

Nursing Program



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A Guide to the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) Requirements at CCC

Minimum application requirements:

- At least 30 of the 45 credits of prerequisites must be completed by the end of Fall 2023.
- The remaining preparatory must be completed by the end of Summer 2024.
- BI 231 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better by the end of Fall 2023.
- Math Competency (MTH 095 or higher) must be demonstrated by the end of Fall 2023.

Grade Requirements:

- Cumulative GPA of preparatory courses must be at least a 3.0.
- Individual prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade and must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- AP/ IB/ CLEP credit cannot be used towards Nursing preparatory hours because all courses must be graded for GPA calculation.

Prerequisite Courses with a 10-Year Expiration: (The last year accepted for the 2024 application is 2014)

- BI 231, 232, & 233 Anatomy and Physiology I, II, & III: 12 credits
 - $\circ~$ BI 231 must be completed by the end of Fall 2022, but not before Summer 2014
 - BI 232 & 233 must be completed by the end of Summer 2023, but not before Summer 2014
 - NOTE: BI 112 & CH 112 are prerequisites to this sequence (MTH 065 or placement into a higher level math is a prerequisite for CH 112).
- BI 234 Microbiology: 4 credits; must be completed by the end of Summer 2023, but not before Summer 2014

Courses with NO expiration date:

- PSY 215 Introduction to Developmental Psychology: 4 credits
- WR 121 & 122 English Composition: 8 credits
- FN 225 Nutrition: 4 credits
- Arts & Letters, Social Science, or Natural Science: 13 credits
 - At least six (6) of the 13 credits must come from the Social Science area. Remaining credits can come from any of the areas.
 - Select remaining credits from the prefixes of any category below (courses must be taken at the 100-level or above and a minimum of 3 credits; courses numbered 199, 299, 180, and 280 will not fulfill requirements in this area).

Arts & Letters Courses must be at least 3 credits.	Natural Science (Science/Math/Computer Science) Courses must be at least 3 credits.	Social Science Courses must be at least 3 credits. At least 6 credits from this area.
ASL, FR, GER, RUS, SPN (other foreign languages are OK; all credits must be 200 level+) ART – Art COMM - (<i>except</i> COMM 100, 111, & 112) ENG – English HUM – Humanities (<i>except</i> HUM 100) J – Journalism MUS – Music PHL – Philosophy R – Religious Studies TA – Theatre Arts SP – Speech (<i>except</i> SP 100, 111, & 112) WR – Writing (<i>except</i> WR 101, 121, 122, 123, 222, 227)	ASC – Arts & Sciences BI – Biology (except BI 163) BOT – Botany CH – Chemistry (except CH 150) CS – Computer Science ESR – Environmental Science G – Geology GS – General Science MTH – Mathematics (MTH 095 accepted) PH – Physics Z – Zoology	ANT – Anthropology EC – Economics GEO – Geography HST – History PS – Political Science PSY – Psychology SOC – Sociology SSC – Social Science WS – Women Studies

CCC Nursing Program Point Distribution - 2024 Application Cycle

Phase 1: SELECTION CRITERIA	Total Points
PREREQUISITE GPA: GPA maximum of 25 points based on grades of completed preparate	•
25 points = 3.67-4.00 23 points = 3.33-3.66 20 points = 3.20-3.32 17 points = 3.15-3.19 15 points = 3.00-3.14	/25 pts
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY Sequence completed by end of Fall 2023	
5 points = BI 231, 232 & 233 3 points = BI 231 & 232 0 points = BI 231	/5 pts
PREREQUISITE CREDIT COMPLETION : Calculated based on the number of prerequisite completed by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline.	e credits
5 points = 45 credits 3 points = 37- 44 credits	/5 pts
PREVIOUS DEGREE; or COMPLETION OF COLLEGE SUCCESS COURSE	
 2 points = Applicants are eligible for earning two additional points by completing one of the following options: PREVIOUS DEGREE; Awarded for completion of a previous International or domestic associates degree or higher. Degree must be earned by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline. International degrees must be evaluated by a credential evaluation service for U.S. equivalence. 	/2 pts
<u>OR</u> (completion of College Success or College Survival Course <u>cannot</u> be combined for points. You may earn a total of 2 points for <u>either</u> Previous Degree <u>or</u> completion of College Success course.	
 COMPLETION OF COLLEGE SUCCESS OR COLLEGE SURVIVAL COURSE Completion of a 3 credit College Survival or College Success course with a grade of "C" or better by the end of Fall 2023 	
HEALTHCARE RELATED TRAINING	
 3 points = Completion of healthcare related program with proof of certificate, credential and/or license. Examples include: Nursing Assistant; submit copy of license Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) submit copy of transcripts and/or license Medical Assistant; submit copy of transcripts and/or credential Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic; submit copy of transcripts and/or license License Massage Therapist (LMT); submit copy of transcripts and/or license Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA); submit copy of degree Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA); submit copy of degree Respiratory Therapist (RT); submit copy of degree and/or license Surgical Tech; submit copy of transcripts and/or license Phlebotomy; submit copy of credential (e.g., NCCT, NHA, ASCP, etc.) Note: Applicants must upload a transcript, credential or license as proof of training to the document's sections of NCAS. Applicants must also upload the Health Care Training Form to the documents section of NCAS. The form can be found on the Nursing Webpage.	/3 pts

