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2023 Application Cycle

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A Guide to the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) requirements at PCC

Minimum application requirements

- 30 of the 45 credits of designated prerequisite credits must be completed by the end of fall term prior to the February 15th deadline and must include:
 - BI 231
 - Math course or competency by approved placement test (see below)
- The remaining prerequisites must be complete by the end of spring term prior to admission Grade requirements:
 - Cumulative GPA of prerequisite 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 higher.
 *Please note: OHSU will not accept grades of C- or lower.
 - If a course has been taken more than once, the most recent grade received will be the grade used for prerequisite grade evaluation.

Prerequisite Courses with a 7-year expiration (The last year accepted for the 2023 application is 2016)

BI 231, 232 & 233-Anatomy and Physiology I, II & III, 12 Credits: BI 231 must be completed by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline. BI 232 & 233 must be complete by the end of spring term prior to admission. The full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems is required. PCC requires BI 112 prior to taking the BI 231-233 sequence.

BI 234-Microbiology, 4-5 Credits: Must be complete with a C or better by the end of spring term prior to admission. Lecture and laboratory need to cover bacterial identification, morphology, metabolism and genetics; bacterial, viral, and parasitic relationships with human health and disease; and basic immunology. PCC requires BI 112 prior to taking BI 234.

FN 225-Nutrition, 4 Credits: Class should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients and the relationship of diet to health. PCC requires that BI231, WR121 and MTH60 be complete prior to registering for FN 225.

PSY 215-Human Development, 4 Credits: Class should cover the developmental process of human life through the full life span, from birth to death. **Math 95-Intermediate Algebra, or higher: 3-5 Credits, or placement test.** Applicants must demonstrate math competency by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline by one of the following methods:

- Pass MTH 95, or higher with a grade of "C" or better
- Place into MTH 105/111/243 as determined by PCC equivalent placement scores for COMPASS or ALEKS placement tests only. Raw test
 scores are required and are evaluated using PCC's testing center guidelines for placement. Applicant who meet the math competency by
 placement exam will need to complete and/or substitute additional general education electives to fulfill the 45 course credits required for
 admission to the program. Applicants who use math placement exams to meet admissions requirements are still required to meet the math
 course requirements for the Associates of Applied Science (AAS) Degree (MTH 65 or higher).

Courses with NO expiration date

WR 121 & WR 122-English Composition, 6-8 Credits: Remedial English such as sentence structure and punctuation will not be accepted as sufficient courses to meet the prerequisite. These courses are preparation for scientific or technical writing which will be required later in the nursing program. The writing requirement is waived with completion of previous U.S. Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited institution. Applicants who have completed a U.S. Bachelor's degree (waived the WR 121 & 122 requirement) must use additional general education electives to fulfill the 45 credits required for admission to the program.

Social Science Prerequisite Electives, 6-8 Credits: Prerequisite elective credits are required for application and a minimum of six credits must come from social sciences (excluding PSY 215). For a list of approved general education courses, please review the AAS Degree requirements and general education courses from the PCC Catalog at http://catalog.pcc.edu.

Basic Computer Competency: The nursing program does not require a computer science prerequisite course. However, success in the nursing program requires that applicants be computer literate, including word processing, data entry, use of spreadsheets and internet research. Applicants with no computer experience should discuss with an advisor how to achieve competency prior to entering the nursing program.

Nursing degree requirements that may be taken prior to acceptance

Genetics Module: Students must complete a biology course with genetic content prior to the second term of the nursing program. Successful completion of BI 102, or BI 222, or BI 212 or BI 112 at PCC will satisfy this requirement.

AAS General Education & Nursing Program Electives: In addition to the 45 credits of prerequisite courses required for admission, students will need to complete general education electives to graduate with the AAS in Nursing. There is no expiration date for these elective courses. Students will meet the majority of their AAS degree requirements with the Nursing prerequisite courses. Students will likely need at least one additional Arts & Letters elective to graduate. OHSU OCNE Community College transition students will need a total of nine Arts and Letters credits to meet OHSU's transfer requirements. Electives must be 100 level or higher approved Arts and Letters courses. See PCC's Associate of Applied Science Degree worksheet for approved courses. OHSU will not accept/transfer any courses to with a grade of "C-"or below.

