Southwestern Oregon Community College &

Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education

Nursing Program Information Packet

Fall 2027 Application
2029 Graduating Cohort

All applications materials must be received by 5pm, February 15th.
(https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Program_Applications.jnz?portlet=EX_FormFlow_-_Forms_2019-07-08T11-23-45-402)

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Thank you for your interest in the Nursing Program at Southwestern Oregon Community College!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 2nd	First day applications accepted
3rd Wednesday in January at 3pm	Information Meeting – https://www.zoom.us/ Meeting ID: tbd
February 5th by 5pm	Deadline for SWOCC Admissions Application* and New Student Orientation *If you have never taken a course or it has been more than one year since you have taken a SWOCC class, you must apply/reapply. Select: Planned Course of Study: AA: Oregon Transfer (AAOT) and Area of Interest: Pre-Nursing Contact 541-888-7636 if you have questions relating to admissions.
February 15th by 5pm	Deadline for Nursing Application, official transcripts and petitions
1st Friday in March at 5pm	Notifications via email – Application received by SWOCC Nursing Program staff
1st Friday in April by 5pm	Notifications via email – Invitation to Phase 2
Wednesday May 12th and Thursday May 13th at 1pm	Phase 2 sessions (Proctored on campus, both Coos and Curry)
1st Friday in June by 5pm	Notifications via email – Provisional Acceptance
1st Thursday in August by 5pm	Proof of full vaccination status on all immunizations

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION - The Nursing Program is both exciting and challenging, offering graduates the opportunities for employment in a variety of settings and a lifelong career that is personally fulfilling. The program demands may pose unique personal as well as academic challenges. Most students have multiple responsibilities in addition to going to school (i.e., marriage, family, job). Success in the program takes a firm commitment, and the nursing faculty is here to help you succeed. Nursing is a demanding field and admission to nursing schools is a very competitive process. We strongly suggest you prepare well by talking with nurses in various settings, talking with an advisor in order to help you with your career plans, and by reading through the application materials thoroughly. Advisors are assigned to students enrolled in Southwestern to assist in keeping you on track to your degree goals.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING - Due to the volume of interest in this program, applicants may wish to attend a Nursing Program informational meeting held via ZOOM. This will include time for individual questions.

THE CONSORTIUM - The Southwestern Nursing Program has joined with other community college programs and all campuses of the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in a unified approach to nursing education. This coalition of statewide nursing educators and programs known as the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Faculty from SWOCC are actively involved in the competency-based curriculum used at all consortium schools. SWOCC began the implementation of the new nursing curriculum with the students who entered the program in Fall of 2006. Other OCNE schools that have similar prerequisites (each college may have some college-specific variations) and comparable application processes for students include: All OHSU Schools, Mt. Hood Community College, Umpqua Community College, Rogue Community College, Lane Community College, Clackamas Community College, Blue Mountain Community College, Portland Community College, Treasure Valley Community College, Clatsop Community College, Columbia Gorge Community College.

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES - The competencies of the OCNE curriculum address the need for nurses to be skilled in clinical judgment and critical thinking, evidence-based practice, relationship-centered care, interdisciplinary collaboration, assisting individuals and families in self-care practices for promotion of health and management of chronic and acute illness, end-of-life care, and teaching, delegation, leadership and supervision of caregivers.

DEGREE OPTIONS - Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to Southwestern and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) nursing programs. Co-admission is an agreement that applicants admitted to SWOCC are eligible to complete a

Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Nursing at OHSU without an additional competitive application process. The co-admitted student would matriculate and be entered into the OHSU student record system, upon transfer following completion of 6 terms of the curriculum at SWOCC. Students completing the AAS will meet the educational requirements to be eligible to sit for the RN-licensure examination, and would complete four additional terms of full-time study to earn the Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Nursing through OHSU.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM - The design of the program provides students the option of completing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing (AAS-Nursing) from Southwestern or a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN) from OHSU. For further information, see "Curriculum".

ENROLLMENT PER YEAR: Depending on clinical facilities and program staffing, we anticipate accepting 40 - 45 students in our Fall Nursing Cohort to our Coos Bay and Curry campuses.

