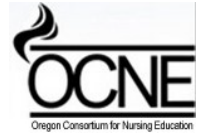




ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LPN/RN Advanced Placement Program Information For Winter 2024 Entry (OCTOBER 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE)

Thank you for your interest in the Rogue Community College LPN/RN Advanced Placement Nursing Program! The Nursing Program is approved by the [Oregon State Board of Nursing](#) (OSBN, 17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Portland, OR, 971-673-0685).

The Nursing program is both exciting and challenging, offering graduates the opportunities for employment in a variety of settings and for 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 (e.g. family, job). Success in the program takes a firm commitment, and the nursing faculty members are here to help you succeed.

The LPN Advanced Placement Program has changed its format and application requirements for the 2023-24 academic year. Admitted students will now begin the program during the Spring term and progress through the program in consecutive terms (including the Summer term) for six terms. The program still requires an OSBN PN licensure, a minimum of 500 hours of LPN work experience, a passing TEAS score of 58.7% or higher, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Completion of all 45 prerequisite credits BEFORE application has changed and is aligned with ADN Program application requirements.

LPNs interested in the advanced placement process must meet minimum criteria for eligibility by the application deadline of October 15, 2023. Acceptance for the Spring term entry includes the evaluation and scoring of the following: completion of a minimum of 30 prerequisite credits (to include BI231/lab and MTH95 (equivalent or higher), a cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.0 (each course must be a C or better), a current unencumbered Oregon LPN license, a minimum of 500 hours of LPN work experience, and submission of TEAS scores with a passing score of 58.7% or higher (time-frame for TEAS testing is within two years of application deadline).

About the Program

The Rogue Community College (RCC) Nursing Program is one of eleven community college programs that have joined with the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing in a unified approach to nursing education. This coalition of statewide nurse educators and programs is known as the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Faculty members from RCC have been actively involved in the development and maintenance of the competency-based curriculum that is used in all partner consortium schools. Visit <http://ocne.org/> for a list of partner colleges.

The OCNE curriculum competencies address the need for nurses to be skilled in clinical judgment and critical thinking. The competencies also focus on skill in:

- evidence-based practice
- relationship-centered care
- interdisciplinary collaboration
- assisting individuals and families in self-care practices for the promotion of health and management of chronic and acute illness
- end-of-life care
- teaching, delegation, leadership, and supervision of caregivers

Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to Rogue Community College and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Nursing Programs. Co-admission is an agreement that students who are affirmed by the community college nursing faculty as having completed all program requirements and earned the associate of applied science degree in nursing will be eligible to enroll in the upper-division nursing courses and complete a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing if they choose to do so at OHSU without an additional competitive application process. The co-admitted LPN advanced placement student may decide to matriculate and enter into the OHSU student record system by completing the nursing curriculum at RCC and passing the national licensure exam (NCLEX-RN). Students who complete the Nursing Program at RCC will meet the educational requirements to be eligible to take the RN licensure examination. Additional information regarding matriculation opportunities will be provided at regular intervals throughout the RCC Nursing program. Students who choose to transition to OHSU will have to meet OHSU's credit requirements, including

language, statistics, upper-division electives, etc., to earn the BSN degree. Students may contact OHSU directly with questions. Students who transition to the OHSU BSN Program will be required to submit to an additional criminal background check and urine drug screen. Note: Students admitted to RCC who have submitted a criminal background check must submit new criminal background checks to OHSU and the OSBN. A criminal background check approved by the RCC Nursing Department does not guarantee that criminal background checks to OHSU or the OSBN will be passed.

Employment Outlook and Expected Income

Employment opportunities in nursing are available in the Rogue Valley and throughout most of the state. Graduates from Rogue Community College generally find employment soon after graduation (recent graduates received multiple job offers before graduation). According to the Oregon Employment Department, the current average hourly salary is \$49.51/hour and the current average annual salary of RNs in the Rogue Valley is \$102,994.

