

PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE

Program Description

The nursing program is a partner in the Oregon Consortium for the Nursing Education (OCNE) and offers a competency-based curriculum jointly developed by nursing faculties from the consortium schools. Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to the community college and Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) nursing programs. The program is designed as four years of full-time study, with the first year devoted to prerequisites and/or preparatory courses required for admission to the restricted (limited) admission nursing program. Successful completion of the second year allows students to sit for the PN-NCLEX and obtain licensure in the state of Oregon as a Practical Nurse. The third year leads to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) offered by the community college. The program continues for one additional year leading to a Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BS, N) offered by the Oregon Health & Science University. The full program may be completed at the partner school campus. The first five terms after admission to the nursing program are identical for the associate and bachelor's work. Term six offers students the ability to complete the AAS degree and provides the eligibility for NCLEX testing to obtain RN licensure. Following completion of the UCC Program, students have the option to complete the upper division nursing courses from OHSU and continue with the curriculum for the final three quarters, culminating with a Bachelor of Science, degree in Nursing. Both the AAS and BS, N degrees meet the educational requirement for the national licensure examination for RN licensure.

Program Outcomes

1. Bases personal and professional actions on a set of shared core nursing values utilizing Practical Nursing scope of practice
2. Uses reflection, self-analysis, and self-care to develop insight
3. Engages in intentional learning
4. Demonstrates leadership in nursing and healthcare
5. Collaborates as part of a health care team as a practical nurse
6. Practice within, utilizes, and contributes to all health care systems
7. Practices relationship-centered approach
8. Communicates effectively
9. Makes sound clinical judgements
10. Locates, evaluates, and uses the best available evidence

Program Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Term		
NRS 110	Found of Nrsng-Health Promotion	9
NRS 232	Pathophysiological Proc I	3
Credits		12
Second Term		
NRS 111	Found of Nrsng-Chronic Illness	6
NRS 230	Clinical Pharmacology I	3
NRS 233	Pathophysiological Proc II	3
Credits		12
Third Term		
NRS 112	Found of Nrsng-Acute Care	6

NRS 231	Clinical Pharmacology II	3
Credits		9
Total Minimum Credits		33

Program Prerequisites

Code	Title	Credits
BI 222	Intro to Genetics	3
BI 231	Anatomy and Physiology	4
BI 232	Anatomy and Physiology	4
BI 233	Anatomy and Physiology	4
BI 234	Microbiology	4
FN 225	Human Nutrition	4
HDFS 201	Ind-Family Development	3
MTH 095	Intermediate Algebra (or higher)	4
PSY 101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
WR 227Z	Technical Writing	4

Advising Notes

- All Required Prerequisite Courses credits must be completed before starting the Nursing (NRS) courses. Total credits: 47-48
- All nursing students must successfully pass a drug screening test at the time of admission into the Nursing Program and are subject to random drug screening throughout the program
- All accepted nursing students will be required to undergo a background check prior to entering the program
- All accepted nursing students will be required to have current BLS card via the American Heart Association
- All accepted nursing students will be required to provide evidence of their current immunization status for Hep B, MMR, Tdap, Varicella, TB, COVID, and influenza. Additional requirements may be needed for clinical placement
- Reliable Internet Access
- PC with MS Word 2013 or newer