EMPLOYMENT or VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE PROVIDING DIRECT PATIENT CAR	RE
6 points = Applicants are eligible for earning a total of six additional points by submitting <u>one</u> of the following:	/6 pts
 EMPLOYMENT IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE (6 points) Examples include the following: Nursing Assistant; Medical Assistant; Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic; License Massage Therapist (LMT); Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA); Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA); Phlebotomist (see healthcare related training above). Note: Applicants must upload Healthcare Work Experience Documentation Form to the documents sections of NCAS. The form can be found on the CCC Nursing Webpage. 	
6 points – Awarded for completion of 2000+ hours 4 points – Awarded for completion of 1000-1999 hours 2 points – Awarded for completion of 200-999 hours	
<u>OR</u> (Employment and Volunteer Experience <u>cannot</u> be combined for points. Please submit either Employment <u>OR</u> Volunteer Experience Form)	
 VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (5 points) International or domestic volunteer experience in a healthcare setting (examples include the following: medical setting, home care, community health, health education). Points based on hours of experience and must be verifiable. Note: Applicants must upload Healthcare Volunteer Experience Form to the documents sections of NCAS. The form can be found on the CCC Nursing Webpage. 	
5 points – Awarded for completion of 2000+ hours 3 points – Awarded for completion of 1000-1999 hours 1 points – Awarded for completion of 200-999 hours	
COMPLETION OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES	
 2 points = Completion of <u>one</u> of the following courses by Fall 2023: Gerontology course (3 credit or more) from any accredited institution [note: This option will be phased out from program application as of Fall 2025] Medical Terminology (3 credit or more) from any accredited institution 	2/pts
SERVICE MEMBERS: Active military, veteran, reserve, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps	
2 points = Documentation required (DD214 or record of service)	2/pts
Note: Applicants must upload the Service Member Experience Form to the documents sections of NCAS. The form can be found on the CCC Nursing Webpage.	
COMPLETION OF CCC WR 128 INTRO TO APA STYLE	
 1 point = Completion of WR 128 Intro to APA Style at CCC by the end of Fall 2023 CCC online class (1 credit) 	1/pt
COMPLETION OF INTRO TO LIBRARY RESEARCH	
 1 point = Completion of Intro to Library Research by the end of Fall 2023 CCC provides a "Free" online class (1 credit) 	1/pt
GRADUATED FROM A HEALTH SCIENCES OR STEM HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH A HEALTH STUDY FOCUS	
1 point = Examples include the following: Beaverton Health and Science School, Sabin- Schellenberg Health Services, Benson High School, Sunset High School, Cleveland High School, Tigard High School, Liberty High School, Westview High School (transcripts required)	1/pt
TOTAL POINTS	/53 pts

CCC Nursing Program Prerequisite Course Planning Sheet

All prerequisite courses (45 credits) must be complete by the end of spring term prior to admission. For minimum eligibility requirements to apply, see page 2 of this Guide. Courses completed at a college other than CCC are subject to transferability.

PREREQUISITE COURSES	Courses Completed				
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY: 12 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
□BI-231 - Anatomy & Physiology I					
□BI-232 - Anatomy & Physiology II					
□BI-233 - Anatomy & Physiology III					
MICROBIOLOGY: 4 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
□BI-234 - Microbiology					
NUTRITION: 4 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
□FN-225					
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: 4 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
□PSY-215					
ENGLISH COMPOSITION: 8 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
□WR-121					
□WR-122					
 Classes should cover the development and support of ideas through the medium of written English. Remedial English such as sentence structure and punctuation will not be accepted as sufficient to meet the prerequisite. WR-121 & WR-122 can be substituted if the applicant has earned a bachelor's degree. Any graded college elective course credit (100 level or higher) can be used for the substitution. Note: when taken for 4 credits each, WR-121 & WR-122 is sufficient for the AAS degree in nursing. If taken at a school that awards 3 credits for each course, WR-123, WR 222 or WR-227 must be completed prior to 					
graduation from the program. ARTS & LETTERS, SOCIAL SCIENCES OR NATURAL SCIENCES: 13 Credits (minimum of 6 must be Social Sciences)	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
□Social Science (if needed to get to 6					
required credits)					
□Additional Arts & Letters or Natural Sciences					
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ELECTIVES: (If not at minimum of 45 prereq credits)	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits	
		Total Prero Courses Co		/45	

