

Did you know?

- Among many different educational paths to nursing, these are four common degree options:
 - Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)
 - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
 - Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)
 - Direct Entry Masters (MSN) or Direct Entry Doctorate (DNP)

| | ASN | BSN | Accelerated BSN | Direct Entry MSN or DNP |
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| Program Length | 2-year program | 4-year program | 12-18 month program after earning a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing major | 2-4 year program after earning a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing major |
| Where | Community College | College/University | College/University | College/University |
| How | Transfer or graduate from UO and apply | Transfer or graduate from UO and apply | Graduate from UO and apply | Graduate from UO and apply |
| Level of Nursing | Prepares students to take the licensure exam to become a registered nurse (RN) | Prepares students to take the licensure exam to become a registered nurse (RN) | Prepares students to take the licensure exam to become a registered nurse (RN) | Prepares students to take the both the RN licensure exam and advanced level certifications (e.g. family NP, emergency NP, etc.) |
| Benefits | Can later pursue a BSN Location benefit for students who are unable to move Lowest tuition rates | Provides additional preparation and training for clinical jobs that include more responsibility and room for advancement (management, leadership, etc.) | Shorter route to a BSN for students who are either close to graduation at UO or are not interested in transferring | Provides additional preparation and advanced training needed to become an expert in a defined area Additional certification may be required in some specialty areas |

- In Oregon, students can earn a BSN from OHSU through a program called OCNE (Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education), which is offered at 11 different community colleges in the state.
- The job outlook for nursing varies by geographic location.
- Students interested in pursuing a career as a nurse practitioner should research the [changing certification](#) for this field.

Nursing School Application Preparation

- **Nursing school prerequisites, application deadlines, and components vary, so researching each program is important.**
- Direct entry masters/doctorate programs may require health-related experience and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- While admission may be holistic, GPA is a significant factor in nursing school admission.

Sample 3-Year Plan

The chart below illustrates one way nursing school prerequisitesⁱ can fit into a 3-year plan. Keep in mind that prerequisites may vary considerably by program and that a good plan is as unique as the student following it. Math placement, transfer credits, prerequisite requirements, application timeline, and other factors will help shape your own decisions, and health professions advisors are here to help along the way!

| First Year | | | | |
|-------------|--|--|--|--------|
| | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer |
| Class | CH 221 MATH 112 WR 121 | CH 222 ⁱⁱ MATH 251 ⁱⁱ WR 122 | CH 223 ⁱⁱ MATH 243 | |
| Second Year | | | | |
| Classes | BI 211 ⁱⁱ HPHY 211 ⁱⁱ | BI 212 ⁱⁱ PSY 201 HPHY 105 | PSY 215 @LCC or PSY 308 ⁱⁱⁱ HPHY 212 ⁱⁱ | |
| Third Year | | | | |
| Classes | HPHY 321 HPHY 322 | HPHY 323 HPHY 324 | HPHY 325 | |

ⁱ **Prerequisites vary by school.** Research specific schools that interest you to be sure you meet any additional requirements.

ⁱⁱ These courses are prerequisites for UO's anatomy & physiology sequence. They are not typically prerequisites for nursing school.

ⁱⁱⁱ Confirm with each nursing program that University of Oregon's PSY 308 satisfies the requirement.

Courses required by many nursing programs are offered at Lane Community College (course numbers may differ at other community colleges):

- Lifespan development (PSY 215)
- Microbiology (BI 234)
- Nutrition (FN 225)

Online Resources

Health Professions Program Website

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)

Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE)

Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing

Exploring Health Careers

healthprofessions.uoregon.edu

aacnnursing.org

ocne.org

nursing.jnj.com

explorehealthcareers.org

Campus Resources

TAEC study support

Holden Center

Duck Nest

Global Education Oregon

HPP workshops

Tykeson College and Career Advising

Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement

GRE preparation

University Career Center

Advising

Call 541-346-9200 and ask to schedule an appointment with an HPP advisor.

Or visit us in Tykeson Hall, 2nd floor, health@uoregon.edu