

REGISTERED NURSING

Registered Nursing Associate of Applied Science

PROGRAM MISSION

The Registered Nursing Program prepares compassionate, competent nurses who are ready to meet our community's health care needs.

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

Year One and Year Two

NRS 110 ¹	Foundations of Nursing – Health Promotions	9
NRS 111	Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness	6
NRS 112	Foundations of Nursing Acute Care	6
NRS 221	Nursing Chronic Illness II & end of Life	9
NRS 222	Nursing in Acute Care II	9
NRS 224	Scope of Practice and Preceptorship	9
NRS 230	Clinical Pharmacology I	3
NRS 231	Clinical Pharmacology II	3
NRS 232	Pathophysiological Processes I	3
NRS 233	Pathophysiological Processes II	3

Total Credits 60

Prerequisites*

BI 222	Introduction to Genetics	3
BI 231	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
BI 232	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
BI 233	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
BI 234	Microbiology	3
FN 225	Human Nutrition	4
HDFS 201	Individual and Family Development	3
MTH 095	Intermediate Algebra (or above)	4
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122 or WR 227	Argument, Research, and Multimodal Comp Technical Writing	4 4

College level courses (numbered 100 and above) to include
One Psychology
AND Two Socials Sciences
AND/OR Arts & Letters electives

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Total Credits 47

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

- To be admitted into NRS 110, 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 who plan to continue through to OHSU must be aware that to earn the bachelor's degree, they must have two years of the same high school-level World Language, or two terms of the same college-level language, or a language proficiency examination. College-level World Language (including American Sign Language) credits count toward degree requirement.

Students planning to earn a bachelor's degree are encouraged to continue on to MTH 243 Introduction to Probability & Statistics soon after their prerequisite math course.

Human Anatomy & Physiology must be completed within last five (5) years.

Chemistry required prior to taking Human Anatomy & Physiology

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirement

The application process begins in mid-November 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 30 credit hours of courses from the Required Prerequisite Courses listed below. The 30 credits must include BI 231 Anatomy and Physiology I and either MTH 095 (or higher) or placement into MTH 105 (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. 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.

CPR-BLS:

Show proof of a current healthcare provider CPR card that includes adult, child and infant CPR & AED.

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

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.