CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INITIAL PLACEMENT
Nursing Program Information & Application Packet

Fall 2015

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Thank you for your interest in Clatsop Community College’s Nursing Program. Clatsop offers an Associate Degree in Nursing with a four-term Practical Nursing Certificate option. Current enrollment is limited to 20 students per year and you must apply for admission. If accepted, you will begin nursing classes fall term, 2015. This packet has been prepared to help you understand the application and selection process. Please read all of the packet carefully and refer to the College’s nursing website at Clatsop Nursing Program for additional information.

**PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE** After successfully completing four quarters of the Associate Degree of Nursing (AND) program, you will be eligible to receive the Practical Nursing Certificate and may take the licensing exam for practical nursing (LPN/LVN). Licensed practical nurses care for patients under the direction of an RN, physician, or dentist. They collect information about the patient's health, help plan care, and administer medications and other treatments. Practical nurses work primarily in hospitals and long-term care. They may also work in medical or dental offices, clinics, and caring for patients in the home.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN-RN program):** After successfully completing the two-year ADN program, you will receive an Associate of Applied Science - Nursing Degree and can take the licensing exam for registered nursing (RN). Registered nurses are caring and use knowledge, skills, and problem-solving abilities to help individuals, families, and groups with health needs. RNs plan, care, and work with people to help them become healthier or to regain health after illness or surgery. Nurses teach health practices to clients and other health care providers, and frequently supervise the work of nursing assistants and practical nurses. RNs also administer medications and perform treatments for patients. Nurses work in a variety of settings, including hospitals and long-term care, schools, industry, clinics, and clients' homes.

**ADMISSION**

Applications are evaluated on a point system based on grade point average, course work completed, residency, previous degrees, and proctored essay. Applicants will be mailed a letter and a copy of their results and initial status after points have been computed. The letter will state the times when applicants may contact the college with questions about the point system. For those applicants who continue through to the proctored essay writing stage of the application, final letters notifying them of acceptance to the program or alternate status will be mailed about six weeks after the application deadline.

This year there are two deadline dates to pay attention to:

- **5 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015.** All applications and transcripts from past coursework AND
- **5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015** final transcripts from winter term, 2015, if taking courses winter term. Applications submitted after Feb 27 will not be accepted; only transcripts from winter term 2015 will be accepted after February 27, 2015.

Any applicant requiring reasonable accommodations for the application should call 503-338-2474. It is the policy of Clatsop Community College that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability in any educational programs, activities, or employment. Questions or complaints should be directed to the Affirmative Action/Gender Equity Officer in Towler Hall, Suite 110 (503 338-2450; TDD 503 325-2468). The Section 504 Coordinator is located in Columbia Hall # 304 (503 338-2474).

Students who have financial aid questions are encouraged to contact Clatsop Community College’s Financial Aid Office at 503-338-2322 or finaid@clatsopcc.edu.
The information in the application packet is subject to change at any time and in any way.

APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

Enrollment in the nursing program is limited so you must apply and be selected for admission. You must meet the minimum requirements listed on page 4 to be considered for admission. If you meet those requirements, your application will be evaluated and awarded points in a competitive process. If you do not meet the stated minimum requirements your application will be withdrawn from consideration.

There will be two cohorts of students chosen for the nursing program:

- **Astoria cohort**: Students will be admitted to the Astoria campus and will attend clinicals at various clinical sites: Astoria, Seaside, and/or Tillamook.
- **Tillamook cohort**: Students will be admitted to the Tillamook satellite campus and only will attend clinicals at the Tillamook campus.
- Candidates will choose which cohort they are applying to. **Students are advised that placement in a cohort may be for the duration of the program.**
  - Applicants may apply to only the Astoria campus. Applicants may apply to only the Tillamook campus.
  - Applicants may apply to both the Astoria and Tillamook campuses.