CURRENT LECTURE, CLINICAL, AND LAB SITES: Lecture is in person on the Coos Bay and Curry campuses, Canvas platform is used to deliver assignments, handouts, exams, etc.
Lab sites are on the SWOCC Coos Bay campus or SWOCC Curry campus.
Clinical Sites are located at the following facilities: (For more information please see Nursing Student Handbook on the SWOCC website).

Bay Area Hospital (BAH) – Coos Bay, Oregon (105mi from Curry)
Coquille Valley Hospital (CVH) – Coquille, Oregon (22mi from Coos/105mi from Curry)
Curry General Hospital (CGH) – Gold Beach, Oregon (82mi from Coos)
Lower Umpqua Hospital (LUH) – Reedsport, Oregon (26mi from Coos/130 mi from Curry)
Southern Coos Hospital (SCH) – Bandon, Oregon (28mi from Coos/80mi from Curry)
Avamere/Cascadia Health Coos Rehabilitation-Coos Bay, Oregon (105mi from Curry)
Lifecare – Coos Bay, Oregon (105 mi from Curry)
Curry Village Health & Rehab of Cascadia- Brookings, Oregon (110mi from Coos)

PROGRAM STAFF

(See Nursing Student Handbook on the SWOCC website)

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK AND EXPECTED INCOME - Employment opportunities are available in the Southwestern district, as well as statewide. Hospitals, long-term care, extended care and clinics employ RNs. Adding the BSN degree opens even more opportunities including but not limited to teaching in nursing programs in labs and clinical, school nursing, public health nursing and is the next step to becoming a nurse practitioner. Overall salaries are excellent. See Oregon Employment Department.

DEMANDS OF THE PROGRAM - It is important to understand the mental and physical demands of the nursing program and the career of the nurse, as described in the Technical Standards document, which is available on our website, https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Program_Specific_Forms.jnz. Established academic and clinical requirements essential to the program of instruction apply to all students. The Nursing Program at SWOCC attempts to accommodate and retain qualified applicants with disabilities unless results of evaluations indicate that given reasonable accommodation an individual will still be unable to perform the essential functions required by the program. Students with questions concerning particular qualifications are encouraged to contact the Accessibilities Services in the Student Success Center at 541-888-7405 to arrange an appointment for individual consultation and advice prior to application.

ADMISSION PROCESS

APPLICATION OPEN AND CLOSE DATES – Nursing Program applications are available at the Southwestern website. You must first apply to Southwestern if you are not a current student (attended courses in the last year) and complete the New Student Orientation (this process can take up to five working days) in order to login to myLakerLink and complete the Nursing application. Only completed nursing applications submitted from January 2 through February 15th are accepted for consideration for the following Fall cohort. There is no advantage to applying early. However, do not wait until the last minute. The only materials that will be accepted after the February 15th deadline are official transcripts documenting completed coursework that was in progress during Winter term of application year. The last day for submitting official transcripts is 5pm the 2nd Friday in April. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the application submitted is complete. It is recommended that applicants have a friend or family member double check before submitting. The program administration assistant will send a confirmation email to all applicants by the 1st Friday in March at 5pm stating that we have received the application. (If you have not received an email by the above date,

please email amber.schiro@socc.edu the following Monday). Due to the high volume of applications, students are **not** to inquire as to the receiving and/or the completeness of the application.

ADMISSION CRITERIA – Applicants to the nursing program must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- If you are brand new to SWOCC or it has been a year since taking SWOCC classes, you must submit the SWOCC Student Application for Admission, which is available at http://www.socc.edu. Admission to Southwestern does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program. This process can take up to five working days.
- Submission of SWOCC's Nursing Program application and required documentation, as listed on the checklist.
- Invitation to and participation in the mandatory Essay and Kaplan admission test on the SWOCC Coos Bay or Curry campuses at a designated date and time for the top qualified applicants (150 to 200% of available positions).
- Completion of all program prerequisites with a letter grade of "C" or better.
- Anatomy and Physiology classes have a 7-year time limit and a grade of "C" or better.
- Prerequisite courses may not be taken more than two times within a seven-year period. If more than two attempts have been made within the seven years, the second grade will be used to calculate the prerequisite grade point average (GPA). If there is a 'W' grade on the 2nd attempt, it will be considered as the same value as an 'F' and will be used to calculate the prerequisite grade point average (GPA).
- Submit official college transcripts demonstrating a 3.0 cumulative GPA for all prerequisite coursework. *Students that have Southwestern as their only college of attendance do not need to include transcripts.* Non-accredited college transcripts are not considered in the evaluation of your application or toward any degree requirements.
- Evaluations for transfer coursework from foreign Institutions are due by the application deadline. The evaluation company must be either AACRAO Foreign Education Credential Service (www.aacrao.org) or a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For a list of NACES memberships, please see www.naces.org. The evaluation must be a course-by-course evaluation with an official copy submitted to the Admissions, Registration and Records Office.
- International students (individuals seeking a non-immigrant, student visa) must first submit the following documents to the International Student Advisor, in addition to their International Student Application:
  1. Submit an original report showing a score of at least 560 for the written exam or 220 for the computer exam on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); or
  2. Submit an original report showing a score of at least 780 on the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) exam; or
  3. Submit an original report showing an overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 on all modules of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic Module); or
  4. Submit an original certificate from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Schools of Nursing (CGFNS); or
  5. Provide a VISA-Screen® certificate.

