

Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing

Program details

The Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing degree prepares graduates to practice in a variety of settings and to care for individuals, families and populations across the lifespan. Students achieve competencies that address the rapidly changing health care needs of Oregon's aging and ethnically diverse populations. The curriculum has been thoughtfully and specifically designed to allow students to gain the skills and requirements necessary for nursing practice today. This is a three-year program that is designed for students to complete the 45-credits of prerequisite courses at any regionally accredited college or university (like EOU, OIT, SOU or WOU) and then join OHSU for the nursing coursework. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) after successful completion of the program.

Campuses

OHSU offers this program at five campuses across the state of Oregon including:

- Portland main campus at OHSU Marquam Hill
- Ashland campus at Southern Oregon University
- Klamath Falls campus at Oregon Institute of Technology
- La Grande campus at Eastern Oregon University
- Monmouth campus at Western Oregon University

Each campus provides state of the art technology, outstanding nursing faculty and multiple clinical opportunities as well as unique campus climate and learning environments. Applicants apply once to OHSU and designate the campus of their choice as part of their application process. Applicants can learn more about each campus by visiting our website.

Admission criteria

All students must have:

Grade Point Average (GPA): A minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.00 is required for all applicants to be eligible for application review. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the GPA calculation.

Prerequisite coursework: Applicants must complete 45 quarter/30 semester credits of prerequisites at an accredited institution prior to enrolling in the program. Although applicants may be in the process of completing their admissions prerequisites all applicants must complete a minimum of 30 quarter/20 semester credits by the end of the Fall term before the application deadline. In addition, Anatomy and Physiology I and Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher must be included as part of the minimum 30 credits. Students who are selected for admission to the nursing program must complete the remaining credits for a total of 45 quarter credits prior to matriculation.

- Prerequisite courses can be taken from any regionally accredited institution. Go to our website to find the course equivalency guide. All prerequisites must have a grade of "C-" or higher, and be college level (100 level or higher).
- All science prerequisites to be completed within seven years; the full series of Human Anatomy & Physiology and Nutrition prior to matriculation.

Admission selection

Applications open in September and must be submitted through Nursing CAS by February 15th. Admissions decisions are based on the following criteria:

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Competitive admission

OHSU is a top-ranked academic institution with faculty who are national leaders in nursing education. Successful applicants to this program have top grades, great written and public speaking skills and a strong understanding of the nursing role. Admission selection is based on a number of academic factors including prerequisite GPA and science grades along with factors related to the understanding of and compatibility with nursing which are assessed during essay and interview processes.

Admitted student profile details by campus for Fall 2016 entry.

| OHSU 3-year BS major in nursing campus | Number of total applicants | Incoming class size | Incoming student age range | Average incoming prerequisite GPA | Prerequisite GPA range (lowest and highest) | Percent of those with a previous BS degree |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Monmouth | 176 | 32 | 20 - 39 | 3.86 | 3.62 - 4.0 | 22% |
| Ashland | 170 | 32 | 19 - 44 | 3.9 | 3.71 - 4.0 | 23% |
| Klamath Falls | 95 | 24 | 18 - 37 | 3.85 | 3.42 - 4.0 | 8% |
| La Grande | 90 | 26 | 18 - 39 | 3.7 | 3.29 - 3.95 | 0% |
| Portland | 411 | 40 | 20 - 49 | 3.93 | 3.7 - 4.0 | 43% |

- Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- In person interview.

Additional consideration will be given to applicants with the following (please note these are not admissions requirements):

- Completion of the Anatomy & Physiology series
- Documented 400+ hours of human health care experience (documentation form available at www.ohsu.edu/son)
- Completion of a college-level microbiology or chemistry course with a grade of “C-” or better.
- Coursework credits taken at these host institutions:
Ashland, Southern Oregon University
Klamath Falls, Oregon Institute of Technology
La Grande, Eastern Oregon University
Monmouth, Western Oregon University

Application details

Applicants will apply using the online application in Nursing CAS which can be found at www.nursingcas.org. All potential applicants are encouraged to read about the program and how to prepare to apply at www.ohsu.edu/son. Applicants should be familiar with the nursing role, be able to articulate how they fit into nursing and are encouraged to speak about their experience or knowledge of working with diverse or underserved communities in an essay

or interview. Applicants must turn in all required application materials by the deadline and may be disqualified if materials are missing or forms are filled out incorrectly.

Commitment to diversity and inclusion

The School of Nursing is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive student body in all programs and across all campuses.

Admissions values

We value applicants who demonstrate:

- Academic, professional and/or leadership excellence that indicates a potential for success in the education program and in nursing practice, education and research.
- A vision, motivation and understanding of the nursing profession and the broad-spectrum of nursing roles.
- Potential to enhance, broaden and contribute a diverse perspective to the experiences of students and faculty in education, practice and research.

Resources

- OHSU School of Nursing: www.ohsu.edu/son
- OHSU School of Nursing Office of Admissions: proginfo@ohsu.edu or 503-494-7725
- Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education: <http://ocne.org/>