Applicants will be scored as two groups (depending on the applicant’s selection of cohort) and ranked by highest number of points. The top 4 applicant scores who chose to be in the Tillamook cohort or chose either cohort and are from the Tillamook area will be chosen for the Tillamook cohort. The top 16 applicant scores who chose to be in the Astoria cohort or chose either cohort will be chosen for the Astoria cohort.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Application packets may be submitted beginning January 5, 2015 by bringing it to the Student Services Registration desk in Columbia Hall at Clatsop CC or mailing it to:

Clatsop Community College
ATTN: Nursing Admissions
1651 Lexington Ave.
Astoria, OR 97103

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON BY 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015. PLEASE ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR DELIVERY. APPLICANTS ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE METHOD OF DELIVERY SELECTED AND ANY RESULTING DELAYS IN DELIVERY. APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE TRANSMITTED BY FAX OR E-MAIL. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 27, 2015. YOU HAVE UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON APRIL 3, 2015 TO SUBMIT FINAL GRADE TRANSCRIPTS.

PLEASE NOTE: All required documentation is the full responsibility of the applicant. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that official transcripts include winter term grades. NO final transcripts will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. April 3, 2015.

All applicants are required to submit a $50 nonrefundable nursing program application fee. Additionally, applicants who have never been Clatsop Community College students must apply for admission to Clatsop Community College and pay the College’s admission fee. Apply for admission to Clatsop online at http://www.clatsopcc.edu/getting-started/admissions/apply-online. You are responsible for submitting a complete application.
Failure to provide the application and the nonrefundable $50 application fee by 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015 and final transcripts by 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2015 by 5 p.m. will render the application invalid.
MINIMUM EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are due February 27, 2015, but you have until April 3, 2015 to meet the following minimum requirements or your application will not be evaluated. Only credits from a regionally accredited college or university will be considered.

1. GPA REQUIREMENT: You must meet one of the following criteria.
   • A cumulative 3.0 GPA for all college credits earned.
   • OR You may choose to use only those college credits you earned after September 1, 2008. All of those credits must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
   IMPORTANT: If you choose to use only those college credits you earned after September 1, 2008, any courses you completed before Sept. 1, 2008 (such as writing, psychology, or nutrition) will NOT be used to meet your minimum evaluation requirements or to earn points or toward your graduation requirements. You will still have to meet those requirements before you graduate.

2. WRITING REQUIREMENT: You must meet one of the following criteria.
   • Completion of WR 121 English Composition or higher completed with a grade of C or above.
   • OR Demonstrated readiness for WR 121 by a minimum score of 79 on the COMPASS Writing Placement Test.

   If you use the COMPASS test score to meet this requirement you will still be required to take WR 121, and WR 122, or WR 123 or WR 227 to meet graduation requirements.

YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2008.

3. MATH REQUIREMENT: You must meet one of the following criteria.
   • MTH 95 Intermediate Algebra or MTH 111 College Algebra or a course for which MTH 111 is a prerequisite completed with a grade of C or above taken after September 1, 2008. The program will accept a grade of “Pass” for MTH 95 Intermediate Algebra, if that is the only grading option available for this course.
   • OR Demonstrated readiness for MTH 111 College Algebra or higher demonstrated by a minimum score of 46 on the COMPASS College Algebra Test.
   • MTH 103 Applied College Algebra and MTH 105 Introduction to Contemporary Math are not eligible courses and may not be used to meet the math requirement.

   If you use the COMPASS test score to meet this requirement you will still be required to take math to meet graduation requirements.

4. ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY: You must meet this requirement.
   • Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, (BI 231 and BI 232) or the equivalent as determined by the Clatsop Community College Registrar’s Office completed with a grade of C or above, taken after September 1, 2008. A grade of C- will not be accepted.

   If selected for the Nursing Program, you must complete Human Anatomy & Physiology III (BI 233) or the equivalent as determined by the Clatsop Community College Registrar’s Office with a grade of C or above before the start of FALL TERM 2015.
EVALUATING NURSING APPLICATIONS

If you meet the minimum requirements for admission, your application will be awarded points in the categories below. Please see the SAMPLE Point System in this packet for clarification. No points are awarded for courses that you earn a C in but those courses can be counted toward your graduation requirements.

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average: 
   Maximum points = 24
   The points you will receive for your cumulative GPA will be based on the choice you made to meet the minimum requirements.
   If you choose to use ALL of your college credits earned, your cumulative GPA will be computed using only those transcripts that you are using to meet your anatomy and physiology, math, writing, and other nursing degree requirements. If you choose to use ONLY those college credits earned after September 1, 2008, your cumulative GPA will be computed using all of the credits earned after September 1, 2008 that you are using to meet your anatomy and physiology, math, writing, and other nursing degree requirements. Therefore, if you submit transcripts that have no classes that will be counted toward your nursing degree requirements, your cumulative GPA from those transcripts will not be factored into your cumulative GPA points.

