

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

PRE-NURSING PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Pre-nursing Program at Western Oregon University provides students with the opportunity to complete pre-requisite coursework necessary for entrance into a Bachelor of Science degree program in nursing. The WOU pre-nursing program offers a one-year program (~ 45 credits) or a two-year program (~ 90 credit hours) with students applying to nursing schools during their first or second year, depending on the nursing school(s) of interest. Once accepted into a nursing school, students typically spend two or three additional years completing the requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN).

Western Oregon University provides its approximately 5000 students with all the benefits of a small to mid-size liberal arts university. The academic year is divided into three quarters with additional courses available during the summer. Courses, including laboratories, are taught primarily by faculty holding terminal degrees (*e.g.*, Ph.D.) and recognized both locally and nationally for high quality instruction, research, and public service. Class sizes are kept small (average ~ 24 students / class) allowing for close faculty / student interactions not observed at larger institutions.

OREGON NURSING PROGRAMS:

The pre-nursing program at Western Oregon University is primarily designed for entrance into the major nursing programs in the state of Oregon. Below is a list of the Oregon nursing schools into which WOU pre-nursing students have applied and successfully transferred:

- 1) Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) (503) 494-7800
 - Portland (OHSU)
 - Ashland (SOU)
 - La Grande (EOU)
 - Klamath Falls (OIT)<http://www.ohsu.edu/son>
- 2) Linfield College (Portland) (503) 413-7161
 - Portland Campus<http://www.linfield.edu/portland>
- 3) University of Portland (503) 943-7211
 - University of Portland campus (Portland)<http://nursing.up.edu>
- 4) Walla Walla College (503) 251-6115
 - Portland Campus<http://www.wwc.edu>
- 5) George Fox University (503) 554-2950
 - George Fox University campus (Newberg)<http://www.georgefox.edu>
- 6) Concordia University (503) 280-8501
 - Concordia University campus (Portland)<http://www.cu-portland.edu>

Our pre-nursing program, however, is not limited to preparing students only for Oregon nursing schools. Graduates from our program have successfully gained admittance to nursing schools as far away as North Carolina and Hawaii.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

The courses taken by pre-nursing students at WOU are a blend of the life sciences (*e.g.*, biology) and liberal arts studies (*e.g.*, literature). Most nursing programs in Oregon, and across the country, require similar pre-requisites. Following are examples of a one-year schedule (for transferring to OHSU) and a two-year schedule (for transferring to all nursing schools) for a pre-nursing student interested in applying to the nursing programs in Oregon:

One-Year Schedule:*

First Year:

<u>Fall Term</u>		<u>Winter Term</u>		<u>Spring Term</u>	
General Biology (BI 102)	5	Human A & P (BI 235)	4	Human A & P (BI 236)	4
Human A & P (BI 234)	4	Gen. Psychology (PSY 201)	4	Research & Comp. (WR 222)	4
College Writing (WR 135)	4	College Algebra (MTH 111)	4	Dev. Psychology (PSY 311)	4
Philosophy (PHIL 102)	3	Anthropology (ANTH 216)	3	Nutrition (HE 325)	3
				Computer Science (CS 121)	2
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* This schedule is designed specifically for admission to Oregon Health Sciences University. It is recommended that only students with a strong academic background attempt this one-year program.

Two-Year Schedule:

First Year:

<u>Fall Term</u>		<u>Winter Term</u>		<u>Spring Term</u>	
General Biology (BI 102)	5	General Chemistry (CH 105)	4	General Chemistry (CH 106)	4
General Chemistry (CH 104)	4	Gen. Psychology (PSY 201)	4	Research & Comp. (WR 222)	4
College Writing (WR 135)	4	Anthropology (ANTH 216)	3	Nutrition (HE 325)	3
Philosophy (PHIL 102)	3	Literature Elective	4	History Elective	4
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Second Year:

<u>Fall Term</u>		<u>Winter Term</u>		<u>Spring Term</u>	
Human A & P (BI 234)	4	Human A & P (BI 235)	4	Human A & P (BI 236)	4
College Algebra (MTH 111)	4	Microbiology (BI 318)	4	Found. Of Sociol. (SOC 223)	4
Dev. Psychology (PSY 311)	4	Statistics (MTH 243)	4	Religions of the East (R 201)	3
Fine Arts Elective	4	Religions of the West (R 204)	3	Fine Arts / History Elective	4
				Computer Science (CS 121)	2
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It is important for students to carefully plan their course of study in the pre-nursing program. To assist students at Western Oregon University in minimizing the time necessary to complete their pre-requisites for application to nursing schools, a pre-nursing advisor works closely with students, meeting with each student a minimum of once each quarter.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please do not hesitate to contact the pre-nursing advisor at Western Oregon University if you have questions or would like more information about our pre-nursing program:

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