  Upon admission to the program, the college will then issue the applicant an I-20 form for F-1 for the purpose of a student visa application.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESS - Applicants must submit a **complete** nursing program application, including all required forms, a non-refundable nursing program application fee of $50 and other supporting documentation. To apply, login to myLakerLink and then click the link. (https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Program_Applications.jnz?portlet=EX_FormFlow_-_Forms_2019-07-08T11-23-45-402&screen=FormView&form=6fdeca55-1a4e-40ba-a9da-bc9bdb73760c) Official transcripts on classes not in our system must be submitted and received by the **application deadline**.

YEAR ONE PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (45 CREDITS) - Students are eligible to apply for admission to the nursing program after completion of 28 credits with a "C" or better. The 28 credits must include BI 231Z Anatomy & Physiology I completed within the 7-year time limit.

APPLICANT NOTIFICATION – Applicant notification is by email regarding provisional admission into the nursing program. All admission decisions are final. The Nursing Department reserves the right to establish an alternate list for admission if needed. Alternate notification is by email if space becomes available. The alternate list expires when fall term begins.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

INTENT TO ENROLL - Upon notification of provisional admission, applicants must indicate in writing his/her intention to enroll by the deadline in the notification letter. Applicants failing to indicate in writing his/her intention to enroll by the deadline in the notification letter will forfeit their provisional admission.

PHYSICAL EXAM/IMMUNIZATIONS - Provisionally admitted students must submit proof of having had a physical exam that includes specific screenings, immunizations, or titers by the stated deadline. Physical exam forms will be included in the provisional acceptance package. Failure of provisionally admitted students submitting proof of having had a physical exam that includes specific screenings, immunizations, or titers by the stated deadline will forfeit their provisional admission. Please note that some immunizations require a 14-day period from last dose to be considered fully vaccinated.

The following lists the required items:

1. A tuberculosis skin or blood test (IGRA), with follow-up chest x-ray if skin test is positive. This must be done right before the start of the program and annually while in the program.
2. Immunizations or titers, as appropriate, for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Chicken Pox.
3. Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) immunization who have not or are unsure if they received a dose of Tdap within the last 10 years.
4. As a nursing student, you may be at risk for contracting Hepatitis B. Therefore, you are required to obtain the Hepatitis B vaccination. This is a series of two or three injections given over a six-month period. Only the first dose must be completed prior to the start of the program.
5. As a nursing student, you may be at risk for contracting Covid-19. Therefore, it is recommended that you obtain the Covid - 19 vaccination. This may be as a single dose or as a series of two injections given over a 4-week period. SWOCC Nursing Program does currently accept religious and medical exemptions.
6. It is also recommended that you obtain the following immunizations: influenza, pneumonia and meningitis. These immunizations are not required, but they are recommended for your safety and the safety of patients.

CPR - Provisionally admitted students must provide a copy of a current American Heart Association's Healthcare Provider/BLS card prior to the start of the Fall term. https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Program_Specific_Forms.jnz. BLS cards must be valid through the academic school year and through the entirety of the program.

CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK - As required by OCNE and the Oregon State Board of Nursing, all provisionally admitted students will be required to undergo a criminal background check prior to entering the program. Instructions will be included in the provisional admission packet. Specific criminal records can result in denied entrance into a healthcare facility as a student. Because it is not possible to meet the objectives of the program without having clinical experience, anyone with a positive criminal or abuse history may not be eligible for acceptance in the nursing program. Fingerprinting may be required prior to participation at specific clinical sites. In addition, the OSBN requires a criminal background check upon application for licensure. Students need to be aware that the application for RN licensure will include a criminal background check and questions about arrests, convictions, or sentencing for any criminal offense in any state, a history of any disciplinary actions pending or taken against a nursing license in any state, or the presence of any physical, mental or emotional condition that might affect the person's ability to practice nursing. Students should contact the Oregon State Board of Nursing (971-673-0685) if they have such personal histories and have questions about policies for licensure. Failure to answer the license application questions truthfully and completely may result in denial of licensure. For more information on OSBN, licensing requirements see www.osbn.state.or.us. Please submit the release (included with the forms packet) requiring your signature, with your application.

COMPLETION OF PREREQUISITES – Provisionally accepted nursing students must complete all prerequisite courses (45 credits) by the end of summer term prior to entering nursing courses or they will forfeit their acceptance. Provisionally admitted students must provide official transcripts by the last Thursday in August for any prerequisite courses completed with a grade of "C" or higher after the submission of the application. The cumulative GPA for all 45 credits of pre-requisites must be 3.0 or higher.

ORIENTATION – An Orientation for accepted nursing students will be held in September prior to the first day of class, to acclimate the students into the Nursing Program, attendance is highly encouraged.

ADMISSION TRANSITION – Students will receive notification via email when documentation and the terms of provisional acceptance have been satisfied. Applicant status will be converted to program acceptance in September, and students will be able to register for Nursing Program classes.
Students who are selected for provisional admission to the nursing program must complete the remaining credits, 45 credits of prerequisites, by the end of Summer term prior to entering the Nursing Program in Fall. For the complete list of prerequisite classes, see the Sample Southwestern Nursing Program Planning Sheet on page 10 of this packet or the Prerequisite Planning Chart, available at https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Program_Specific_Forms.jnz.
Note: Many of the nursing prerequisites may have course prerequisites such as general biology that may be required in advance. It is very important to meet with an academic advisor in planning your schedule to ensure completion of all requirements by the application deadline.

Course numbers listed here are for courses completed at Southwestern Oregon Community College. SWOCC's Transcript Evaluator will determine if classes taken at other colleges are equivalent based on curriculum content. Classes with the same course title and/or number may not transfer in as equivalent. It is the student's responsibility to make sure their transcript courses match the prerequisite classes and petition if necessary.

ADMISSIONS POINT SYSTEM – Assessment of eligible applicants are according to a 100-point scale. Official transcripts will be the method of proof for grades. Transcripts for courses completed by Fall term must be submitted with the application. Assessment of eligible applicants are according to the following:

Phase I = 60 points

Academic Metrics = 30 points

1. **Prerequisite GPA:** A maximum of **25 points** awarded. The applicant must provide official transcript(s) from all previously attended colleges and must have a minimum of 28 credits of prerequisites by the end of Fall term to be considered eligible. Only the prerequisites will be calculated in the GPA for assignment of points in the admission process. Only official transcripts for coursework to be assessed are necessary for application purposes. The most recent grade for a course will be used unless more than two attempts have been made within the seven years. If more than two attempts have been made, the second grade will be used to calculate the prerequisite grade point average (GPA). Examples of the resulting point assignment to various GPA levels follow.

Prerequisite GPA	Points Assigned
3.8 – 4.0	25
3.7 – 3.79	24
3.6 – 3.69	23
3.5 – 3.59	22
3.4 – 3.49	21

Prerequisite GPA	Points Assigned
3.33 – 3.39	20
3.2 – 3.32	19
3.15 – 3.19	17
3.0 – 3.14	15
0 – 2.99	0

2. **Completion of Anatomy & Physiology sequence**:
   2 points will be awarded if the entire sequence of Anatomy & Physiology (BI 231Z/232Z/233Z) is completed by the end of Fall term prior to application, with a grade of C or higher in each course.
   1 point will be awarded if two of the three A&P courses completed by the end of Fall term prior to application, with a grade of C or higher in each course.

