursing (OCNE)** - Applicants will complete 45 quarter hours of prerequisite coursework prior to enrolling. Once admitted, students will take a combination of nursing and non-nursing coursework in order to complete the nursing program in 3 years.

**CC Transition options** - Students currently attending an associates in nursing program affiliated with the Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE) are eligible to transition directly to OHSU to complete the bachelor degree in nursing. This program is offered both online and on the Portland campus. (1-2 years)

OHSU School of Nursing
www.ohsu.edu/son
We have 5 Campuses

Southern Oregon University – Ashland**

Oregon Institute of Technology - Klamath Falls

Eastern Oregon University – La Grande

Western Oregon University - Monmouth

Marquam Hill in Portland**

**Offers Accelerated Bachelors program
3 Year Bachelor of Science

- This is a three year program where students take a combination of nursing and non-nursing courses.

- OHSU does not offer non-nursing courses, so students will typically be dually enrolled at another 4 year university to complete their non-nursing coursework.

- Students who have all of the required non-nursing courses will progress through this program on a part time schedule.

- Clinical coursework occurs throughout the program and is located in multiple sites throughout Oregon.
Admission Requirements

Applicants Must

• Have a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for application review. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the GPA calculation.

• Have at least 30 credits accumulated including A&P I and Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher by the end of Fall term. Students who are selected for admission to the nursing program must complete the remainder of the 45 credits prior to enrolling.
Prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C-” or better

- Anatomy and Physiology – year long series with lab
- Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher competency
- Nutrition
- Written English/English Composition (WR 121 & 122 or equivalent) - 6 quarter credits
- Social Science Electives - 6 quarter credits
- Lifespan Human Development
- Electives – to meet the minimum 45 credits required for entry to nursing school. Electives may include any course from an accredited institution that is 100 level or higher.

*Anatomy/Physiology and Nutrition must be complete within the last 7 years.
Admissions factors

- Prerequisite GPA
- Interview for selected applicants
- Volunteer or paid health care experience - letter from your supervisor is required.
- Completion of a chemistry or microbiology course.
- Taking credits from host campuses
  - La Grande → Eastern Oregon University
  - Monmouth → Western Oregon University
  - Klamath Falls → Oregon Institute of Technology
  - Ashland → Southern Oregon University
- This is not a factor for the Portland campus
In order to meet the growing demand for nursing education for people who already have a bachelor’s degree in another field, OHSU School of Nursing is offering an Accelerated Bachelor’s of Science with a major in Nursing degree program (ABS).

Once admitted, students will complete a five quarter program composed of only the nursing courses required to achieve a B.S. with a major in Nursing. This program will prepare the graduate for RN licensure and will also give interested students the necessary credentials to pursue a graduate degree in nursing.

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science is offered on the Portland and Ashland campus.
ABS Admission Requirements

- Bachelor degree in another field. *The degree can be in progress at the point of application as long as there is a plan to complete prior to matriculation.*

- A minimum **cumulative** GPA of 3.0 is required to be eligible for application review.

- At least one term of A&P must be taken by the end of fall term.
ABS Prerequisites

Applicants must earn a “B-” or higher in all prerequisite courses. All prerequisites must have been taken for grade rather than pass/no pass.

- Human Anatomy and Physiology – full year sequence with labs
- Nutrition – One Term
- Human Development (Lifespan) – One Term
- Microbiology with lab – One Term
- Biology with genetics – One Term
- Statistics - One Term

*Anatomy/Physiology, Nutrition, Microbiology, Genetics and Statistics must be complete within the last 7 years.
ABS Admission Factors

- **Ashland** – Cumulative GPA, Prerequisites, & Essay Response
- **Portland** – Cumulative GPA, Prerequisites, & Interview (selected applicants)
Preparing to Apply With NCAS

Applications available online

- Create an NCAS Account: [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org) We are using version 3.0 going forward.
- NCAS Fee: $45 for undergrad programs, $65 for grad programs.
- Prerequisite Coursework Form required for undergrad programs; this will be uploaded to your NCAS account in the “documents upload” section.
- Supplemental Questions; found on our applying page then uploaded to the “document upload” section of NCAS.
- Essay’s/Personal Statements for select programs.
Preparing to Apply

Applications available online

- Review the steps to apply:  
  http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm

- Review the application instructions:  
  http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/index.cfm

- Review application deadlines:  
  http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/deadlines.cfm
Admissions staff are available to help with advising and preparation.

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