2. Nursing program degree requirements completed with a grade of B or higher using the GPA option you chose: 
   Maximum points = 22
   You will receive points for some of the courses required for graduation from the nursing program. You must earn a grade of A or B prior to the application deadline. No points are awarded for C grades but those courses can be counted toward your graduation requirements. Please see the Sample Point System in this packet for a list of courses

3. Residency: 
   Maximum points = 5
   Students who have earned a minimum of 24 graded credits from Clatsop Community College between 2005-2015 will receive 5 points towards the Astoria cohort. Students who have earned a minimum of 24 credits from Tillamook Bay Community College between 2005 and 2015 will receive 5 points toward the Tillamook cohort. You must submit a Clatsop Community College or Tillamook Bay Community College transcript. Oregon Coast Community College students with a Clatsop Community College transcript do not receive residency points.

   OR
   Students who graduated from a Clatsop county high school in 2012, 2013, or 2014 will receive 5 points toward the Astoria cohort. Students who graduated from a Tillamook county high school in 2012, 2013, or 2014 will receive 5 points toward the Tillamook cohort. You must submit an official high school transcript.

   OR
   Students who graduated from a Columbia, Pacific, or Wahkiakum County High School in 2012, 2013, or 2014 will receive 3 points toward the Astoria cohort. You must submit an official high school transcript.

4. Earned Degrees: 
   Maximum points = 4
   You will receive 4 points if you have an earned bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university. You must include an official sealed transcript from the college or university showing the degree you earned.

5. Test of Essential Academic Skills - TEAS test: 
   Maximum points = 2
   As part of the selection process for acceptance into the nursing program at Clatsop Community College, all applicants will be required to take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test. The test must be taken in January or February, 2015. Dates, times, and places for testing will be made available on the nursing department website at https://www.clatsopcc.edu/academics/academic-departments/health-occupations/nursing.

6. Proctored Essay: 
   Maximum points = 10
   As part of the selection process for acceptance into the nursing program at Clatsop Community College, the top 40 applicants will be required to write an essay in a proctored setting. Applicants may earn up to 10 points towards admission into the program. You will receive a letter notifying you if you are, or are not, one of the applicants selected to write the essay. The letter will include details about the essay. You do not need
to do anything about it until you receive the letter.
**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

You must complete this page and submit it with your nursing application.

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<th>I am applying for the Astoria cohort only.</th>
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<td>I am applying for either _____ but would prefer Tillamook.</td>
<td>I am applying for either _____ but would prefer Astoria.</td>
<td>YOU MUST SELECT ONE OF THESE OPTIONS.</td>
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**GPA REQUIREMENT – CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION**

- [ ] A cumulative 3.0 GPA for **ALL** college credits earned
- [ ] **OR** A cumulative 3.0 GPA for **ALL** applicable college credits earned after 09-01-2008

**WRITING REQUIREMENT**

- [ ] WR 121 or higher completed with a grade of C or higher at ________________________________
- [ ] **OR** COMPASS Writing Placement Evaluation Score included

**MATH REQUIREMENT**

- [ ] MTH 95 Intermediate Algebra or MTH 111 College Algebra or a course for which MTH 111 is a prerequisite completed with a grade of pass on a pass/no pass scale or a grade of C or higher at ________________________________
- [ ] **OR** COMPASS College Algebra Placement Evaluation Score included

**ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY REQUIREMENT**

- [ ] BI 231 (Human Anatomy & Physiology I) completed with a grade of C or higher at ________________________________
- [ ] BI 232 (Human Anatomy & Physiology II) completed with a grade of C or higher at ________________________________

**TEAS TEST**

- [ ] TEAS Test completed  Date: ________________

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

- [ ] I have earned credits at Clatsop Community College. When? ________________________________
- [ ] I have never attended Clatsop Community College.
- [ ] I have submitted all college transcripts with this application
- [ ] I will be submitting additional transcripts before the April 3, 2015 deadline.
- [ ] Please use the following items from my 2014 Clatsop nursing application:

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**I HAVE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:**

- [ ] $50 Nursing Application fee. All applicants must include this nonrefundable fee. Your application will not be processed if you do not include the $50 fee.
- [ ] Transcripts: Must be official **unless** you are a Clatsop Community College student.
- [ ] Online application to Clatsop Community College has been completed, with $15 fee, for non Clatsop Community College students.
- [ ] Residency form and documentation, **if applicable**.
- [ ] Official transcript showing earned bachelor’s degree, **if applicable**.

