

OHSU School of Nursing

Discover Your Passion for Nursing

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing Programs



Take the Lead in the Nursing Profession

Whatever role you seek in nursing, you will need more than your caring nature. You'll need **knowledge, skills and experience**. You'll also need to be able to tap into information systems that help you stay current with today's fast-paced health care environment. You'll find all of this at Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing.

OHSU students receive top-notch nursing education from nationally renowned faculty; over 60 percent of our baccalaureate faculty members are doctorally educated. Our classroom curriculum and clinical placements utilize the cutting-edge health care environment that defines OHSU.

A National Leader

As part of its multifaceted public mission, OHSU strives for excellence in education, research, clinical practice, scholarship and community service. Through its **dynamic interdisciplinary environment**, OHSU stimulates the spirit of inquiry, initiative and cooperation among students, faculty and staff.

Our research enterprise, a vital part of our mission, is catapulting the institution into one of America's top universities. Faculty members not only teach the latest advances in health care - they're also discovering them. The National Institutes of Health ranks OHSU among the top two percent of more than 3,000 institutions competing for research dollars.

U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks the School of Nursing's graduate programs in **America's top 10**. As part of the OHSU community of leaders, you'll benefit from an environment where healing, teaching and discovery come together.

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Pathways into Undergraduate Programs

The OHSU School of Nursing provides a number of pathways into the bachelor of science program. Your current educational background will help determine the appropriate pathway for you. Each pathway has specific time tables and prerequisites.

Please see additional information about these options on our Web site at www.ohsu.edu/son.

- **Bachelor of Science:** This pathway is designed for applicants who do not have previous nursing education and may or may not have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. This is a three year, full-time program.
 - *Students completing the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education curriculum at one of our partner community colleges have the option to transition to OHSU for a final year of upper division nursing coursework to complete the bachelor's degree.*
- **Accelerated Bachelor of Science:** This pathway is designed for applicants who have or will have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing prior to matriculation. This is a five quarter, full-time program. Also offered is the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program. See the graduate program brochure for details.
- **Bachelor of Science for Registered Nurses (RNBS):** This pathway is designed for applicants who have an Associates Degree in Nursing. This is an online, part-time program designed for working nurses.

Statewide Nursing Education

The OHSU School of Nursing has played a key role in educating nurses since it was founded in 1926. With a history of academic and clinical excellence and a commitment to the mission of teaching, healing, community service and research, the school provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn in a health care- and research- oriented environment. Courses are offered online as well as at five campuses across Oregon in Ashland, La Grande, Klamath Falls, Monmouth and Portland. Regardless of location, students have access to premiere faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and clinical experience opportunities within the OHSU health care community as well as agency sites throughout Oregon.

Bachelor of Science

The Bachelor of Science degree offers students the opportunity to obtain their license as a registered nurse while giving them the necessary leadership, education, and clinical experience to prepare them for future opportunities within the nursing profession. Applicants complete 45 quarter credit hours of prerequisite coursework prior to enrolling (please see prerequisite list in "Admissions Requirements" that follows). Once admitted, students will take a combination of nursing and non-nursing coursework in order to complete the program. OHSU offers only the required nursing coursework, so students in this program will be dually enrolled at OHSU and another institution in order to complete the required non-nursing courses. This program is currently offered on all five campuses, with courses being taught in traditional classroom settings as well as in simulation laboratories and clinical rotations.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

- Have a minimum prerequisite G.P.A. of 3.0 to be eligible for application review. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the G.P.A. calculation.
- Have earned a grade of "C" or higher in each prerequisite course.
- Have at least 30 quarter credit hours of prerequisite credits accumulated including, Anatomy and Physiology I and Math 95 or higher by the end of winter term (late March). Students who are selected for admission to the nursing program must complete the remaining 45 quarter credits prior to matriculation. Prerequisite coursework includes:
 - *Anatomy and Physiology series with labs, 12 quarter credits*
 - *Nutrition, 3 quarter credits*
 - *Math 95 or higher competency, 0-4 quarter credits*
 - *Written English/English Composition (WR 121 & 122 or equivalent), 6 quarter credits*
 - *Social Science electives, 6 quarter credits*
 - *Human Development- Lifespan, 3 quarter credits*
 - *Humanities Electives, 3 quarter credits recommended*
 - *Other Electives as needed, to equal 45 total quarter credits*
- Have basic computer literacy.
- Meet the foreign language proficiency requirement prior to graduation. This requirement can be met with two years of high school language courses.



"I feel extremely fortunate that I have been continually matched with clinical instructors and clinical sites that match my personality and learning style."

—Timothy Johnson, undergraduate nursing student

Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree

In order to meet the growing demand for nursing education for people who have or will have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field, OHSU School of Nursing offers the Accelerated Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing degree program. This five quarter program allows students with a bachelor's degree in another field to take only the nursing courses required to achieve a B.S. with a major in nursing from OHSU. Also offered is the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program. This path allows the student with a prior bachelor's degree to achieve the bachelor of science with a major in nursing from OHSU and automatically be admitted to either the Nurse Midwifery or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs.

