OHSU Nursing in Monmouth

Undergraduate nursing program offered at OHSU’s campus at Western Oregon University

OHSU School of Nursing

The OHSU School of Nursing has played a key role in educating nurses since it was founded in 1926. With a history of academic and clinical excellence and a commitment to the mission of teaching, healing, community service and research, the school provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn in a health care and research oriented environment.

The OHSU School of Nursing has five campuses in Oregon. The newest campus in Monmouth affords students access to the active campus life and individual attention at Western Oregon University while working with premiere OHSU nursing faculty in state-of-the-art facilities. The OHSU nursing program at WOU is designed for students to be dually enrolled at OHSU and WOU. Students earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing from OHSU. OHSU’s nursing program offers students the opportunity to obtain the preparation needed to successfully pass the R.N. license exam while providing essential leadership, education and clinical experience to prepare students for future opportunities within the nursing profession.

Western Oregon University

At Western Oregon University, students come first. Established in 1856, WOU is Oregon’s oldest public university and is committed to providing a quality undergraduate education. Western’s beautiful campus in the Willamette Valley with a view of the Coast Range provides a safe and nurturing environment for learning.

WOU’s diverse course offerings provide challenging learning experiences that extend well beyond the traditional classroom. At Western, a personalized education is our faculty’s first priority. The average class size of 24 students offers students a unique, high-quality learning environment where technology, resources, and opportunities for students build the potential for exciting futures and careers.

At WOU, students can be involved in a wide spectrum of student activities, including NCAA Division II athletics (not available to OHSU students), cultural events, service learning programs, and the performing arts. Located in Monmouth, just twenty minutes west of Salem and an hour from the Oregon coast and Portland, WOU offers a town and country environment, making it easy to experience the best of what Oregon has to offer.

Why Consider WOU? Check out these facts:

- 2008 Fall Term enrollment: 5,349
- Gender statistics: Female 62%; Male: 38%
- Number of undergraduate majors: 45
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 20:1
- Average class size: 24
- Faculty holding highest degree in their field: More than 90%
- WOU students who receive financial aid: 67%
- In 2008, pre-nursing adviser Michael LeMaster was recognized by the National Academic Advising Association as Outstanding Faculty Academic Advising Award Winner.
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The nursing program is designed as a four-year program in which interested students take 45 quarter credits of prerequisite courses prior to matriculating to the OHSU School of Nursing. The prerequisite courses can be taken at any accredited institution prior to enrolling; however, all of the prerequisite courses are offered at Western Oregon University (please see prerequisite coursework listing that follows). Once admitted to the OHSU School of Nursing, students take a combination of nursing and non-nursing courses over three years, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing. The OHSU School of Nursing does not provide general education courses, so students are dually enrolled at OHSU and WOU to complete required coursework. Both OHSU and WOU support technology in the classroom, and courses are offered in a variety of formats: traditional classroom settings, online, video-conferencing, and in lab and clinical rotations. Clinical experiences are at agencies located in multiple sites throughout Oregon.

Applying to the OHSU School of Nursing

Students are admitted once a year during the fall term and must apply to the OHSU School of Nursing. Applications to the School of Nursing are available online beginning October 1 with a submission deadline of February 15. Applicants must have the following to apply:

- All application materials, including signature page, coursework form, and official transcripts from all institutions, must be postmarked and sent to the OHSU School of Nursing Office of Admissions by the February 15 deadline.
- Applicants must have at least 30 quarter credits of prerequisites accumulated including Anatomy and Physiology I and Math 95 or higher by the February 15 application deadline. Students who are selected for admission to the nursing program must complete the remaining credits to a total of 45 quarter credits prior to matriculation.
- A minimum prerequisite G.P.A. of 3.0 is required to be eligible for application review. Only prerequisite courses will be used in the G.P.A. calculation.

The OHSU School of Nursing appreciates diversity among our students, faculty and staff, and seeks to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all members of the School of Nursing community to thrive. Applicants are selected for admission regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, marital status, disability, veteran status or any other applicable basis in law.

Prerequisite Coursework

All students admitted to the OHSU School of Nursing must have completed the below 45 quarter credits of lower division prerequisites for a grade of “C” or better at an accredited institution prior to enrolling.

- Anatomy and Physiology, 12 quarter credits
- Math 95 or higher, 4 quarter credits or competency exam
- Nutrition, 3 quarter credits
- Written English/English Composition (WR 121 and 122 or equivalent), 6 quarter credits
- Social Science electives, 6 quarter credits
- Humanities electives, 3 quarter credits (recommended)
- Human Development (lifespan), 3 quarter credits
- Electives, to equal 45 total prerequisite quarter credits

Please see the prerequisite equivalency guide at www.ohsu.edu/son to see which Western Oregon University courses will count towards these prerequisite requirements.

This information is available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the School of Nursing Office of Admissions at 503 494-7725

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