

Nursing Program



OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY Nursing Program at Eastern Oregon University

In 1979 the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing established an undergraduate nursing program on the Eastern Oregon University (EOU) campus in rural, La Grande, Oregon. The two institutions developed the program in response to the ongoing critical need for educating and retaining baccalaureate-prepared nurses to work in rural, under-served areas of eastern Oregon. Over the years, the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing has extended Master's and Doctoral education to the Eastern campus.

The EOU program extends academic course work to students who live in remote areas of eastern Oregon, giving place-bound students in Baker City, Burns, Enterprise, John Day, Ontario and Pendleton the opportunity to complete their Bachelor of Science degree while residing in their own small communities. The Rural Frontier Delivery Program (RFD) is offered using distance learning modalities and forming partnerships with local health care hospitals and agencies. Students have the opportunity to realize their career goal of becoming professional nurses without leaving their frontier community and most remain in their remote communities to practice following graduation. The premise that bringing nursing education to medically under-served areas would result in retaining professional nurses in these rural communities has proven to be correct.

The Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing at Eastern is an exemplary model that blends the delivery of comprehensive, preventive

nursing care to rural Oregonians with the specialized education of rural health nurses. Nurse faculty created and operate two nurse practitioner community-based primary care centers as well as the Health Network for Rural Schools serving five rural school districts. Nurse practitioner faculty operate EOU's student health service blending primary care with campus wellness programs. Eastern's nursing students are given the opportunity to practice in these unique health care settings.

The School of Nursing prepares students with knowledge, skills, and clinical judgement to respond to dynamic and changing health care environment. Faculty integrate theory, practice, and research and are actively engaged in activities promoting the health and well-being of local communities. The University values an academic environment where creative collaboration and mutual inspiration takes place.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

The purpose of nursing is to provide people with rational, individualized, and compassionate assistance in the maintenance and promotion of health, in adapting to acute or chronic illness, and in coping with the final stages of life. The field of nursing is committed to the development of nursing functions to promote optimum health for individuals, groups, and society.

The faculty in the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing believes that the baccalaureate degree in nursing is the appropriate entry level to professional nursing practice, and that specialization in nursing should occur in graduate education.

On July 1, 1993 the Oregon University System integrated all of the state's higher education nursing programs under the administration of Oregon Health & Science University. The Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing now has one program at both the graduate and undergraduate level located at four campuses - Eastern Oregon University at La Grande, Oregon Institute of Technology at Klamath Falls, Southern Oregon University at Ashland, and at Portland. Program requirements are the same on all four campuses.

The School of Nursing at Oregon Health & Science University offers an undergraduate curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree. On the La Grande campus, nursing courses are taught by Oregon Health & Science University faculty in residence in La Grande, utilizing both Eastern campus facilities for theory, and regional health facilities for clinical experiences. There is opportunity for student exchange between all four campuses on a space available basis.

The curricula in nursing meet university standards and requirements. The University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CNNE). The accreditation is associated with the AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing). The accreditation is for a term of 10 years and began in 2003.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM GOALS

The graduates of the statewide baccalaureate program in nursing are prepared for professional nursing as generalists. They will:

1. Use theoretical concepts, research findings and other ways of knowing to guide nursing practice with clients in various phases of the life span.
2. Integrate critical thinking skills into the practice of professional nursing.
3. Assess health status and health potential of clients from diverse background; diagnose, identify desired outcomes, plan, intervene therapeutically, and evaluate the outcomes of nursing care.
4. Initiate and perform the multiple roles of a professional nurse.
5. Practice in a caring, responsible and accountable manner in accordance with professional ethics and accepted standards of nursing practice.
6. Comprehend interactions among the major factors affecting health care needs of a changing society.
7. Identify areas for change in the health care delivery system and participate creatively in the change process.
8. Assume responsibility for continued learning and professional growth.

ADMISSION POLICY AND COURSE OF STUDY

BASIC BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

Applications for students seeking admission to the baccalaureate program on all four campuses are available on line at [www.eou.edu/oregon health & science university](http://www.eou.edu/oregon%20health%20and%20science%20university). Applications are accepted December 1 through January 15 for the next Summer admission (June).

Because of the professional nature of nursing and its responsibility to the public, the School of Nursing has established standards for student selection. Applicants must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average during the pre-nursing program to be eligible for consideration. A "C" grade or better must be obtained in all lower division prerequisites. (All transferable academic work is used to compute the grade-point average including grades received fall term prior to admission).

All students admitted to the OHSU School of Nursing must have completed 93 quarter credits (60 semester) of transferable college credits. Although students may apply while in the process of completing the admission requirements, those admitted will provide a final transcript prior to registration at OHSU reflecting the completion of certain courses. All courses must be completed by the end of Spring Term prior to matriculation.