CCC Nursing Program Application Timeline & Instructions

December 1, 2023

APPLICATION OPENS

- Create a NursingCAS (NCAS) account at <u>www.nursingcas.org</u> and submit/upload all application materials for your NCAS & CCC application.
- Submit ALL official transcripts, including CCC transcripts directly to NCAS. NCAS may take up to 4-6 weeks to show receipt of your official transcripts — Make sure to send your official transcripts at least 2-3 weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure your official transcripts are processed as early as possible.
- Submit the NCAS \$60 application fee **no later than** Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 8:59pm PST/11:59pm EST deadline.

December 10, 2023	Fall Term Ends. Last day to count courses for the 2024 application.	
February 15, 2024	APPLICATION DEADLINE- 8:59 pm (PST) /11:59 pm (EST)	
 NCAS applications must be electronically submitted and all fees must be paid to NCAS by this date and time. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPTS AND/OR UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. 		
Early April 2024	Top scoring applicants are notified via email provided to NCAS of movement to phase II of the selection process which includes a group interview conducted by a panel of CCC Faculty/Staff/Students. Essays (personal statement) will be scored by committee based on the rubric provided.	
Late April/ Early May 2024	Interviews will be scheduled and will take place via Zoom platform with a panel of CCC Faculty/Staff/Students.	
Mid-May 2024	Top scoring applicants in phase II will be offered placement in the Nursing Program. Candidates will be notified via the email they provided to NCAS.	
 Applicants offered a seat in the program must attend two mandatory, on- campus orientations. They must also meet post-selection requirements before starting the program fall term. 		
Summer 2024	Mandatory orientation #1 and post selection phase III requirements must be fulfilled (see phase III details below).	
September 2024	Mandatory orientation #2 and program begins	
Deadlines are subject to change, but any changes will be announced on the Nursing Webpage in a timely manner.		

CCC Nursing Program Admission Selection Process

Phase I: Initial Application Evaluation

Applications submitted to Nursing CAS for the CCC program will be evaluated on a 53-point scale (detailed on page 3). Applicants must meet minimum eligibility requirements. Only complete applications submitted by the application deadline will be considered. Applicants who score the highest in phase I will move on to phase II.

Phase II: Essay Scoring and Interview Process

Essays submitted to Nursing CAS will be scored by a committee. Applicants with the highest points in phase I will be invited to interview.

- Interviews will consist of a panel of CCC Faculty/Staff/Students interviewing a group of applicants. Students who are invited to interview will be required to attend an instructional information session prior to the interview.
- Essay (Personal Statement): The Admissions team would like to know more about what makes you a well-rounded applicant. Please share what experiences lead you to the medical field and Nursing specifically. Please share with us what makes you a unique and strong candidate for this program. Note: We are asking this question because we recognize that candidates have additional skills and experience they have gained that make them a strong candidate for the Nursing program.

Rubric for Scoring Essay (Personal Statement):

Criterion	Response Exceeds Expectations (6 points)	Response Meets Expectations (3 points)	Response Indicates and Opportunity for Growth and Reflection (1 points)
The candidate describes what experiences lead you to the medical field and Nursing specifically.	Response provides a clear and detailed statement about what experiences lead you to the medical field and Nursing specifically.	Response provides a clear statement about what experiences lead you to the medical field and Nursing specifically.	Response shows an opportunity for the candidate to reflect more on what experiences lead you to the medical field and Nursing specifically.
The candidate describes what makes you a unique and strong candidate for this program	Response provides a clear and detailed statement about what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.	Response provides a clear statement about what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.	Response shows and opportunity for the candidate to reflect more about what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.

Prior to submitting your essay under program documents in NCAS, it is recommended to utilize the free <u>Grammarly</u> application to check your spelling and grammar.

Phase III: Post-Selection Requirements

Applicants offered a seat in the Nursing Program must complete all outstanding prerequisite courses (45 credits) by the end of spring term prior to starting the Nursing Program in the Fall Term. In addition, prior to beginning nursing courses, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Successfully pass a criminal background check and a ten-panel drug screen from an agency and lab designated by CCC
- Submit proof of current immunizations (including COVID-19 vaccination) and current American Heart Association BLS certification for HealthCare Providers

Applicants should NOT pursue meeting the phase III requirements prior to receiving a seat offer in the Nursing Program. Applicants offered admission will receive specific directions (at summer orientation) from CCC's Nursing department on how to fulfill these requirements.