Print Name__________________________________________ Clatsop CC Student ID#__________________________

`if applicable`

Signature ____________________________________________ Date ________________________________

10-30-2014
VERIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of Clatsop Community College that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, parental or marital status, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability in any education programs, activities, or employment. All students who meet minimum entry requirements are encouraged to apply for admission to the nursing program.

As a student in the Nursing Program, you are expected to meet minimum performance standards for nursing, including but not limited to the following standards.

- Ability to grasp scientific concepts, set up and answer basic math and algebra problems
- Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgement
- Verbal and written communication sufficient to effectively interact with clients, peers, and others
- Ability to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces, remain on feet for extended periods of time, and lift up to 40 pounds
- Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care
- Hearing sufficient to monitor and assess clients, e.g., hear heart and breath sounds and use a telephone
- Visual acuity and color discrimination sufficient to read fine print, to observe and assess clients, e.g., identify skin tones such as pale, ashen, grey, or bluish.
- Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment, e.g., palpate peripheral pulses

In addition, students are advised of the following Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) rules concerning Application for Licensure by Examination (RN or LPN):

If the applicant has a physical or mental condition that could affect her/his ability to practice nursing safely, a physical or mental assessment may be required by OSBN. The assessment will assist in the determination as to whether or not the applicant's physical or mental health is adequate to serve the public safely.

An applicant who has been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense will be evaluated and a determination will then be made as to whether the arrest, charge, or conviction bears a demonstrable relationship to the practice of nursing.

Examples of crimes for which an individual will be denied licensure include:

- Crimes against another person such as murder, manslaughter, assault, rape, sexual abuse, child abandonment or neglect.
- Conviction within seven years for a crime against property such as first degree offenses including burglary, arson, criminal mischief, robbery, or forgery.
- An extended history of arrests and convictions demonstrating habitual disregard for societal rules.

A criminal record and a drug screen check will be conducted prior to a required clinical experience. A criminal record or a positive drug screen detected in this manner will preclude your ability to complete the required clinical experience and will result in dismissal from the program. In addition, a criminal record will be conducted when you apply for LPN or RN licensure.

Questions or complaints should be directed to the Affirmative Action Officer at 503-338-2450; TDD 503-325-2902. Admission to the Nursing Program is limited by such factors as class size and academic prerequisites.
DECLARATION OF RESIDENCY

Please do not submit residency documentation with your application if one of the following criteria does not apply to you.

☐ I have earned a minimum of 24 graded credits from Clatsop Community College or Tillamook Bay Community College between 2005 and 2015. I am submitting a Clatsop or Tillamook Bay Community College transcript as documentation. I understand that if my credits are from Clatsop Community College I will receive 5 points toward the Astoria cohort and that if my credits are from Tillamook Bay Community College I will receive 5 points towards the Tillamook cohort once my declaration of residency has been reviewed and accepted.

OR

☐ I graduated from a Clatsop or Tillamook County High School in 2012, 2013, or 2014. I am submitting an official high school transcript showing that I graduated as documentation. I understand that if I graduated from a Clatsop County High School I will receive 5 points towards the Astoria cohort and if I graduated from a Tillamook High School I will receive 5 points towards the Tillamook cohort once my declaration of residency has been reviewed and accepted.

OR

☐ I graduated from a Columbia, Pacific, or Wahkiakum County High School in 2012, 2013, or 2014. I am submitting an official high school transcript showing that I graduated as documentation. I understand that I will receive 3 points towards the Astoria cohort on my application once my declaration of residency has been reviewed and accepted.

A maximum of 5 points will be awarded. Choose one of the above options.

I understand that falsification of any of the above information will jeopardize my application and/or admission to the nursing program. I certify that all of the above information is complete and true.

Please sign and date.

Please print name ____________________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________
# SAMPLE POINT SYSTEM

**NAME OF APPLICANT**

**CATEGORY** | **POINT DESIGNATIONS** | **Points** | **GPA** | **Your score** | **Your score**
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Grade Point Average Points | College GPA: $16 \times \text{GPA} - 40 = \text{Points}$ | 24 Max | | | |

**COURSE CREDITS**

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Courses must be completed with a grade of B or higher to be awarded points.