3. **Prior Degree:**
   1 point will be awarded to applicants who hold an Associate's degree or higher at the time of application.

4. **Completion of all prerequisites:**
   2 points will be awarded for having all 45 prerequisite credits completed by the end of Fall term prior to application.
   1 point for 32 credits competed by the end of Fall term prior to application.

SWOCC Experiences and Attributes = 30 points

1. **Veteran Status: 4 points** will be awarded to applicants who have Veteran status at the time of application.

2. **Local Criteria: 6 points** will be awarded to applicants who have Western Douglas, Coos, or Curry County Residency status at the time of application.

3. **Healthcare Certification/License: 2 points** will be awarded to those who provide a copy of current unencumbered certification/license with the application.
   (We are accepting: Certified Nursing Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse, Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist, Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Dental Assistant, Certified Pharmacy Technician, Certified Surgical Technician, Service as an Armed Services Medic or Corpsman, Certified Hemodialysis Technician, Certified Phlebotomist, Certified ED Technician, Certified Patient Care Technician, and certifications not listed based on approval per Dean of Nursing and Allied Health discretion.)

4. **Work Experience: up to 4 points**
   2 points will be awarded to those who provide proof of at least 600 hours of any work experience in the last 12 months from the application deadline. *(Form provided in application)*
   2 additional points will be awarded to those who provided proof of 600 hours of work experience that matches the healthcare certification/license noted under #3 Healthcare Certification/License.

5. **Community Service: 2 points** will be awarded to those who provide proof of at least 20 hours of supervised volunteer or community service in the last 24 months from the application deadline. *(Form provided in application)*
(Volunteer experience may not be court ordered. Paid experience is not considered "volunteer experience." A relative cannot serve as a supervisor, verify hours, or sign community service form. Incomplete forms cannot be given consideration for points.)

6. **Diversity Attributes: up to 6 points**
1 point – TRIO SSS Participant by December 31st prior to application. www.socc.edu/trio
1 point – First generation college student (parents have not earned a bachelor's degree)
1 point – Low-income (Pell grant eligible)
1 point – Documented disability (may request documentation)
2 points – Bilingual

7. **No Repeat of A&P Courses: 3 points**
If you have completed the series with a C or better and have not repeated any of the A&P 1, 2, or 3 within the past 7 years.

8. **Completion of AH 111 Medical Terminology I** (or equivalent)**: 1 point** (must be on official transcript with a grade of C or higher)

9. **Completion of STAT 243 Statistics** (or equivalent)**: 1 point** (must be on official transcript with a grade of C or higher)

10. **Prerequisites taken at SWOCC: 1 point** will be awarded if 28 prerequisite credits or more were completed at SWOCC.

Phase II = 40 points

The top applicants (150-200% of available positions) will be invited to participate in an essay session and Kaplan Admission Exam on the Coos Bay or Curry campuses. ***There will be a $50 Kaplan Admissions Exam fee for all applicants entering into Phase II of our Nursing application process.***

Proctored Essay = 30 points

A maximum of **30 points** will be awarded for the responses based on OCNE shared criteria/scoring rubric. The items listed below are ***examples*** of possible areas to be assessed. Southwestern Oregon Community College and OCNE reserve the right to change or update the areas to be assessed as necessary.

1. Integrity – The applicant responds to situations demonstrating values compatible with SWOCC's and nursing core values and the maintenance of ethical, social and organized norms.
2. Diversity – The applicant expresses understanding of equity and inclusion, respect for and/or experience with varied backgrounds, cultures, ethnic groups, and lifestyles.
3. Resilience – The applicant describes strategies/behaviors that would enable maintaining stable performance under pressure.
4. Communication –The applicant conveys the ability to deliver information, feelings, and opinions to others orally or in writing.
5. Motivational Fitness – The applicant describes strategies/behaviors that would enable success in staying in school.
6. Transferable Skills – The applicant responds to situation questions in a manner that demonstrates problem solving, curiosity, leadership and critical thinking.

Kaplan Admission Exam = 10 points

Up to 10 points awarded based on exam score. Scores will not be published and applicants will not see their scores.