CCC Nursing Program Technical Standards

Clackamas Community College provides the following technical standards with examples of learning activities to inform prospective and enrolled students of the skills required in completing their chosen profession's curriculum and in the provision of health care services. These technical standards reflect the performance abilities and characteristics that are necessary for successful completion of the requirements of clinical based health care programs.

COGNITIVE

- Recall, collect, analyze, synthesize, and integrate information from a variety of sources.
- Measure, calculate, reason, analyze and synthesize data.
- Problem-solve and think critically in order to apply knowledge and/or skill.
- Communicate effectively with individuals from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
- Relay information in oral and written form effectively, accurately, reliably, and intelligibly, including thorough and accurate use of computers, computer technology and software programs, and other tools, to individuals and groups, using the English language.
- Effectively collect, analyze, synthesize, integrate, and recall information and knowledge to provide safe patient care for up to a twelve-hour clinical shift.

MOTOR

- Coordinate fine and gross motor movements.
- Coordinate hand/eye movements.
- Negotiate level surfaces, ramps, and stairs.
- Work effectively and efficiently within a limited space.
- Effectively manage psychomotor tasks to provide safe patient care for up to a twelve (12) hours clinical shift.

<u>SENSORY</u>

- Acquire information from demonstrations and experiences, including but not limited to information conveyed through online coursework, lecture, small group activities, demonstrations, and application experiences.
- Collect information through a variety of senses and/or using appropriate and approved equipment.
- Use and interpret information from diagnostic procedures.

BEHAVIORAL

- Demonstrate ability to function effectively under stress and adapt to changing environments to provide safe patient care.
- Maintain effective communication and teamwork to provide effective patient care.
- Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with others or the learning environment.
- Possess attributes that include compassion, empathy, altruism, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and tolerance.
- Accept responsibility for own actions and communicate in a courteous, assertive, non-aggressive, non-defensive manner with instructors, peers, staff, and health care team members.
- Integrate feedback into own performance.

Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE)

What is OCNE?

OCNE is a unified approach to nursing education through a partnership between CCC, eleven Oregon community college programs and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). OCNE schools have a common curriculum, admission/prerequisite requirements and admissions timelines. As an OCNE partner school graduate, you can seamlessly transition with your AAS degree to the OHSU School of Nursing for your final year of nursing coursework to receive the Bachelors of Science (BS) with a major in nursing degree. This additional year of nursing school is offered by OHSU online (either full-time or part-time). Students must complete the AAS degree and pass the NCLEX RN before transitioning to OHSU. Clackamas Community College's Nursing Program is designed to provide students an associate's degree from CCC with the option of transitioning to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing from OHSU. The course work is outlined in a four-year framework (the pace of taking prerequisite courses will vary based on placement in prerequisite courses and can extend the student's timeline to five years for completion of the BS in Nursing).

Year One: Prerequisites* (typically takes students 4 – 6 terms to complete)

Year Two: Accepted 1st year Nursing core courses and clinical at CCC*

Year Three: Accepted 2nd year Nursing core courses and clinical at CCC. Complete AAS degree and complete licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse*

Year Four: OHSU BS with a major in nursing track students' complete additional upper division electives and nursing coursework to complete a BSN.

NEXT STEPS

- Meet with an advisor to plan prerequisites and register for classes
- □ Build your application to earn points
 - o Participate in community engagement
 - o Gain healthcare experience and/or a healthcare certification/license
- □ Research the field of nursing as well as other nursing programs in the local area
- □ Apply to the Nursing Program through Nursing CAS (NCAS)
 - o www.nursingcas.org
 - o Select CCC when the application becomes available December 1st
- □ Send official transcripts to NCAS from all colleges attended

o If you are in progress with classes during fall term (prior to the application deadline) wait until grades post before ordering transcripts to ensure your fall grades are reflected on the transcript.

Pay application fee(s)

o Pay the Nursing CAS application fees to complete the application process.

P Check the CCC Nursing website regularly for updates, application materials, and more detailed information.

Additional Nursing Resources

Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education: <u>www.ocne.org</u> Oregon Health Science University Nursing Program: <u>www.ohsu.edu/son</u> Oregon State Board of Nursing: <u>www.osbn.state.or.us</u> National Student Nurses Association: <u>www.nsna.org</u> Oregon Center for Nursing: <u>www.oregoncenterfornursing.org</u>

CCC Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

How competitive is CCC's program?

