

NURSING (RN), AAS

Program Code: AAS.NURSING

This is a limited-entry program.

The Clackamas Community College nursing program, which is approved by the Oregon State Board of Education and the Oregon State Board of Nursing, is also a partner in the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE).

Admission into the nursing program is by application only. Students must submit an application via NursingCAS by the stated deadline. Based upon a point system, qualified applicants will progress to the interview/essay portion of the application process. Acceptance to the nursing program allows for co-admission to Clackamas Community College and Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing.

A criminal background check will be required prior to program entry. An applicant who has been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense will be evaluated on an individual basis. Certain convictions will automatically exclude an applicant from being accepted into the nursing program. Additional information pertaining to offenses that will deem an applicant as ineligible for the nursing program can be found at: www.oregon.gov/OSBN/Pages/criminal-history.aspx

Validation of up-to-date immunization, and urine drug screen are also required prior to the start of clinical rotations in the first term of the program. Maintenance of vaccinations (such as influenza) and American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS (CPR) is required throughout all terms of the nursing program. Technical standards related to the ability to perform safe patient care will need to be maintained while in the nursing program.

Disclosure Statement:

As of 2021, the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Clackamas Community College, Harmony Campus in Milwaukie, Oregon is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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Outcomes

Related Instruction Outcomes

Computation

- 1 course - MTH-095 Algebra III
- Use appropriate mathematics to solve problems.

Communication

- 1 course - WR-121Z Composition I
- Read actively, think critically, and write purposefully and capably for professional audiences.

Human Relations

- 1 course - PSY-215 Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- Engage in ethical communication processes that accomplish goals.

Physical Education/Health/Safety/First Aid

- 1 course - PE-185 Physical Education¹ or HP-100 Healthcare Provider BLS/CPR, First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens
- Use effective life skills to improve and maintain mental and physical wellbeing.

¹ Current Basic Life Support (AHA) is required throughout the nursing program and meets PE requirement

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- base personal and professional actions on a set of shared core nursing values;
- use reflection, self-analysis, and self-care to develop insight;
- engage in intentional learning;
- demonstrate leadership in nursing and health care;
- collaborate as part of a health care team;
- practice within, utilize, and contribute to all health care systems;
- practice relationship-centered care;
- communicate effectively;
- make sound clinical judgments;
- locate, evaluate, and use the best available evidence.

Requirements

Nursing Application Requirements

Information regarding the program, including the application process and pre-nursing academic advising sessions, is available at www.clackamas.edu/nursing

- Students must complete at least 30 credits of the Preparatory Required Courses by the application deadline, including BI-231 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and MTH-095 Algebra III competency.
- Students must complete all 46 credits of the Preparatory Required Courses and be formally accepted into the Nursing (RN) AAS program, before enrolling in any NRS course.
- Preparatory Required Courses must be passed with a C or better.
- The OCNE RN-BS with a major in Nursing completion option at OHSU for CCC Nursing (RN) AAS graduates has additional requirements that can be completed at CCC simultaneously with the AAS. Please consult your CCC academic advisor for additional information.

Additional Guidelines

- The following courses or their equivalents will meet the eight credit minimum writing requirements:
 - WR-121Z Composition I and WR-122Z Composition II when each course is four credits
 - Completion of WR-121Z Composition I and WR-122Z Composition II as a part of a previous bachelor's degree at a regionally accredited college or university is considered equivalent to completion of the writing series.
- Students must complete a biology course with genetic content prior the second year of the nursing program. BI-101 General Biology; Cellular Biology, BI-112 General Biology for Health Sciences, or BI-221Z Principles of Biology: Cells satisfies this requirement.

Preparatory Required Courses

Preparatory Required Course		Credits
BI-231	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4.00
BI-232	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4.00
BI-233	Human Anatomy & Physiology III	4.00
BI-234	Introductory Microbiology	4.00
FN-225	Nutrition	4.00
MTH-095	Algebra III	4.00
PSY-215	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	4.00
WR-121Z	Composition I	4.00
WR-122Z	Composition II	4.00
Social Science Electives (p. 2)		6.00
Select one of the following:		4.00
Natural Science Electives (p. 2)		
Arts & Letters Electives (p. 2)		

Credits	46
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First Year**First Term**

NRS-110	Foundations of Nursing - Health Promotion	6.00
NRS-110C	Foundations of Nursing - Health Promotion Clinical	3.00
NRS-230	Clinical Pharmacology I	3.00
PE-185 or HP-100	Physical Education ¹ or Healthcare Provider BLS/CPR, First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens	1.00

Credits	13
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Second Term

NRS-111	Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I	3.00
NRS-111C	Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I Clinical	3.00
NRS-231	Clinical Pharmacology II	3.00
NRS-232	Pathophysiological Processes I	3.00

Credits	12
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Third Term

NRS-112	Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I	3.00
NRS-112C	Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I Clinical	3.00
NRS-233	Pathophysiological Processes II	3.00

Credits	9
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Second Year**Fourth Term**