WR 123, 222 or 227-Technical Writing: Students who have completed WR 121 and WR 122 at four credits each are not required to complete a technical writing course. Students who completed writing WR 121 and WR 122 at three credits each will need to complete a technical writing course. Students with a previous bachelor's degree do not have to complete this requirement but additional elective credits may be required for graduation.

Additional transfer considerations for the OHSU Bachelor of Science degree:

Math 243-Statistics

Foreign Language (see <a href="www.ohsu.edu/son" for more details"). Language proficiency can be met by successful completion of 1) two years of high school language, 2) two terms of the same college level language, or 3) a language proficiency examination. (PCC does not offer language proficiency exams). College level (100 and above) credits in foreign languages also count as general education or elective credits.

PCC Nursing Program Point Distribution-2023 Application Cycle

Program selection for PCC's Nursing program is a three-phase process. The first phase is based on a point system worth up to 58 points as detailed below. All Information, deadlines and timelines are subject to change on a yearly basis and may be impacted by rapidly changing information regarding COVID-19. Visit www.pcc.edu/nursing for the most up-to-date program information. PCC will not consider degrees, work experience, certifications, or courses earned for points after fall term prior to application deadline.

PHASE I: SELECTION CRITERIA			Points Possible
PREREQUISITE GPA: Calculated based on g	grades earned in the required 45 cm	edits of prerequisite courses	
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 AND PHYSIOLOGY SEQUENCE	COMPLETION: BI 231, BI 232 an	d BI 233	
		Il term prior to the application deadline ace by the end of fall term prior to the application	/ 2 pts
PREREQUISITE CREDIT COMPLETION: Ca application deadline.	alculated based on the number of p a	rerequisite credits completed by the end of fall ter	m prior to the
		end of fall term prior to the application deadline nd of fall term prior to the application deadline	/ 2 pts
PREVIOUS DEGREE: Degree must be earne credential evaluation service for U.S. equivale		application deadline. International degrees must b	e evaluated by a
1 point – Awarded for completion o	f a previous International or domes	tic associates degree or higher.	/ 1 pt
SCIENCE GPA: All four science courses mus	st be complete by the end of fall terr	n prior to the application deadline to earn points.	
1 point – Awarded to applicants tha	at complete BI 231, BI 232, BI 233 a	nd BI 234 with a GPA of 3.75 - 4.0	/ 1 pt
SUPPORT COURSES: Students may earn a	maximum of 2 pts for completion (v	vith a C or higher) of two of the following recommer	ided courses:
Chemistry Elective Course (CH 10 Medical Terminology (MP 111) Information Research (LIB 127) Child Development (HEC 226)	00 or higher)		/ 2 pts
	all credits completed at PCC by the	e end of fall term prior to the application deadline.	
	of a degree or certification at PCC	r completion of 25 – 44 credits at PCC (non-credit certifications not considered) least 2 of the last 4 quarters (winter-fall 2022)	/ 8 pts
SERVICE MEMBERS: Active military, veterar	n, reserve, Peace Corps, AmeriCorp	08.	
Refer to the FAQ section, which out	tlines the supporting documentation	requirements.	/ 3 pts
		npleted within 7 years. Hours cannot be used to be end of fall term prior to the application deadline.	award health
2 points – Awarded for completion1 point – Awarded for completion o			/ 2 pts
ALTERNATE STATUS: Awarded for previous	s year's application cycle		
2 points –Awarded to applicants when	no were offered a seat or placed on	the waitlist for the 2022 application cycle.	/ 2 pts
HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICA	ATIONS: Students may earn up to 1	10 pts total from a combination of both sections liste	ed below.
HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATION: includes international and domestic		umber of practice hours required. This	
4 points – Awarded for completion	of a professional health care certific	eation	
		rs of healthcare experience (paid or unpaid in nunity health, health education, or military)	/ 10 pts
 6 points – Awarded for completion 4 points – Awarded for completion 2 points – Awarded for completion 	of 1000-1999 hours		
		TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	/ 58

PCC 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 PCC are subject to transferability.