Percent Correct	Points Awarded
90-100	10 points
80-89	8 points
70-79	6 points
65-69	4 points
0-64	0 points

Tie Breakers: In the event that two or more applicant scores cluster at the acceptance cut-off point, Southwestern will use tie breakers in the following order:

1) Kaplan Admission Test Result
2) Overall prerequisite GPA
3) A & P grade

Petition: Applicants with exceptional circumstances have the option of petitioning for consideration of specific issues. For example, an upper division course will not transfer in as equivalent to a SWOCC prerequisite course but may possibly fulfill the program intent. It is the student's responsibility to contact the program assistant to access the correct form and for more information. Petitions for previous classes are due by the application deadline. Petitions for winter grades are due by 5pm the 2nd Friday in April, spring and summer term petitions are due by the last Thursday in August. *If classes do not match and petitions were not completed, the application will be deemed incomplete.*

Curriculum

- The first year of the program is devoted to **prerequisites** and/or preparatory courses (45 credits) required for admission to the nursing program.
- The second year of the OCNE program is the **1st year SWOCC Nursing Program** and is comprised of identical courses for associate and bachelor's work.
- The third year of the OCNE program is the **2nd year SWOCC Nursing Program,** it offers students the ability to complete the AAS degree through SWOCC (and provides the eligibility for NCLEX-RN licensure testing) after Spring term of the third year**.**
- Year four BS program electives must be 15 credits of upper division courses (300-400 level courses) for the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. These classes may be taken before nursing courses are completed. Due to OHSU not offering Humanities or Social Sciences classes, these electives may be satisfied through other accredited colleges. The Student Success Center, Stensland Hall, 541-888-7405, is available to assist students in exploring their options. If you do not have an advisor, they will be able to assign one to you.

The coursework for the BSN continues through the completion of fulltime study through the fourth year. Both the AAS and BSN degrees meet the educational requirement for the national licensure examination for RN licensure (NCLEX-RN). The nursing program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, www.osbn.state.or.us .

The student may remain in the local area for continued coursework towards the BSN, but tuition will convert at that time to OHSU tuition. It is important for students to be aware that residency requirements differ between schools. Please see the OHSU website, www.ohsu.edu for additional information.

- Majors in this program must complete all courses with a grade of C or higher.
- Each quarter is a prerequisite to the next.
- Courses that **do not have** the NRS prefix may also be offered in terms other than those specified. You may take them in a term **prior** to when they are recommended in the planning sheet document; but since each quarter is a prerequisite to the next quarter, you **cannot** take them in a term **after** the term they are listed.

Contact your advisor for further information.

Please note; the following chart on page 8 shows the courses required at SWOCC. Other consortium programs may have slight differences due to specific college requirements. Year 4 "OHSU" are provided for informational purposes for those planning to complete the AAS degree at SWOCC then transition and become an OHSU student. Contact the OHSU School of Nursing for more information.

For the Bachelor's in Science major in Nursing degree from OHSU, 15 credits of upper-division non-nursing electives are required.

Southwestern Nursing Program Planning Sheet – Students Admitted for Fall

	Summer Term	Credits	Fall Term	Credits	Winter Term	Credits	Spring Term	Credits
Year 1: Prerequisite Year **AAS & BS**	FN 225: Nutrition MTH 95 ANTH 221, 222, or 223	4 4 3 **11**	BI 231Z: A&P I WR 121Z: English Comp BI 234: Microbiology	4 4 4 **12**	BI 232Z: A&P II WR 122Z: English Comp PSY 237: Life Span Dev.	4 4 3 **11**	BI 233Z: A&P III COMM 218Z or 219 (formally SP 218 or 219) BI 149: Genetics	4 4 3 **11**
Year 2: **1st year SWOCC nursing student** **AAS & BS**	**ALL 45 CREDITS LISTED FOR YEAR 1 MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A "C" OR HIGHER, PRIOR TO ENTERING NRS 110** Writing courses must equal 8 or 9 credits by this point.		NRS 110: Foundations of Nursing-Health Promotion HE 250 Personal Health (or PE231 or 3 credits of PE185)	9 3 **12**	NRS 111: Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I NRS 230: Pharm I NRS 232: Patho I	6 3 3 **12**	NRS 112: Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I NRS 231: Pharm II NRS 233: Patho II ***Apply for PN Certification***	6 3 3 **12**
Year 3: **2nd year SWOCC nursing student** **AAS**			NRS 221: Nursing in Chronic Illness II & End-of-Life	9 **9**	NRS 222: Nursing in Acute Care II & End-of-Life	9 9	NRS 224: Scope of Practice & Preceptorship for AAS completion ***Graduation***	9 **9**

