Applying to the Nursing Education Program

The School of Nursing offers a Master of Nursing (MN) in Nursing Education with a clinical focus in one of 3 areas: Mental Health Nursing, Community Health Nursing, and Adult-gerontology Nursing. This program is designed for the bachelor's-prepared nurse who is interested in pursuing a career in teaching nursing, either as a faculty member in a school of nursing or in staff development positions.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

The prevalence of psychiatric illnesses in the US is increasing, along with the need for well-prepared nurses to practice in this specialty. For this reason, the demand for educators is currently booming with professional opportunities in schools of nursing, hospitals and care centers. Teaching in undergraduate psychiatric-mental health nursing requires in-depth knowledge of psychiatric disorders and psychopharmacology. Students enrolling in this specialty will complete coursework in the diagnosis of and therapeutic approaches to psychiatric illnesses as well as psychopharmacological treatment of psychiatric illness.

Community Health Nursing

Increased numbers of nurse educators who are able to provide leadership and high-quality education with a population focus are urgently needed. Health disparities threaten efforts to improve health in the US and abroad. The presence of these disparities pose moral and ethical dilemmas that will be among the most important challenges to today's rapidly changing healthcare systems. Persistent racial and ethnic inequality creates a rift in the social fabric. As long as disparities are present, the quality of healthcare will be affected and patient services will suffer. Students who choose to specialize in Community Health Nursing will learn to incorporate these issues into their role as a future nurse educator. Coursework will include epidemiology, environmental health, health disparities, and the biological determinants of disease, as well as practicum hours in teaching.

Adult Gerontological Nursing

In the next half century, the elderly population in the United States is projected to more than double in size—from 31 million to 80 million. Today, Oregon ranks 17th among the 50 states in the percentage of its population over age 65, but in less than 25 years the U.S. Bureau of the Census projects that Oregon will rank 4th. Older adults have very complex healthcare needs and this track will allow students to gain the advanced knowledge needed to address the needs of this population. Coursework will include studies of symptom management for older adults, physical diagnosis, as well as practicum hours in teaching.

Course Delivery: This program begins in the fall and is offered online either in a full-time or part-time format to Oregon residents and beyond.

Admissions Factors

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Essay responses
- Interview (for select applicants)
Admission Requirements & Eligibility

Prior Degree
Applicants must have a Bachelors 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 in the tab “Admissions & Prospective Students”, then select “Applying”. This Applying 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 for Nursing CAS. You must set up a Nursing CAS 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 Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s).
  
  *Mail transcripts to: NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471 *OHSU will not accept applicant transcripts- in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by Nursing CAS.*
✓ 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 Nursing CAS application.
✓ 5-year time limit Statistics waiver form - (if necessary) 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.

Nursing CAS 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.

Step 5: All students applying to an OHSU Nursing program must submit an OHSU supplemental application. The link to this application can be found on our “Applying” webpage. Your OHSU supplemental application must be submitted by the stipulated deadline date.

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