



Nursing (RN, NP) Preparation at the University of Oregon

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)
- **The University of Oregon does not have a Nursing Program.** This advising handout outlines a path for UO pre-nursing student to prepare to apply to programs at another institution.
- In Oregon, students can **earn a BSN from OHSU through a program called OCNE** (Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education), which is offered at 15 different community colleges in the state.
- 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.

	ASN	BSN	Accelerated BSN	Direct Entry MSN or DNP
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

Sample 3-Year Plan

The chart below illustrates one way Nursing school prerequisites 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 112Z WR 121	CH 222 ⁱⁱ STAT 243Z WR 122	CH 223 ⁱⁱ HPHY 105: Nutrition	
Second Year				
Classes	BI 211: Cells ⁱ HPHY 211 ⁱⁱ	BI 212 HPHY 212 ⁱⁱ PSY 202 (<2)	BI 214: Genetics & Biochem ⁱ PSY 308: Developmental PSY ⁱⁱⁱ ENG 200: Public Speaking ⁱ	
Third Year				
Classes	HPHY 321 HPHY 322	HPHY 323 HPHY 324	HPHY 325 BI 330: Microbiology BI 331: Microbiology lab	

ⁱ **Prerequisites vary by school.** While some programs require this course, others may not. 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 for lifespan development.

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)
- Anatomy & Physiology (BI 231-233)

Online Resources

UO Pre-health Advising Website

healthprofessions.uoregon.edu

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)

aacnnursing.org

Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE)

ocne.org

Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing

nursing.jnj.com

Exploring Health Careers

explorehealthcareers.org

Campus Resources

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TAEC study support | <input type="checkbox"/> Tykeson College and Career Advising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holden Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergrad Research & Distinguished Scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duck Nest | <input type="checkbox"/> GRE preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global Education Oregon | <input type="checkbox"/> University Career Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UO Pre-Health workshops | |

Advising

Schedule an appointment with a Pre-Health Advisor by following one of the options listed here:

<https://healthprofessions.uoregon.edu/contact/>. Questions? Email: prehealthadvising@uoregon.edu