

REGISTERED NURSING, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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 and third years leads to a Associate of Applied Science (AAS) offered by the community college. The program continues for one additional year leading to a Bachelor's 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

Nursing care competencies recognize that a competent nurse provides safe care across the lifespan directed toward the goals of helping clients (individuals, families or communities), promote health, recover from acute illness and/or manage a chronic illness and support a peaceful and comfortable death. As a member of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education, UCC Nursing curriculum supports the following nursing competencies. A competent nurse:

1. Bases personal and professional actions on a set of shared core nursing values
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
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

Career Considerations

The UCC RN program prepares graduates for employment opportunities in the following areas: Long-term care, various hospital departments, hospice, medical offices, home health, rehabilitation, schools, and more.

Program Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Term		
NRS 110	Found of Nrsg-Health Promotion	9
NRS 232	Pathophysiological Proc I	3
Credits		12
Second Term		
NRS 111	Found of Nrsg-Chronic Illness	6
NRS 230	Clinical Pharmacology I	3
NRS 233	Pathophysiological Proc II	3
Credits		12
Third Term		
NRS 112	Found of Nrsg-Acute Care	6
NRS 231	Clinical Pharmacology II	3
Credits		9
Second Year		
First Term		
NRS 221	Chronic Illness II	9
Credits		9
Second Term		
NRS 222	Acute Care II	9
Credits		9
Third Term		
NRS 224	Scope of Practice	9
Prerequisites		47-48
Credits		56-57
Total Minimum Credits		107-108

Advising Notes

- To be admitted into NRS 110 Found of Nrsg-Health Promotion (9 cr.), students must complete all required prerequisite and preparatory course and be accepted into the Nursing program
- For more information regarding the program, selection process, and points contact the Nursing program: 541 440-4614
- Students planning to earn a bachelor's degree are encouraged to continue on to STAT 243Z Elementary Statistics I (4 cr.) soon after their prerequisite math course
- Human Anatomy & Physiology must be completed within last ten (10) years
- Chemistry required prior to taking Human Anatomy & Physiology
- All Required 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 and MS Word 2013 or newer

Prerequisites

All Required Prerequisite courses must be completed with C or better and a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.00 is required to apply.

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

Program Entrance Requirements

The application process begins the first business day in January of each calendar year with the deadline for submission of applications around February 15. Students are eligible to be considered for admission to the nursing program after completing 28 credit hours of courses from the Required Prerequisite Courses listed below. The 30 credits must include BI 231 Anatomy and Physiology (4 cr.) and either MTH 095 Intermediate Algebra (4 cr.) (or higher) by the application deadline.

Drug Screening

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. Failure to submit to a random drug screen or having a positive drug screen will result in sanctions per the UCC Student Code of Conduct.

Background Check

All accepted nursing students will be required to undergo a background check prior to entering the program. Individuals with a criminal record may not be allowed into a healthcare facility as a student. Information pertaining to background checks and disqualifying crimes can be found at the OSBN web site: oregon.gov/OSBN/Pages/index.aspx (<http://oregon.gov/OSBN/Pages/>). Because it is not possible to meet the objectives of the program without having clinical experience, anyone with a positive criminal or abuse history may not be eligible for acceptance into the Nursing program. The program may deny admission or continuation in the nursing program to any nursing student whose background poses a threat to an individual, the college, the nursing profession, or the community.

Immunization Status

All accepted students will be required to provide evidence of their current immunization status and need to meet minimum vaccination requirements as outlined by UCC policy for clinical practice. All nursing students must follow the UCC Registered Nursing Program Student Policy and Procedures Handbook for the current year.

CPR-BLS

Show proof of a current healthcare provider CPR card that includes adult, child and infant CPR & AED from the American Heart Association.

Graduation Requirements

These requirements apply only to nursing students admitted to the program during the current academic year. Students must complete all courses on this advising guide with a grade of C or better to continue in and complete the program, receive their degrees, and meet the educational requirements to apply to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX-RN). The OSBN screens all applicants for licensure and may deny licensure (or place on probation) applicants with convictions for certain crimes. Licensure applicants with a history of chemical dependence may be required to have a drug and alcohol counselor assessment. Contact the OSBN with any questions. Program completion does not guarantee licensure.

OHSU Connection

Students should understand that although co-admitted to the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing, those who choose to transition from the UCC Nursing Program to OHSU will have to undergo a background check for OHSU at the time of transition and ability to enroll in OHSU courses may be negatively impacted by any background history in their background.