

Nursing

Associate of Applied Science Degree

2010-11 Academic Year

Major Code: 511601

About the Program

RCC is a member of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) and offers a competency-based curriculum jointly developed by nursing faculties from the consortium schools. The core competencies 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.

Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to Rogue Community College and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) nursing programs. The program is designed as four years of full-time study, with the first year devoted to prerequisite/preparatory courses (45-credit minimum) required for admission to the restricted (limited) admission Nursing program. Successful completion of the second and third years leads to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree offered by Rogue Community College. The OCNE curriculum continues for three additional terms leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Nursing (BS,N) offered by the Oregon Health and Science University.

The first five terms after admission to the Nursing program are identical for the associate and bachelor's work. Term six offers students the ability to complete the AAS degree and provides the eligibility for NCLEX-RN licensure testing or can be used to begin the coursework for the BS,N. Both the AAS and BS,N degrees meet the educational requirement for the national licensure examination for RN licensure.

The Nursing program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN, 17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Portland, OR, 971-673-0685, www.oregon.gov/OSBN).

Entry Requirements

As part of their training, students must begin with the courses within their skill levels as determined by placement test scores. In addition, students may also be required to enroll in classes that would increase their success.

Program admission occurs once per year. Deadline for submitting program application material is February 15, 2010, or the first business day thereafter, for fall term 2010 admission (see program Web site and/or application packet for more information). Transcripts showing satisfactory completion of the math and Anatomy and Physiology I prerequisites and at least 22 other credits of the prerequisite/preparatory courses (minimum of 30 credits) must be in the Enrollment Services office by the application deadline to be considered eligible. All prerequisite/preparatory courses must have been taken with a letter grade and completed with a "C" or better. Consortium partner schools will use shared standards in a point system and a set of core criteria for evaluation and selection of candidates to the consortium curriculum, but selection processes, acceptance decisions, and admissions will occur at individual schools. Application to the Nursing program requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all completed prerequisite/preparatory courses. Contact the Nursing Department for information regarding the application/selection process.

If an applicant has taken an equivalent course elsewhere which has a course number, title, or credit hour different from the RCC course, the applicant must contact RCC's Enrollment Services office for a transcript evaluation, or the appropriate department head to obtain a course substitution, as far in advance of the application deadline as possible. To be admitted into nursing courses students must complete all required prerequisite and preparatory courses (minimum 45 credits) and be accepted into the Nursing program.

Accepted students must undergo a criminal history background check and urine drug screen prior to nursing clinical experiences. Information regarding the background check and drug screen requirements can be found on the program's Web site and will be provided to students before fall nursing classes begin. Accepted students will also be required to complete by a specified deadline a CPR Health Care Provider course (adult/child/infant, one- and two-person, with AED, course must have been successfully completed within two years prior to admission to nursing courses). Information regarding required immunizations will be provided in the acceptance letter.

Internet and email access are integral parts of all nursing courses and access to a computer (at home or at the college) will be required on a daily basis. Nursing students attend classes at the Redwood

Campus in Grants Pass and clinical practicum in both Josephine and Jackson counties and will need reliable transportation. See the program Web site and/or program information for progression policies.

Graduation Requirements

These requirements apply only to nursing students admitted to the program during the 2010-2011 academic year. The program of study, graduation requirements, and courses are under constant review and are subject to revision. Students contemplating admission in a later year may have different requirements and must obtain the advising guide or catalog for that year. If required courses (e.g., clinicals) are graded only on a pass/no pass basis, a grade of "P" for these courses indicate a student earned a "C" or better grade.

Students must complete all courses on this advising guide with a grade of "C" or better to continue in and complete the program, receive their degrees, and meet the educational requirements to apply to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX-RN). The OSBN screens all applicants for licensure and may deny licensure to or place on probation applicants with convictions for certain crimes. Licensure applicants with a history of chemical dependence will be required to have a drug and alcohol counselor assessment. Contact the OSBN with any questions.

