

# Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Oregon Coast Community College's Registered Nursing (RN) program will equip you to aid clients, individuals, families, and communities to promote health, recover from acute illness, or manage chronic disease. OCCC's Nursing program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN). In this program, you will learn the knowledge and skills required for an entry-level nursing job as a registered nurse. Completing the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing will qualify you to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses, which is a requirement for practice.

Nursing offers the satisfaction of making an immediate difference in other people's lives. It is a dynamic, evidenced-based discipline grounded in caring and compassion that treats actual or potential health problems. Nursing is a rigorous, intellectual discipline requiring people with critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and decision-making skills. A successful candidate for the nursing profession should have a genuine desire to help people, a solid commitment to career development, be committed to adult learning, use evidenced-based information, act ethically with integrity, and be a team player.

Our program is designed to prepare the student to be licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN). RNs deliver nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings. RNs apply knowledge drawn from a broad, in-depth education in the social and physical sciences to assess, plan, order, give, delegate, teach and supervise care that promotes a patient's optimum health and independence. A nurse guides other team members with less education and/or experience, evaluates needs for patient instruction, plans and participates in health teaching, and applies mental health principles to nursing care and function. RNs must also assume responsibility for their professional development.

RNs make decisions regarding patient care based on professional values and responsibilities at the associate degree nurse level while complying with identified legal/ethical standards (scope of practice regulations established by boards of nursing and Code of Practice guidelines established by the American Nurses Association).

Admitted students may earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing by successfully completing 91 required credit hours of the two-year Nursing program (50 credits of first year of the program; 41 credits of the second year of the program) and 32 per-requisite credits. BI, FN, NUR and general education courses to be completed with a letter grade of "C" or better, it is required that all prerequisite courses are completed under the same rule.

## Program Outcomes

Students completing the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree will have the resources to:

- Use a holistic approach to develop, implement, and evaluate plans of care for patients that apply standard nursing care plans to meet individual needs.
- Communicate effectively and collaboratively in a self-directed manner with patients, families, and members of the healthcare team.
- Use first-level management skills in providing care for individuals and groups of patients.

*Note: The number of clock hours required for the below courses is higher than the number of credit hours. Details about clock hours for each course can be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog. Nursing courses are a combination of classroom and clinical hours with each classroom credit hour equal to one clock hour per week and each clinical credit hour equal to three clock hours per week. Preparation time for class and clinical experiences is outside the clock hours required for each course.*

## Associate Degree Nursing Program Costs

[Please refer to the college website for current program costs](#)

Contact Student Services at 541-867-8501 to find out about Financial Aid eligibility.

For program admission information, please visit [OCCC Nursing Web Page](#).

## Technical Standards

The Oregon Coast Community College Nursing Program has a responsibility to society to educate competent healthcare providers who can care for their patients/clients with clinical judgment, broadly based knowledge, and competent technical skills at the entry-level. The program has academic as well as technical standards (non-academic criteria) that students must meet to progress in and graduate from the program successfully. The [Technical Standards](#) document is provided to ensure that students who enter the program know and understand the requirements and can make informed decisions regarding the pursuit of this profession.

## Articulation Agreements

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) has multiple co-enrollment agreements to give students graduating from our program an opportunity to pursue a Bachelor's in Nursing degree. These Co-Admission Agreements facilitate student progression from the Associate of Applied Science degree program to the Bachelor of Science degree program (RN to BSN) through consistent program communication, curricular coordination, and focused academic advising. Collaboratively, we are promoting successful undergraduate educational experiences for our nursing students. OCCC currently has co-admission agreements with Linfield University, Bushnell University, OHSU, and Grand Canyon University.

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## Prerequisites

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Item #	Title	Credits
BI 231	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BI 232	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
MP 111	Medical Terminology	4
MTH 95	Intermediate Algebra	4
PSY 201Z	Introduction to Psychology I	4
PSY 215	Human Development	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
	WR 122 or WR 123 or WR 227	4

## Year 1, Term 1

Item #	Title	Credits
BI 233	Human Anatomy & Physiology III	4
NUR 141	Fundamentals of Nursing	12

## Year 1, Term 2

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BI 234	Microbiology	5
NUR 142	Care of Acutely Ill Patients and Developing Families I	12

## Year 1, Term 3

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 143	Care of Acutely Ill Patients and Developing Families II	12
NUR 145	Introduction to Pharmacology & Pathophysiology	1
FN 225	Nutrition	4

## Year 2, Term 1

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 241	Care of Patients with Complex Health Problems	12
	4 Credit Social Science Elective	4

## Year 2, Term 2

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 242	Care of Patients in Situations of Crisis and in Community	12
	3 Credits Arts and Letters Elective	3

## Year 2, Term 3

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 243	Preparation for Entry into Practice	8
NUR 244	Preparation for the NCLEX-RN Exam	2
	Total Credits	91