Program of Study

Students who have or will have an accredited bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing must complete eight prerequisite courses prior to matriculation (please see "Admission Requirements" prerequisite list that follows). Once admitted, students will complete a generalist nursing curriculum in five quarters of full-time nursing coursework required to achieve a B.S. with a major in nursing. The B.S. degree is awarded at the successful completion of the undergraduate coursework, and graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). This program will prepare the graduate for RN licensure and will also give interested students the necessary credentials to pursue a graduate degree in nursing. Over the fifteen months, students will take a series of nursing courses in traditional classroom settings as well as participate in clinical rotations. Students will take courses through traditional lecture, online, and via video-conferencing modalities.

Admission Requirements

Applicants Must:

- Have or be in progress to have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field prior to matriculation into the nursing program.
- Have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 to be eligible for application review. All college level coursework ever taken will be

used in the cumulative G.P.A. calculation.

- Have earned a grade of a "B" or higher in each prerequisite course.
- Have completed or have a reasonable plan to complete the required prerequisite courses prior to matriculation. Prerequisite coursework includes:
 - *Anatomy and Physiology, full series with labs (one term must be completed at the time of application)*
 - *Nutrition, one course*
 - *Human Development- Lifespan, one course*
 - *Microbiology with lab, one course*
 - *Introduction to Genetics, one course or a module within a course*
 - *Statistics, one course*

Bachelor of Science Degree for RNs

The OHSU School of Nursing supports RNs with associate degrees who desire to complete a bachelor's degree and take the next step in becoming nurse leaders in the increasingly complex health care environment. At OHSU, we understand that you have both personal and professional commitments that play a factor in your decision to return to school. The RNBS program is designed for the working nurse and offers upper-division nursing coursework required for the B.S. degree in a variety of formats including online courses, weekend intensives, challenge exams and portfolios.

Program of Study

Program length will vary depending upon the student's previous education and the number of courses taken each quarter. The program of study includes both nursing and non-nursing coursework. OHSU School of Nursing offers the nursing courses. Non-nursing coursework requirements must be completed at other universities or community colleges. Most students take one or two courses a term and are able to work as they progress through the program. Completion of the program typically takes seven to 12 terms.

"The RNBS program gives you credit for life and work experience and you're able to complete portfolios for some of the course work. It is a very flexible, affordable and convenient program. If I was able to fit it into my life while having two toddlers & working full-time, anyone can do it!"

—Lauren Danahy, RNBS student



(Bachelor of Science for RNs, cont.)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be licensed as a registered nurse, or be at the end of an associate degree nursing program in Oregon or a county adjacent to Oregon, and prepared to take the NCLEX exam.
- Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
- Possess computer skills and have access to a computer with predetermined minimum capabilities as well as access to the Internet, independent of OHSU resources.
- Have completed the following prerequisite requirements earning a grade of “C” or higher prior to matriculation:
 - Anatomy and Physiology series with labs, 12 quarter credits
 - Microbiology with lab, 4 quarter credits
 - Introduction to Genetics, 1-3 quarter credits
 - Nutrition, 3 quarter credits
 - Human Development- Lifespan, 3 quarter credits
 - Math 95 or higher competency, 1-4 quarter credits
 - Written English/English Composition (WR 121 & 122 or equivalent), 6 quarter credits
 - Scientific or Technical Research Writing, 3 quarter credits
 - Social Science electives, 3 quarter credits
 - Humanities electives, 3 quarter credits
 - Statistics, 3 quarter credits recommended
- Meet the foreign language proficiency requirement prior to graduation.

We welcome your interest in the OHSU School of Nursing. Please feel free to contact the Office of Admissions to set up a visit to our campus, meet with our faculty, and learn more about the application process.

Steps to Apply

- Review the application deadline for the specific program to which you are applying and review the specific program application instructions at www.ohsu.edu/son.
- Fill out the online application, including application essay, at www.ohsu.edu/son. Applications are accepted only online.
- Fill out the Prerequisite Coursework Form available in the online application and print.
- Pay the \$120.00 non-refundable application fee online.
- Print the signature page at the time that you submit the online application.
- Gather official transcripts from each college institution you have attended to show completion of all academic work.
- Mail all application materials in one packet to the OHSU School of Nursing Office of Admission postmarked by the application deadline.

Note: The School of Nursing appreciates diversity among our students, faculty and staff and seeks to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all members of the school community to thrive. Applicants are selected for admission regardless of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, color, marital status, or ability/disability.

This information is available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the School of Nursing Office of Admissions at 503 494-7725.

For more information, contact:

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OHSU School of Nursing At a Glance

Established: 1926

Enrollment

Undergraduate	581
Graduate	207

Diversity

Under-represented	7%
Male	15%

Percent of Applicants Accepted (Competitive Rating)

Undergraduate	23%
Total for all programs	30%

Undergraduate Students with a Previous Degree

Bachelor's degree	21%
Graduate degree	3%

Record of Excellence

- *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks the school's graduate program in America's top 10 – currently seventh. The nurse-midwifery program is ranked first.
- The school consistently appears among the top ranking by the National Institutes of Health for its research and training grants – currently 16th.

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