Demands of the Program

It is essential to understand the mental and physical demands of the nursing program and the nurse's career. Applicants to the nursing program must be physically and mentally able to cope with the rigors of the curriculum and the demanding nature of the health professions. Nursing students must behave professionally, grasp scientific concepts, set up and answer basic math and algebra problems, and communicate well verbally and in writing. Physically, students must be able to remain on their feet for extended periods, lift up to 35 pounds, hear blood pressure, heart and breath sounds, read the fine print, and identify skin tones such as pale, ashen, gray, or bluish.

Established academic and clinical requirements essential to the program apply to all students and cannot be waived. Efforts to accommodate and retain qualified applicants with disabilities unless performance evaluations indicate that given reasonable accommodation, an individual is still unable to perform the Technical Standards required by the program. The complete list of the necessary [Technical Standards](#) can be found on the nursing website. Persons with questions concerning particular qualifications are encouraged to contact the [Access and Disability Services Office](#) to arrange an appointment for individual consultation and advice before application. Any student who feels that they may need an academic accommodation for any disability should make an appointment with the Disability Services Office at (541) 956-7337 (Redwood Campus, Grants Pass) or (541) 245-7537 (Riverside Campus, Medford) as soon as possible. Admitted applicants who have not previously contacted the Access and Disability Services Office should do so immediately upon admission and allow at least six (6) weeks for approval of accommodation.

The nursing program utilizes a variety of clinical sites throughout Josephine and Jackson counties. These include hospitals, long-term or assisted-living care facilities, clinics, etc. Students will be assigned to have clinical experiences in most but not all of the sites; students must expect to travel to communities other than those in which they reside for these experiences. Carpooling to clinical sites may not always be possible; therefore, students will need reliable transportation. Required clinical experiences can be days, evenings, and/or night shifts. Depending on availability and course schedule, clinicals may be on weekdays or weekends. Client selection and care preparation typically take place the day before clinical. In the final clinical rotation of the program (summer, second year), students will be assigned to a staff clinical teaching associate and will need to follow the CTA's work schedule for the term. Nursing classes, labs, and clinicals typically involve 20-30 hours of attendance and more than 40 hours of preparation/assignments/study per week. Meeting these requirements will mean that students will need to adjust their employment and family responsibilities. Because of the need to be mentally alert when caring for patients, students cannot work the shift immediately preceding scheduled clinical experiences.

Application Eligibility Criteria

LPN Advanced Placement applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria by specified times:

- ❖ Completion of a minimum of 30 of the required 45 prerequisite credits with the minimum of 30 credits to include BI231 (A&P 1) and MTH 95 (equivalent or higher) by the October 15 deadline with a letter grade of "C" or better and a cumulative prerequisite GPA ≥ 3.0 by the end of the summer term (before the October 15 application deadline). The remaining prerequisite courses may be completed in the fall or winter term before matriculating into the Spring Term LPN/RN Advanced Placement Program. [Program prerequisite/preparatory course information \(Nursing Program Map\)](#) can be accessed from the program website. OCNE academic policies are that letter grades are used/recognized without +/- designation in calculating GPA
- ❖ Credits taken pass/no pass (if accepted by the college as meeting requirements) may be considered only if the "pass" was equivalent to a "C" or better.
- ❖ Before the application deadline of October 15, submit official transcripts from **all** colleges or universities previously attended. General education courses must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university to transfer to RCC.