PREREQUISITE COURSES	Courses Completed			
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY: 12-15 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
☐ BI 231 Anatomy & Physiology I*(within 7 years)		1		
☐ BI 232 Anatomy & Physiology II (within 7 years)		1		
☐ BI 233 Anatomy & Physiology III (within 7 years)		1		
MICROBIOLOGY: 4-5 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
☐ BI 234 Microbiology* (within 7 years)		1		
* Note: BI 112 is a prerequisite for BI 231 & BI 234 at PCC.				
INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA: 0-5 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
☐ MTH 95, or higher (within 7 years)		1		
OR				
☐ Placement test scores into MTH 111 or higher (within 7 years)	nent test scores into MTH 111 or higher (within 7 years) Raw Placement Test Score:		Test Date:	
The MTH 95 requirement can be waived for admission consideration by completing a college placement test and testing higher than Math 95. Applicants who use placement test scores to meet the admissions requirement will need to substitute general education electives to meet the 45 credit requirement. PCC will only accept ALEKS placement test scores for the math competency. The placement test must be completed by the end of fall term prior to application . Placement test scores may be used for admission to the nursing program, but will not meet AAS graduation requirement.				
ENGLISH COMPOSITION: 6-8 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
☐ WR 121 English Composition I		1		
☐ WR 122 English Composition II		1		
The English composition requirement is waived for applicants who have a previous US bachelor's degree. Applicants who waive the writing courses must substitute additional general education courses to meet the 45 credit requirement.				
NUTRITION: 4 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
☐ FN 225 (within 7 years)		1		
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: 4 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
☐ PSY 215 (within 7 years) PSY 201A recommended before PSY 215		1		
SOCIAL SCIENCE PREREQUISITE ELECTIVES: 6 credits	Course	Term / Year	Grade	Credits
□ Social Science elective		1		
□ Social Science elective		1		
☐ Social Science elective (if needed to get to 6 credits):		1		
		Total prer		/45

Requirements and selection criteria are subject to change on a yearly basis.

All deadlines and timelines are subject to change due to rapidly changing information regarding COVID-19.

2023 PCC Nursing Program Application Timeline & Instructions

APPLICATION OPENS December 1, 2022

- Create a NursingCAS (NCAS) account at www.nursingcas.org and submit/upload all application materials for your NCAS & PCC application.
- Apply to PCC as a credit-seeking student. Applicants can apply to Portland Community College online at www.pcc.edu/admissions
- Mail ALL official transcripts, including PCC 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.
- Pay a required, non-refundable supplemental application fee to PCC for \$40. Payment link can be found online (under the application instructions tab) during the open application period. Upload a copy of your payment receipt from the non-refundable \$40 PCC supplemental application fee, healthcare work experience forms, community service forms, supporting licensure/certification documentation, AND submit the NCAS \$60 application fee by February 15, 2023 at 8:59pm PST/11:59pm EST deadline.

December 18, 2022 F		Fall Term Ends. Last day to count courses, community engagement and health care experience hours for 2023 application	
February 15, 2023 Al		APPLICATION DEADLINE- 8:59 pm (PST) /11:59 pm (EST)	
NCAS applications must be electronically submitted and all fees must be paid to PCC and NCAS by this date and time.			
•	DO NOT WAIT UN	TIL THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION. TRANSCRIPTS AND/OR UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.	

- Top scoring applicants are notified via email of movement to phase II of the selection process and HSRT exam invitation Early April, 2023 dates will be scheduled. Mid-Late April, 2023 Applicants invited to take part in phase II sit for the HSRT exam at PCC (Previous attempts at the HSRT cannot be used) Top scoring applicants in phase two will be offered placement in the Nursing Program. Mid-May, 2023 Summer 2023 Mandatory orientation #1 and post selection phase III requirements must be fulfilled (see phase III details above).
- 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.

September 2023 Mandatory orientation #2 and program begins

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PCC PROGRAM ADMISSION SELECTION PROCESS

Phase I: Initial Application Evaluation

Applications submitted to Nursing CAS for the PCC program will be evaluated on a 58-point scale (detailed on page 1). 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 response, cover letter, resume and the Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT)

A review of an essay response, cover letter, resume (uploaded to the NCAS application in phase I). Students who move to phase II will also be invited to campus to sit for the HSRT Exam. Essay response, cover letter, resume and HSRT Exam scores will be used to determine seat offers for the 2023 program. Phase II scores alone (not a combination of scores from phase I and II) will determine which applicants receive seat offers and move on to phase III. PCC and OCNE reserve the right to change or update the areas of assessment as necessary. Consortium members have agreed that the applicant's score on the HSRT, cover letter, resume and essay responses will not be released to the applicant.