Admission to CCC's Nursing Program is competitive, with approximately 350+ applicants each year. Points can be earned across various evaluation criteria areas and it is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework. Students can apply to the program once they have completed 30 of the 45 required prerequisites. However, we strongly advise applicants complete all 45 prerequisite credits by the end of fall term before applying to the program. Applicants gain additional points for previous healthcare experience, military service and other areas. Please review the Advising Guide for details.

How many applicants are selected?

Since 2016, Clackamas Community College's Nursing Program has experienced a reduction in admission numbers due to the nationwide nursing faculty shortage. CCC currently accepts between 30-36 students to begin the program each fall term. Beneath is a link to the Oregon Center for Nursing, which collects statewide data regarding the nursing faculty shortage:

http://oregoncenterfornursing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/OR-Nurse-Faculty-Workforce_Why-Are-They-Leaving.pdf Each admission cycle, the Nursing Program, in collaboration with the college's administration, determines the faculty/staffing/resources needed to deliver the excellent nursing education that it has provided throughout the years. Elements that are considered are the faculty to student ratios, number of faculty available to hire into open positions, ratio of new to experienced nurse educators, and clinical placement availability.

How soon should I start working on my NursingCAS Application?

Nursing CAS (NCAS) opens in late August of each year. Be sure to select the application for the correct fall term you are intending to start. You may begin building the common pieces of your NCAS application in late August. This allows you to complete personal information, enter your academic history and review NCAS requirements. You will not be able to select CCC or view the NCAS application for CCC until December 1st. Once the CCC Nursing Application opens in December, you will be able to view and begin working on your CCC specific requirements in NCAS.

How do I submit official transcripts as part of my NursingCAS Application?

CCC only accepts official transcripts from regionally accredited colleges/universities. Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended, including CCC. It is recommended to send transcripts at least two weeks before the deadline. NCAS takes 7-10 business days to post transcripts, and transcripts must be posted prior to the application deadline. If you are currently enrolled in prerequisite courses, it is strongly recommended to wait until fall term grades have posted before sending your transcript. Students applying who have transcripts from previous colleges (and are no longer taking classes there) should send those transcripts immediately. Do not wait to send your transcripts until you submit your NCAS application. This may extend the time it takes NCAS to process your application and may cause you to miss the application deadline. For a detailed guide on sending transcripts and to check transcript status, please visit: https://help.liaisonedu.com/NursingCAS_Applicant_Help_Center Applicants with international transcripts will need to go through an additional evaluation process through a member of NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services)

Do I need to have my official transcripts evaluated from other colleges/universities by CCC prior to applying for admission?

No, you do not need to have your college transcripts evaluated by CCC prior to applying to the Nursing program. They will be evaluated by CCC once you are officially admitted into the Nursing program.

How will I be notified of my NCAS application status?

All program application correspondence will be sent to the designated email used in your NCAS application. Once accepted to the Nursing Program, all program related correspondence (including Financial Aid, post-selection requirements, etc.) will be sent through your MyClackamas address. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly and understanding admissions related dates and deadlines.

How can I show proof of my service in the military or AmeriCorps, to earn service member points?

Veterans must provide their DD214, member 4 copy. Active military must include a letter from their commanding officer on letterhead from their respective military branch. If you are a current or former national service member and need a service verification letter, log in to the My AmeriCorps Portal: https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do. You will see a link for Service Letters. All DD214, member 4 copies, and AmeriCorps Service letters must be uploaded to the documents section of student's NCAS application by the application deadline.

Do I get my nursing license when I graduate from CCC's Nursing Program?

When you graduate from the CCC Nursing Program, you have earned an Associates of Applied Science in Nursing (Associates Degree in Nursing or an ADN). Graduates from CCC's Nursing Program, will apply to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN). Once graduates successfully pass the NCLEX-RN, they earn an Oregon nursing license.

Do I need to have a Social Security Number (SSN) to get my Nursing License?

In order to decrease the chance of fraud in obtaining licenses from individuals who live overseas and do not intend to work in the US or Oregon, Social Security Numbers are required (per Oregon Revised Statute 25.785) for all applicants (including renewals). Refusal to provide your SSN will result in denial of licensure/certification, and the denial will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. US work visas (H1B, I-766 or other current federal government form authorizing you to work in the United States) will be accepted. If you are attending school on an F1 Visa, provide a copy of the I-94 and I-20 signed by the designated school authority with your application. For more information, contact the OSBN office via email: <u>oregon.bn.info@state.or.us</u>.