All applicants' applying to any one of the four regional campuses apply directly to the Registrar on the Portland campus. Records are reviewed and recommendations for admissions are forwarded to the Dean of the School of Nursing. Notice of acceptance or refusal is sent by the Registrar's Office.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of the OHSU of Nursing non-nursing requirements which satisfy the group requirements of a baccalaureate degree:

NATURAL SCIENCES

- *Human Anatomy and Physiology (12)
- *Microbiology (4)
- *Chemistry to include Biochemistry (12)
- *College Algebra (3)
- *Statistics (Descriptive and Inferential) (3)
- *Nutrition (3)

Total 37

ARTS AND LETTERS AND HUMANITIES

- Literature (3)
- Written English/English Composition (9)
- **Interpersonal and Small Group Communication (6)

Arts and Letters and Humanities Electives
(recommending Philosophy, Foreign Language,
Intercultural Communication and/or Sign Language)
(12)
Total 30

SOCIAL SCIENCES

General Psychology (3)
*General Sociology (3)
*Human Development (Life-Span) (3)
*Cultural Anthropology (3)
Social Science Elective
(recommending Political Science, Economics, or
Business Sciences) (3)

Total 15

*Lower division requirements for those who have a
baccalaureate degree in another field.

**Only three credits of Speech are required for
bachelors degree students.

ELECTIVES 11

LOWER DIVISION TOTAL 93

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Computer Skills

CURRICULUM

A sample curriculum leading to the Bachelor of
Science degree in nursing at OHSU is outlined
below. It is not uncommon for students to elect to
take longer than two years to complete lower division
requirements. Since course numbering differs at
collegiate settings, course titles and course
descriptions are used to parallel courses. All
courses must be taken for a letter grade with the
exception of non-designated electives which can be
taken P/NP. At Eastern Oregon University if the
WPE exam is passed and on the transcript, 6 credits
of writing will be waived, however, students will still
need a total of 93 credits. Credits at EOU are in
quarter hours.

Clinical experience requires 3 hours in the clinical
area for each credit earned. For students on the La
Grande campus, travel outside of the La Grande
area may be required for clinical experiences.

Total credits: At least 186 credit hours.

Credit in the major: At least 36 credit hours, including
at least 24 hours in upper-division courses.

Credit in residence: A minimum of 45 graded hours
of the last 60 presented for the degree. Course work
completed at any institution of the State System of
Higher Education is considered work in residence
only if the student is officially enrolled at Oregon
Health & Science University for the term in which the
work is completed.

Restrictions: A maximum of 108 transferable credit
hours may be transferred from any accredited

community college or junior college toward the
baccalaureate degree.

Academic performance: Graduation requires a
minimum accumulated grade point average of 2.0 for
all courses applicable for credit toward the
baccalaureate degree.

Group requirements: To promote breadth of liberal
education, all candidates for a bachelor's degree are
required to take a minimum of 36 quarter credits,
with at least 9 credits in each of the three general
education groups (arts and letters and humanities,
social science and science).

Degree requirements: When requirements for
degrees are changed, special arrangements may be
made for students who have taken work under
former requirements. In general, however, a student
will be expected to meet the existing requirements at
the time the degree is granted.

Second degree: Students who have a bachelor's
degree in a field other than nursing must satisfy the
admission requirements and take the lower division
prerequisites that support the nursing major (see *
courses on the list of lower division requirements).
Students must also complete all of the upper division
nursing major in residence at OHSU.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS AT OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING AT EOU

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall

Chemistry 101 (4)
English Composition (4)
Sociology 204/205 (5)
Interpersonal Communication (SPCH 111) (3)

Winter

Chemistry 102 (4)
English Composition (4)
Nutrition (PEH 325) (4)
ARTS/LTS/HUM Elective (3)

Spring

Chemistry 103 (4)
ART/LTS.HUM Elective (3)
College Algebra (MTH 111) (4)
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 101) (5)

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

General Psychology (PSY 201) (5)
Literature (4)
Physiology (BIOL231) (4)

Winter

Anatomy (BI 232) (4)
 Microbiology (BI 234) (4)
 Lifespan Development (PSY 311) (5)
 ARTS/LTR/HUM Elective (3)

Spring

Statistics (STAT 315/327) (4)
 ART/LTR/HUM Elective (3)
 Public Speaking (SPCH 112) (4)
 Physiology (BI 232) (4)

JUNIOR YEAR

	Credits
Foundations for Nursing Practice (NURS 370)	2
Health Assessment (NURS 360)	3
Health Promotion (NURS 362)	3
Health Assessment & Health Promotion Practicum (NURS361)	2
Introduction to Clinical Nursing (NURS 368)	3
Introduction to Clinical Nursing Practicum (NURS 369)	5
Pathophysiological Process: A Foundation for Nursing Practice (NURS 372)	3
Clinical Pharmacology (NURS 374)	3
Nursing Care of Adults with Physiological Alterations (NURS 384)	4
Nursing Care of Adults with Physiological Alterations Practicum (NURS 385)	6
Nursing Care of Families During Health and Illness (NURS 386)	4
Nursing Care of Families During Health and Illness Practicum (NURS 387)	6
End of Life/Family (NURS 356)	
Chronic Illness/Family (NURS 354)	

SENIOR YEAR

Clinical Focus (NURS 471)	5-7
Leadership and Management in Nursing (NURS 472)	3
Ethics in Nursing (NURS 476)	3
Health Policy in Nursing (NURS 474)	3
Mental Health Nursing (NURS 484)	3
Mental Health Nursing Practicum (NURS 485)	5
Community Health Nursing (NURS 486)	4
Community Health Nursing Practicum (NURS 487)	5
Reflective Practice Practicum (NURS 489)	9
Reflective Practice Seminar (NURS 488)	2
TOTAL CREDITS JUNIOR YEAR	48
TOTAL CREDITS SENIOR YEAR	47
TOTAL CREDITS	95

For more information, please call (541) 962-3803 or send an Email to Igraham@eou.edu or visit our web site at [www.eou.edu/oregon health & science university](http://www.eou.edu/oregon%20health%20&%20science%20university) .