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 PCC
- Submit proof of current immunizations (including COVID-19 vaccination) and current American Heart Association BLS certification for Health Care 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 PCC's Nursing department on how to fulfill these requirements.

PCC Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

How competitive is PCC's program?

Admission to PCC's Nursing Program is competitive, with approximately 400+ 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. We strongly advise that applicants complete all 45 prerequisite credits by the end of fall term before application and gain work experience in a medical setting with a category I certification (see page 3).

How many applicants are selected?

Since 2016, Portland Community College's Nursing Program has experienced a reduction in admission numbers due to the nationwide nursing faculty shortage. PCC currently accepts 32 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 PCC or view the NCAS application for PCC until December 1st. Once the PCC Nursing Application opens in December, you will be able to view and begin working on your PCC specific requirements in NCAS.

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

Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended, including PCC. 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/

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 admitted, all program related correspondence (including Financial Aid, post-selection requirements, etc.) will be sent through your MyPCC address. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly and understanding admissions related dates and deadlines.

How can I earn health care experience points for my military medical training?

Discharged applicants must provide their DD214, <u>member 4 copy</u>. Military Medical experience will be considered as a licensed certification with supporting documentation. Please submit any & all documentation regarding military title, job duties and length of service in that role, honorable discharge papers (if applicable). Documentation may come from formal discharge papers or a commanding officer on letterhead from the respective military branch. For more information, please follow up with the Health Admission Office.

How can I show proof of my service in the military, Peace Corps 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. Applicants who served in the Peace Corps must provide a Certification of Service for Employment Purposes form. This document can be requested via the RPCV Portal. For more information, visit https://www.peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/support-services/certifications-service/ 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, Peace Corps Certification of Service form and AmeriCorps Service letters must be uploaded to the documents section of student's NCAS application by the application deadline. For more information, please follow up with the Health Admission Office

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

When you graduate from the PCC Nursing Program, you have earned an Associates of Applied Science in Nursing (Associates Degree in Nursing or an ADN). Graduates from PCC'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: oregon.bn.info@state.or.us.

PCC Nursing Program Technical Standards

PCC Nursing Program provides the following technical standards to inform applicants of the skills required to complete the nursing program curriculum and provide health care services. These technical standards reflect the performance abilities and characteristics that are necessary to successfully complete 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 skill.
- Communicate verbally, and through reading and writing, with individuals from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
- Relay information in oral and written form effectively, accurately, reliably, and intelligibly to individuals and groups, using the English language.

Physical

Motor

- Coordinate fine and gross motor movements.
- Coordinate hand/eye movements.
- Maintain balance from any position.
- Negotiate level surfaces, ramps and stairs.
- Function with both hands free for performing psychomotor tasks.
- Maneuver in small areas.
- Attend to cognitive and psychomotor tasks for up to 7-12 hours.

Sensory

- 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 observation, listening, touching, and smelling.
- Use and interpret information from diagnostic maneuvers.

Behavioral

- Demonstrate emotional stability to function effectively under stress and adapt to changing environments.
- Maintain effective, mature, and sensitive relationships with others.
- 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 healthcare team members.
- Integrate feedback into own performance.

Portland Community College is an affirmative action equal opportunity institution.

Students are admitted without discrimination as to age, race, religion, gender, sexual preference, national origin or marital status.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OCNE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What is OCNE?

OCNE is a unified approach to nursing education through a partnership between PCC, 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. Portland Community College's Nursing Program is designed to provide students an associate's degree from PCC 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 PCC*
Year three Accepted 2nd year Nursing core courses and clinical at PCC

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 bachelor's degree.*

*This timeline is not typical. Most students take 5 years to complete their BS in Nursing.

NEXT STEPS

Apply to PCC				
 Complete entrance requirements for placement with college placement tests or previous college transcripts 				
Meet with an advisor to plan prerequisites and register for classes				
Build your application to earn points				
Participate in community engagement				
 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 <u>www.nursingcas.org</u>				
 Select PCC when the application becomes available December 1st 				
Send official transcripts to NCAS from all colleges attended				
 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)				
 Pay the PCC & Nursing CAS application fees to complete the application process. 				
Check the Nursing website regularly for undates, application materials and more detailed information				

ADDITIONAL NURSING RESOURCES

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