Prerequisites/Required Preparatory Courses¹

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BI211	General Biology I w/lab (or department head acceptance of transfer biology with genetics)	4
BI231	Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab (within last five years or with department head approval) ¹	4
BI232	Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab (within last five years or with department head approval)	4
BI233	Anatomy and Physiology III w/lab (within last five years or with department head approval)	4
—	Approved 3-4 credit computer science class, CS120 with lab or above (or documented computer proficiency) ²	0-4
MTH95	Intermediate Algebra or higher level math ¹	4
NFM225	Nutrition	4
PSY202	General Psychology II	4
PSY215	Life Span Human Development	4
WR121	English Composition I ³	4
WR122	English Composition II ³	4
—	Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable social science elective	3
—	Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science or science electives ⁴	5-6

MINIMUM PREREQUISITE/PREPARATORY CREDITS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY¹

30

ALL PREREQUISITE/PREPARATORY CREDITS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE ADMISSION TO NURSING COURSES⁴

45

First Year Nursing Course Requirements⁵

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Fall Term		
NRS110	Foundations of Nursing – Health Promotion	9
BI234	Microbiology w/lab	4
—	Any lower division transfer elective	3
		16

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Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Winter Term		
NRS112	Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I	6
NRS230	Clinical Pharmacology I	3
NRS232	Pathophysiological Processes I	3
—	Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science or science electives ⁶	<u>3-4</u>
		15-16
Spring Term		
NRS111	Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I	6
NRS231	Clinical Pharmacology II	3
NRS233	Pathophysiological Processes II	3
WR227	Technical Writing or	
WR123	English Composition III ⁷	<u>0-4</u>
		12-16

Second Year Nursing Course Requirements

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Fall Term		
NRS221	Nursing in Chronic Illness II and End-of-Life	9
—	Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science or science electives ⁶	<u>6</u>
		15
Winter Term		
NRS222	Nursing in Acute Care II and End-of-Life	9
—	Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science or science electives ⁶	<u>6</u>
		15
Spring Term		
NRS224	Integrative Practicum	9
—	Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science or science electives ⁶	<u>3</u>
		12

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS BEYOND 30

PREREQUISITE CREDITS 103-108

¹ MTH95 or higher level math (maximum of 4 credits) and BI231 must be part of the 30 credits completed by application deadline for application to be complete. Remaining 22 prerequisite credits may be from any of the prerequisite/required preparatory courses.

² If CS101 was completed within the last 10 years, it is not necessary to take CS120; if computer proficiency is documented (0 credits), student must be sure to complete at least 30 credits from prerequisite/preparatory course list by application deadline.

³ WR121 and WR122, 3 credits each, completed before summer of 2009 are also acceptable.

⁴ To be admitted into nursing courses, students must complete all required prerequisite/required preparatory courses (minimum 45 credits) and be accepted into the Nursing program. A total of three to four credits of speech (SP100, SP111, SP115 or SP218) can be included in the elective blocks of prerequisite/preparatory/program credits.

⁵ BI234 must be completed before winter term; other general education courses in this year may be completed during summer term, but must be completed to progress to second year nursing courses.

⁶ Students who plan to continue through to OHSU must be aware that to earn the bachelor's degree, they must have two years of the same high school-level language, or two terms of college-level language, or pass a language proficiency examination. College-level foreign language (including American sign language) credits count toward degree requirements. A minimum of 9 credits of humanities is required for the OHSU degree. Students planning to earn a bachelor's degree are encouraged to complete MTH243 Probability and Statistics soon after the prerequisite math course.

⁷ Neither WR227 nor WR123 required if students have completed WR121 and WR122, 4 credits each (8 credits total).

For more information regarding the program, selection process, and points contact the Nursing program:

Grants Pass or Medford(541) 956-7308
Toll free in Oregon(800) 411-6508, Ext. 7308
Web address <http://learn.roguecc.edu/alliedhealth/nursing/home.htm>
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This advising guide is for advising purposes only. Please see current college catalog for additional information on specific college policies and graduation requirements.

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