- ❖ Before the application deadline of October 15, submit official transcripts showing successful completion of a practical nursing program (whether or not the courses are from a regionally accredited college).
- ❖ Complete all required forms, including RCC Admission ([admission application](#) for students who have not previously been admitted to RCC. Select the appropriate profile and follow the instructions). NOTE: The application for admission to Rogue Community College must be completed (to obtain an RCC ID number) which is required to complete the LPN Advanced Placement Nursing Program Application.
- ❖ Provide proof of current unencumbered Oregon LPN license and ≥500 hours of LPN work experience by the October 15 application deadline. LPN license must remain current and unencumbered throughout the advanced placement process to progress.
- ❖ Applicants must contact [ATI.com](#) to establish an account, schedule the TEAS Exam, and attach/upload results with their application by October 15, 2023. Students can select the online option for the TEAS to be emailed to the LPNAdvancedPlacement@rogucecc.edu email address. DO NOT DELAY prescheduling an online proctored TEAS exam. Information about the TEAS and registration links can be found at [ATITesting.com](#). Scores of previous Practical Nursing TEAS exams can be used within the last two years before the application deadline. Students must pass with a score of 58.7% or more to qualify to apply. Retakes of the TEAS exam must allow a two-week (14-day) waiting period. DO NOT DELAY prescheduling an online proctored TEAS exam.

Application Process

Applications are to be sent via electronic mail. Mailed or applications dropped off will NOT be processed. Submit official transcripts electronically to RCC via the National Student Clearinghouse; then, applicants must complete the online [Transfer Credit Evaluation Request Form](#) for courses taken outside of RCC. Hard copies of sealed, official transcripts may be mailed (NOT dropped off) to Rogue Community College, Attn: Registrar, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR, 97527.

See the [LPN Advanced Placement Application](#) and the [LPN to RN OCNE Advanced Placement Timeline](#) for more information.

Application Requirements and Selection Points

Complete the online [Advanced LPN Placement Application](#). Applications will be scored based on a selection points system that can be found at [LPN Advanced Placement Selection Points](#). Applicants admitted will register for NRS232 [Pathophysiological Processes I](#) for the Spring Term. An orientation for LPN Advanced Placement students will be held before the first day of the Spring term. Information will be emailed later during the Winter term to notify students of this date.

It is recommended that all applicants complete any Humanities, Social Science, or Science Electives required (12-14) for graduation beyond the required prerequisite courses and Nursing courses to graduate with an A.A.S Degree in Nursing. Refer to the example Progression Table on Page 4 for general education courses listed in the first year of the Accelerate Nursing curriculum and check your Degree Audit which can be located in your student Rogue Online account. **Please note that the passing grades for all nursing courses are earned by a cumulative exam score of no less than 75% plus a cumulative score of all course points of 75% or higher and performance at the expected level in all clinical courses.**

Credit Award for Previous Practical Nursing Courses

Upon completion of [NRS 232](#), [NRS233](#), [NRS230](#), [NRS231](#), [NRS112](#), and [NRS112C](#), the LPN's prior Practical Nursing Program transcripts will be reviewed, and a waiver provided to Enrollment Services awarding credit for NRS110, NRS110C, NRS111, and NRS111C to ensure the equivalent of at least 90 required credits (prerequisites through the Nursing Program's first year) has been completed before progression to 2nd-year status of the program.

Progression Through Advanced Placement Process and Program

The RCC Nursing Program and OCNE consortium partners share a policy that states "Students who have failed any nursing course more than once (or any two nursing courses), regardless of the program, will not be considered for reentry or admission to the program." Failure of any two nursing courses will eliminate students from future advanced placement or other application or progression opportunities in the RCC or OCNE Partner Nursing Programs. If failure of the nursing courses occurred before completion of a Practical Nursing Program, the student may make an appointment with the Nursing Program Director for eligibility consideration.

