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## CAREER AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Portland Community College is a member of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). This statewide consortium is composed of eleven Community College Nursing Programs and Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) School of Nursing who have jointly developed the competency-based curriculum offered by all OCNE schools. The core competencies address the skills expected of newly graduate nurses which include:

- clinical judgment and critical thinking
- evidence-based practice
- relationship-centered care
- interprofessional collaboration
- assisting patients in self-care practices for promotion of health and management of chronic and acute illness
- end-of-life care
- teaching
- leadership
- assignment/delegation of responsibilities and supervision of assistive nursing personnel
- reflection, self-analysis, and self-care

Acceptance into the PCC program allows for non-competitive admission to OHSU School of Nursing.

The OCNE curriculum is designed as a four-year course of study. The first year is devoted to pre-admissions requisites and/or pre-program courses (45 credits) required before starting the nursing program. The second and third years of study are comprised of six terms, allowing students to complete the Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) and be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing exam. Licensure is granted through the Oregon State Board of Nursing. After licensure, students can continue on in OHSU's RN-BS nursing major program.

Applications are accepted once per year in the winter term for fall entry. PCC's nursing program is competitive. Applications are evaluated on a point system. Minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order to apply. Contact your assigned advisor for long-term prerequisite course planning. Contact the Admissions Office for admission instructions or questions.

## PCC NURSING PROGRAM APPROVAL

Oregon State Board of Nursing
17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd
Portland OR 97224
971-673-0685

## PCC NURSING PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Rd Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Phone (404) 975-5000
www.acenursing.org

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OFFERED

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Nursing

### Academic Prerequisites

- Prior to admission to the nursing program all prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade C or higher. Pass/No Pass courses are not accepted.

### Academic Requirements

- None

### Non-Academic Prerequisites

- Student Disability Information
  - Nursing is a physically and mentally challenging occupation. Education related to this field is designed to prepare nurses for these challenges. Nursing students must be able to meet all established essential academic and clinical requirements to successfully complete the program. Persons with questions concerning qualifications are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office for individual consultation prior to formal application.
  - Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to contact Accessible Education & Disability Resources 971-722-4341. To be eligible for a reasonable accommodation, applicants must provide clear documentation of their disability. Accessible Education & Disability Resources is responsible for determining if reasonable accommodations can be identified and ensuring that accommodations are provided for PCC students. Accessible Education & Disability Resources' services are confidential and are separate from the nursing and college application processes. Early contact with Accessible Education & Disability Resources will ensure that accommodations can be made available when students begin the program.

### Non-Academic Requirements

- None

## NURSING AAS DEGREE

Minimum 108 credits. Additionally, students must complete the 45 prerequisite credits prior to entry in program. Students must also meet Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements and Associate of Applied Science Requirements. Students must complete a total of four courses of General Education. Some courses specified within the program may be used as General Education. In addition to required courses in the program of study, students must satisfy MTH 58/65 competency. Students should consult with program advisors for course planning.

### Course of Study

The coursework listed below is required. The following is an example of a term-by-term breakdown.

| Pre-Program Requirements | | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| BI 231Z | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BI 232Z | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| BI 233Z | Human Anatomy and Physiology III | 4 |
| BI 234 | Microbiology [1] | 5 |
| FN 225 | Nutrition [1] | 4 |
| MTH 95<br>or MTH 98 | Intermediate Algebra [1]<br>or Math Literacy II | 4 |
| PSY 215 | Human Development [1] | 4 |
| WR 121 | Composition I [Z] | 4 |
| WR 122 | Composition II [Z] | 4 |
| General Education: 2 Social Science courses | | 6 |
| Any Lower Division Collegiate course | | 2 |
| First Term | | |
| NRS 110 | Foundations of Nursing- Health Promotion | 9 |
| NRS 232 | Pathophysiological Processes I | 3 |
| Second Term | | |
| NRS 111 | Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I | 6 |

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| NRS 230 | Clinical Pharmacology I | 3 |
| NRS 233 | Pathophysiological Processes II | 3 |
| Third Term | | |
| NRS 112 | Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I | 6 |
| NRS 231 | Clinical Pharmacology II | 3 |
| General Education: 1 Arts and Letters course | | 3 |
| Fourth Term | | |
| NRS 221 | Chronic II | 9 |
| Fifth Term | | |
| NRS 222 | Acute Care II | 9 |
| Sixth Term | | |
| NRS 224 | Integrative Practicum I | 9 |
| | Total Credits | 108 |

[1] These courses must be completed within seven years prior to application for the Nursing AAS program. Any MTH course for which MTH 95 or MTH 98 is a prerequisite will satisfy the MTH 95/MTH98 requirement.

Z This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent:
WR 121 and WR 121Z
WR 122 and WR 122Z

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*Additional notes:*

- Students must complete at least 30 credits of the Pre-Program Requirements by the application deadline for the Nursing AAS program, including BI 231 and MTH 95 or MTH 98.
- Students must complete all 45 credits of the Pre-Program Requirements, and be accepted into the Nursing AAS program, before enrolling in any NRS course.
- All Pre-Program Requirement coursework must be completed with a grade of C or better. Pass/No Pass grades not accepted.
- The OCNE RN-BS with a major in Nursing completion option at OHSU for PCC AAS Nursing graduates has additional requirements that can be completed at PCC simultaneously with the AAS. Please consult your PCC Nursing program advisor and/or the OCNE admissions office for current requirements.

Nursing Program Electives

Any course from the General Education/Discipline Studies List.

Note: 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 language, or two terms of college-level language or pass a language proficiency examination. College-level foreign language (including American Sign Language) credits count toward degree requirements. A minimum of 9 credits of humanities is required for the OHSU degree. Students planning to earn a bachelor's degree are encouraged to complete STAT 243Z soon after the prerequisite math course.