Notes:

- Classes in the SWOCC nursing program must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- Some courses may be available via distance education only.
- Some courses may have a "Z" listed after the course number and is equivalent to our requirements.
- Contact your advisor for questions or further information.
- Writing courses must equal 8 or 9 credits. WR 227Z can be used in place of WR 122Z or WR 123Z as some programs might require WR 227Z instead of WR 122Z

Year 4: Bachelor of Science in Nursing at OHSU, go to:

www.ohsu.edu/son

- Complete AAS at Community College Partner School and NCLEX eligible
- Must have an RN license in Oregon for clinical coursework
- Take classes online and would have mentored clinical experiences in an appropriate site in their geographical area
- Would typically finish the B.S. nursing courses in up to 6 quarters as a part-time student or 4 quarters as a full-time student
  - For the BSN degree:
    - 15 credits upper division non-nursing electives
- May need to complete required non-nursing courses while taking the nursing courses or after completion of the nursing courses

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I get a nursing program application and when do I apply?**
   Applications are available online at: https://www.socc.edu/why-swocc/pathways/pathway-health-public-safety/associate-of-applied-science-nursing/ beginning January 2. Completed applications are accepted from January 2nd through February 15th by 5pm, via myLakerLink. The only materials that will be accepted after this date are official transcripts documenting completed coursework that was in progress during Winter term.

2. **When do you accept students into the program?**
   Students are accepted each Fall term into the program.

3. **How do I get accepted to the Southwestern nursing program?**
   Applications are reviewed based on your cumulative prerequisite GPA and Anatomy and Physiology I grade, as well as proof of having a license/certificate from a nursing/medical program, and/or proof of work experience in addition to the license/certification. Identified eligible applicants will then be invited to an essay. Please refer to the Admissions Point System section for more detailed information.

4. **What are my chances of being accepted into the program once I've completed the minimum requirements?**
   Admission is competitive and based on a point scale, it is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. The chance of acceptance is also dependent on the quality of the applicant pool each year, which could fluctuate. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework as that is where a bulk of the admission points is awarded. Please refer to the Admissions Point System for a breakdown of how applicants are assessed.

5. **What if I'm not accepted into the program when I apply?**
   The top ranked students who are not provisionally accepted into the program may be placed on a ranked alternate list to fill a position that may become available if an accepted candidate cannot enter the program. The alternate list is active until fall term starts. Students not admitted to the program must reapply the following year to be reconsidered for admission. Previous application materials will not be forwarded or duplicated for a new application.

   It is highly recommended students who are not accepted **schedule an appointment with our advising team** to have a pre-nursing advisor review content and provide helpful suggestions on how to earn more points when reapplying.

6. **With all this talk about a nursing shortage why don't you offer more applicants admission?**
   Currently in Oregon we have a nursing faculty shortage. In the Fall of 2019 Southwestern has expanded the program to educate more nurses. Our policy is to admit students based upon our funding and resources.

7. **What kind of time commitment can I expect the program to involve?**
   The nursing program demands a great deal of time. In addition to classroom time (approximately 10-18 hours a week for nursing courses), you will spend an average of 12 hours per week in the nursing skills laboratory and at clinical practice sites (in hospitals, long-term care and community health settings). Clinicals are scheduled during the hours that nurses typically work which could be morning, evening or nights. You will find that you will need up to 20 hours/week for studying/writing papers/preparing and write ups for Clinicals. As you can imagine, this schedule requires a lot of flexibility by you, your family, your employer and your childcare provider.

8. **Can I work when I am enrolled in the nursing program?**
   The nursing program is an intense program with classes and clinical placements. Students may find working even part time difficult. For many students, employment while attending school is necessary. Jobs with flexible schedules are desirable in these circumstances. In general, it is recommended that you not work more than 16 hours per week. Students must adjust work hours to accommodate their school schedule. Program allowances cannot be made to accommodate work schedules.

9. **Can you complete the program part time?**
   No, the nursing program is a full-time program of study.

