HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Nursing School 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 Baccalaureate
  - Entry-Level Master's

	ASN	BSN	Accelerated Baccalaureate	Entry-level Master's
Program Length	2-year program	4-year program	12-18 month program after earning a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing major	2-3 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 licensure exam to become a registered nurse (RN) and specialize (e.g. pediatrics, nurse practitioner, etc.)
Benefits	Can later pursue a BSN or MSN 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 9 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.
- Entry-level master's programs may require health-related experience and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Maintaining a high GPA is important to becoming a competitive applicant.

Sample 3-Year Plan

The chart below illustrates one way nursing school prerequisites[i] 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**
Classes	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	http://healthprofessions.uoregon.edu
American Association of Colleges of Nursing	https://www.aacn.nche.edu
Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education	http://www.ocne.org
Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing	http://www.discovernursing.com
Exploring Health Careers	http://explorehealthcareers.org

Campus Resources

- ☐ TLC study support
- ☐ Holden Center
- ☐ Duck Nest
- ☐ Global Education Oregon
- ☐ HPP workshops
- ☐ Academic departments
- ☐ Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement
- ☐ TLC GRE preparation
- ☐ Career Center

Advising

For more information and individualized academic planning,
call or visit the Teaching and Learning Center (541-346-3226, 68 PLC)
to schedule an appointment with a health professions advisor.