CHANGE IN NURSING CURRICULA

Beginning in fall, 2005, nursing education in the state of Oregon will change dramatically. Students who plan to enroll in a nursing program within the next two to four years will need to understand that requirements are in transition.

Nine community college programs and the four campuses of Oregon Health & Science University have formed a consortium that will offer a shared curriculum. This new curriculum will be competency based and will offer the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree, as well as the opportunity to complete an associate degree with eligibility for RN licensure en route to the baccalaureate.

Nursing Prerequisites

Students are eligible to apply for admission to the nursing major after completion of 30 credits of courses from the following list. The 30 credits must include at least Anatomy and Physiology I and Math competency. Students who are selected for admission to the nursing program must complete a total of 45 credits of prerequisites (minimum credits by category as indicated) prior to entering nursing courses.

- Writing 121, 122 (6 credits)
- Chemistry and/or biology if prerequisite to anatomy and physiology
- Anatomy and physiology at 200 level – full body, with lab (10-12 credits) (A&P I must be completed prior to application to the nursing program; A&P II and III must be completed prior to starting nursing courses.)
- Social Sciences, including human development (9 credits)
- Math 95 or higher (math competency for Math 95 or above must be demonstrated prior to application to nursing program.)
- Nutrition (3 credits)
- Basic computer literacy (1-4 credits or demonstrated proficiency.)
- Other general education, sciences, humanities or liberal arts courses to complete 45 credits

These are the projected prerequisite courses and may be subject to change in the approval process. Beginning fall 2006, nursing courses will be taken concurrently with general education courses. At this publication time the general education courses are not approved.

RURAL FRONTIER DELIVERY (RFD Program)

OHSU School of Nursing, in cooperation with Eastern Oregon University, offers a complete baccalaureate degree program to rural place-bound students. Our Rural Frontier Delivery Program (RFD Program) is designed for rural students with a long-

term commitment of remaining in their community. RFD sites are currently Enterprise, Baker City, John Day, Burns, Ontario and Pendleton. Lower division requirements are offered through Eastern Oregon University's Division of Extended Programs. The purpose of the program is to provide our baccalaureate nursing program to place-bound students in rural frontier communities.

This is achieved by: utilizing the existing off campus course delivery system at Eastern, utilizing local community resources for clinical learning experiences and following the admission, course and graduation requirements expected of other matriculated school of nursing students.

Nursing theory courses are delivered to rural sites and taught by nursing faculty at Eastern Oregon University via:

- *IP Video
- *On-line courses
- *computer conferencing
- *cd rom
- * individualized study or combination

Nursing clinical courses are available in each rural community agencies utilized are:

- *hospitals
- *health departments
- *home health agencies
- *mental health clinics
- *private physician offices
- *schools
- *nursing homes
- *other agencies deemed appropriate for learning needs

ADMISSION INFORMATION:

*applications are accepted between December 1st and January 15th for the next summer admission

*lower division prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission

For information on the RFD Program, please call Jan Glasby-Peters, RN, MN, FNP at (541) 962-3342.

The RFD Program is self support and offered depending on funding.

RN TO BSN PROGRAM

The OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY School of Nursing strongly supports RNs who want to return to school to complete their degree. Various options have been developed to allow RNs to pursue further their education and the program continues to strive to be more flexible and accessible.

A program for RNs to obtain a bachelor's degree ("RN/BS program") is offered statewide. Each student works with a program of study adviser to develop a Program of Study and proceeds through the nursing course requirements. RNs take courses using a variety of formats including online at eCollege, attending two-day intensives, by challenge exam and portfolio, and on campus.

The nursing curriculum is changing. RNs enrolling in this program will need to complete their program of study by spring of 2008.

The application deadline for the RN/BS program is December 30th for spring entry and June 30th for fall entry.

For more information, please call (503) 494-3883 or www.ohsu.edu/son.

Graduate Program

The Family Nurse Practitioner and the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs are offered on the La Grande campus.

Applications are accepted between October 1 and December 1. Apply on line at www.ohsu.edu/son.

These programs are offered depending on student enrollment.

For more information on graduate programs and what specialties will be offered on the La Grande campus, contact OSHU School of Nursing, SN/ADM, 3455 SW U.S Veteran's Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239. Phone (503) 494-7725 or in La Grande (541) 962-3528.

FOR PRE-NURSING ADVISING CONTACT:

Advising Office, IH 115
Eastern Oregon University
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Note: For course descriptions see the Oregon Health Sciences University web site at: www.ohsu.edu/son.

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