NRS-222	Nursing in Acute Care II & End of Life	4.00
NRS-222C	Nursing in Acute Care II & End of Life Clinical	5.00

Credits	9
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Fifth Term

NRS-221	Chronic Illness II and End of Life	4.00
NRS-221C	Chronic Illness II and End of Life Clinical	5.00

Credits	9
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Sixth Term

NRS-224	Integrative Practicum	2.00
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NRS-224C	Integrative Practicum Clinical	7.00
Credits		9
Total Credits		107

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All courses must be passed with a C or better

Electives

All electives must be at least three credits and 100 level or higher

Arts & Letters Electives

- **ASL, FR, GER, SPN** (other world languages are accepted; languages must be 200 level)
- **ART, DMC, ENG, HUM, J, MUP, MUS, PHL, R, TA**
- **COMM** (courses numbered COMM-126 Intro to Communication, Gender, and Sexuality and above)
- **WR** (except WR-101 Workplace Writing, WR-121Z Composition I, WR-122Z Composition II, or WR-227Z Technical Writing)

Natural Science Electives

- **ASC, BI**¹ (except BI-160 Bird Identification & Taxonomy, BI-163 Malheur Field Trip, BI-165C Natural History of the Oregon Coast), **CH** (except CH-150 Preparatory Chemistry), **CS, ESR, G, GS, PH, Z**

Social Science Electives

- **ANT, EC, GEO, HST, PS, PSY, SOC, SSC, WS**

Baccalaureate of Science Degree with a Focus in Nursing

After receiving the AAS degree in Nursing, students who wish to continue on for their baccalaureate degree may do so through co-admission at OHSU. Students who plan to continue through to OHSU must be aware that to earn their Baccalaureate of Science degree with a focus in Nursing, they must have:

- Two years of the same high school world language, or two terms of college-level world language credit (includes American Sign Language) or a world language proficiency examination.
- STAT-243Z Elementary Statistics I

Course work for a Baccalaureate of Science Degree with a focus on Nursing through OHSU will include the following Nursing classes:

- NRS-410: Population-Based Care
- NRS-411: Epidemiology
- NRS-421: Leadership & Outcomes Management in Nursing
- NRS-424²: Integrative Practicum I
- NRS-425: Integrative Practicum II

At least 15 credits of elective credit must be taken at the upper division level (300/400 level) for the BS program. These can be taken under a co-enrollment agreement with PSU, Oregon Tech, EOU, or SOU.

² NRS-224 Integrative Practicum articulates to OHSU for substitution of NRS-424.

Nursing Assistant I (CNA)

Being a certified nursing assistant can be a fulfilling, life-long vocation or the first step in your health care career. Information sessions will be held once a term. The schedule of info sessions can be found on the webpage.

NUR-100 Nursing Assistant I

6.5 credits, Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer

This course provides the student with the skills to perform basic level nursing care. Certified Nursing Assistants are defined by law as people who assist licensed nursing personnel in the provision of nursing care. Prepares the student to perform routine nursing assistant tasks to clients in sub-acute care settings as well as in the community. Includes didactic and skills lab instruction. Major topics covered include: collaboration with health care team, communication & interpersonal skills, person-centered care, infection control and prevention, safety and emergency procedures, assisting with activities of daily living, mental health and social service needs of clients, technical skills, acquiring observation and reporting skills, documentation of care provided and end-of-life care. Upon successful completion of this course, students may apply for the Oregon State Board of Nursing certification exam for nursing assistants (CNA 1). This course is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Required: Student Petition.

Required: Must be at least 18 years of age; High School Diploma or equivalent; Must be formally accepted by Health Sciences Admissions and attend a mandatory orientation session.

During the orientation, students will start the process for completing all non-academic requirements. Non-academic requirements include: Immunizations (MMR, Varicella, Tdap, Hep B, COVID-19, seasonal Flu); complete a Criminal Background Check; Drug Screen; Tuberculosis test; BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers certification through American Heart Association (AHA)

Corequisites: NUR-100C

Class times may vary from term to term. Clinical hours begin the sixth week of the course and are normally done at local Skilled Nursing Centers. Approximate length of the course is 11 weeks.

The cost of the course will include pre-registration requirements such as criminal background check and UA drug screen. Course costs also include tuition and name badge.

Before you will be permitted to enroll you must attend the Nursing Assistant Mandatory Orientation. Specific details can be found in the college's Schedule of Classes and online at

<https://www.clackamas.edu/academics/departments-programs/nursing-assistant-1>

Careers

Nursing continues to be one of the fastest growing occupations in the United States. Registered Nurses (RN) work in hospitals, physician offices, home health services, mental health facilities, hospice care and long-term care facilities. Newly graduated nurses will enjoy the benefit of a profession that values life-long learning and offers many opportunities for not only educational, but also career advancement. With additional education nurses may choose to work as nurse practitioners, nurse educators, nurse researchers, nurse anesthetists, as well as in other specialized roles.