10. **Is the program offered online?**
    Some of the support courses are available online. All of the nursing (NRS) courses are face-to-face with mandatory attendance on the Coos and/or Curry campuses.

11. How much will the program cost?

Prerequisite year costs (Year 1):

Category	Item	US Citizen (approx)	International Student (approx)
Tuition and Fees:	Based on 45 credits	6,930.00	12,060.00
Books	Required books	1,200.00	1,200.00
Other:	Nursing program non-refundable application fee	50.00	50.00
	Criminal History Check	69.00	69.00
	Drug Test	66.00	66.00
	HIPAA/OSHA Training	30.00	30.00

Associate Degree Nursing program costs (Years 2 & 3):

Category	Item	US Citizen (approx)	International Student (approx)
Tuition and Fees:	Based on 63 credits	9,828.00	17,010.00
Nursing Program Fees:	Nursing program fees	7,800.00	7,800.00
Books	Required nursing course books	2,200.00	2,200.00
Kaplan	Required for nursing course (included in fees)	690.00	690.00
	Kaplan Nursing Admissions Exam (prior to being accepted)	50.00	50.00
Uniforms:	White top Navy pants or skirt *White lab coat *Nursing shoulder patch White shoes	300.00	300.00
Other:	Watch *Stethoscope *Pen Light	150.00	150.00
	Immunizations & TB testing	$200-400	$200-400
	CPR training	50.00-100	50.00-100
	Drug Screening	146.00	146.00
	RN Licensure	385.00	385.00

* *items in red available in the Campus Store*

NOTE: These costs are approximate and are subject to change. *Students are responsible for transportation costs to clinical practicum sites. Costs are based on Year 2 & Year 3 courses. Graduation fees, licensure fees and travel expenses are NOT reimbursable by Financial Aid.*

12. What if I have additional questions?

Contact your assigned advisor during the academic year. If you do not have an advisor, contact the Student Success Center, Stensland Hall, 541-888-7405, and they will assign you one. Program information is available online at: https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Program_Specific_Forms.jnz or you may contact the program dean via email at: elizabeth.cooper@socc.edu or by phone at 541-888-7085 or contact the program assistant via email at: amber.schiro@socc.edu or by phone at 541-888-7443.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID ISSUES
FOR NURSING PROGRAM STUDENTS

How do I apply for Financial Aid?

Financial aid includes any combination of grants, work-study, scholarship and loans to assist you in meeting your educational costs. You must apply for financial aid each year to determine your eligibility. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is available online at http://www.fafsa.gov/. You can start applying as early as October for the next academic year, which starts with summer term at Southwestern. After submitting your application, the college will receive your FAFSA in about 3 business days. Southwestern will contact you by email once your FAFSA has been received. You must respond to all requests for information and forms in a timely manner. If you do not hear from Southwestern within three weeks of submitting your financial aid application, please give the Student First Stop Center a call at (541) 888-7352.

What are the requirements I must meet to receive financial aid?

In order to receive funding from federal, state, institutional or private funds you must follow and maintain Southwestern's Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines as well as other eligibility requirements. These requirements and guidelines state that you must be an admitted, degree-seeking student and that funding will be only for classes that apply toward your declared degree or are considered remedial or supportive up to a 45-credit maximum. You must also complete the required number of credits and meet GPA requirements each term for which you are funded. All students are required to have a cumulative 2.0 GPA by the end of their second academic year. This information is available on the web at http://www.socc.edu/financialaid.

Are 9 credits considered full-time for nursing students receiving financial aid?

Not for federal aid, such as the Pell Grant and Direct Stafford loans. When it comes to federal aid, full-time is 12 or more credits regardless of the program you are enrolled in. Federal financial aid also only covers the coursework required for graduation, so pay close attention to the requirements in the catalog. If you are awarded a scholarship that requires full-time enrollment, in most cases, you can still receive the scholarship if you are only in 9 credits. All of Southwestern's scholarships honor this policy and most outside donors do also. If you have questions, you can always check with the donor of your scholarship.

Do I have to attend full-time to be eligible for financial aid?

No. However, certain funds are only available to full-time students. Full-time is defined as 12 or more credits per term. Federal and State financial aid funding eligibility will be based on the number of credits you are enrolled in as of Wednesday of the second week of each term—NO EXCEPTIONS.