Progression Table for LPN/RN Advanced Placement Program

1st Term (Spring)

- [NRS 232 - Pathophysiological Processes I](#) **3 Credit(s)**
 - Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable social science elective **3 Credit(s)** ⁷
- Total Credits: 6

2nd Term (Summer)

- [NRS 230 - Clinical Pharmacology I](#) **3 Credit(s)**
 - [NRS 233 - Pathophysiological Processes II](#) **3 Credit(s)**
 - Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable social science elective **3 Credit(s)** ⁷
- Total Credits: 6

3rd Term (Fall)

- [NRS 112 - Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I](#) **2 Credit(s)**
 - [NRS 112C - Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I Lab/Clinical](#) **4 Credit(s)**
 - [NRS 231 - Clinical Pharmacology II](#) **3 Credit(s)**
 - Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable social science elective **3 Credit(s)** ⁷
- Total Credits: 9

After the Fall 2025 Term and completion of NRS 232, NRS233, NRS230, NRS231, NRS112, and NRS112C, the LPN's prior Practical Nursing Program transcripts will be reviewed, and a waiver provided to Enrollment Services awarding 15 credits for NRS110, NRS110C, NRS111, and NRS111C.

4th Term (Winter)

- [NRS 221 - Nursing in Chronic Illness II and End-of-Life](#) **5 Credit(s)**
 - [NRS 221C - Nursing in Chronic Illness II and End-of-Life Clinical](#) **4 Credit(s)**
 - Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science, or science electives **3 Credit(s)** ⁷
- Second-Year Nursing Course Requirements

5th Term (Spring)

- [NRS 222 - Nursing in Acute Care II and End-of-Life](#) **5 Credit(s)**
 - [NRS 222C - Nursing in Acute Care II and End-of-Life Clinical](#) **4 Credit(s)**
 - Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science, or science electives **3 Credit(s)** ⁷
- Total Credits: 12

6th Term (Summer)

- [NRS 224 - Integrative Practicum](#) **2 Credit(s)**
- [NRS 224C - Integrative Practicum Clinical](#) **7 Credit(s)**
- Any college-level (100 or 200 numbered) transferable non-studio humanities, social science, or science electives (credits as needed to meet 90 credits) **3 Credit(s)** ⁷
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Students must have 12-14 credits (if granted 2 cr for computer proficiency) of general electives beyond the 45 required prerequisites. In addition to 1st year Nursing courses and 2nd year Nursing courses, as well as the waived courses of NRS110, NRS110C, NRS111, and NRS111C after Fall term 2025, students will need to meet or exceed the 102-credit threshold to graduate

Total A.A.S. Degree Program Credits: 102

¹ If computer proficiency is documented (0 credits), students must be sure to complete at least 30 credits from the prerequisite/preparatory course list by the application deadline and all prerequisites by the end of the winter term (45) before enrollment in nursing courses, if accepted.

² Applicants who have completed a non-nursing bachelor's degree in an English-speaking country can use it to meet this requirement.

³ No extension beyond the seven-year time limit extension will be granted for anatomy and physiology courses. An acceptable genetics course may replace [BI 211](#) only if the student has already completed the required anatomy physiology and microbiology courses.

⁴ Electives may be required in prerequisites and applied to reach the minimum 45 prerequisite credits. As needed electives may be required if students completed [NFM 225](#), [PSY 201](#) or [PSY 202](#), [PSY 215](#), WR121, and WR122, at 3 credits each, which are acceptable. If WR121 and/or WR122 are completed as 3-credit courses, a research writing course must be taken and the total of all writing courses must be a minimum total of eight (8) credits. If Life Span Human Development is completed before the application deadline, any previously completed transferable 3-4 credit social science course can replace [PSY 201](#).

⁵ [MTH 95](#) or higher-level math (4 credits) and [BI 231](#) must be part of the 30 credits completed by the application deadline for the application to be eligible. The remaining 15-19 prerequisite credits for eligibility may be from any of the prerequisite/required preparatory courses. The minimum prerequisite GPA for eligibility is 3.0.

⁶ Students who plan to continue through to OHSU must be aware that to earn a bachelor's degree from OHSU, 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 transferable 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 transition to OHSU must have 132 credits of prerequisite and program-required courses by the completion of the AAS degree to meet the 180-credit requirement by the completion of the bachelor's degree with a major in Nursing from OHSU. Students planning to earn a bachelor's degree are encouraged to complete [STAT 243Z Elementary Statistics I](#) soon after the prerequisite math course.