**TEAS TEST**

Score of Proficient, Advanced, or Exemplary 2

**PROCTORED ESSAY**

Maximum 10 points 10

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

4 points 4

**RESIDENCY**

**OR**

24 graded credits earned at Clatsop CC or Tillamook Bay Community College 2004 -- 2014 5

**OR**

2011, 2012, or 2013 Clatsop or Tillamook County High School Graduate 5

**OR**

2011, 2012, or 2013 Columbia, Pacific, or Wahkiakum County High School Graduate 3

**TOTAL POINTS AWARDED**

*This is an EXAMPLE of the point system used for evaluating applications. You do not need to submit it with your application. It is for your information only.*
**FREQUENTLY ASKED APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

What is the TEAS test and how do I study for it?
The TEAS test is the Test of Essential Academic Skills. This test will evaluate your knowledge of reading, writing, math, and science. Information on this test can be obtained from the testing company Assessment Technology Institute at [ATI Testing](#). Study manuals and practice exams may be purchased from ATI to help you prepare for this exam.

Why are there two deadlines this year?
Applications are due earlier this year to aid in the timely processing of applications. However, you still have winter term to complete coursework for earning points towards admission. If you take courses winter term, be sure to submit your official transcripts for winter term before the April 3, 2015 deadline. Other transcripts, particularly from other institutions can be submitted with your application.

Do I have to be done with all minimum requirements listed on page 4 in order to apply to the program?
Yes. All admission requirements must be completed by the application deadline to be eligible for application.

Are there any time limits on the prerequisite courses?
Anatomy & Physiology courses and Math courses must have been completed within the past seven years. There are no time limits on writing courses.

If I took Anatomy & Physiology I as a semester course can I still apply?
Yes, if Anatomy & Physiology II is in progress as a semester course. Your application must include a letter from the Anatomy & Physiology II instructor stating that you are in good standing in the course with a C or better. However, no points will be awarded for Anatomy & Physiology II.

Is a Nursing Assistant Certification (CNA) required?
No. CNA is not required to apply to Clatsop’s nursing program. Although it is not a program requirement, students are encouraged to gain patient care skills and experience that may be applicable to any nursing program. However, any student who is not a CNA or has not completed a CNA course within the previous 12 months from September will be required to take NUR 50, a basic nursing skills course in the summer prior to entering the program.

Do I need to submit transcripts for each school I have attended?
Yes, if you want to use any courses from a college other than Clatsop CC for your nursing degree. Do not submit any transcripts from colleges you will not be using toward your nursing degree.

Do I need to include official or unofficial transcripts with my application?
Transcripts must be official, in a sealed envelope from the college. Please read the next question and answer.

If I have taken classes at Clatsop Community College, do I need to request official transcripts from Clatsop?
No. You can include unofficial Clatsop transcripts.

Can I send official transcripts with my application or does the college I attended have to send them?
As long as they are in a sealed envelope from the institution, we will accept them whether they are from you or directly from the college. We prefer that they come from you so that you know we have received them. It is your responsibility to make sure that we have received them if you requested that a college send them directly to Clatsop.

If I choose not to use transcripts before 2008 to compute my cumulative GPA but I have an earned bachelor’s degree before 2008, will I still get points for that advanced degree?
Yes, you will get points for your earned degree but you cannot use any of the courses for graduation requirements.

Can I use my placement test scores to substitute for taking a course?
No. You will actually have to take each course that is required for graduation.

Can I take some of the non-nursing courses before I am admitted to the Nursing Program?
Yes. We encourage students to take as many of the nursing general education courses as possible before beginning the program. It will not shorten the program, but it will shorten the time spent in the classroom.

How many students apply and how many are admitted?
There is no way to know how many applicants will apply from year-to-year. Sixteen students are admitted each year to the Astoria cohort nursing program and four students are admitted to the Tillamook cohort every year.

Can I get a Bachelors degree after I get my Associate degree?
Clatsop Community College has a dual enrollment agreement with Linfield College’s RN to BSN program, and
encourages all nursing graduates to obtain a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing degree. Students may transfer all of their CCC nursing credits to Linfield, and obtain a BSN degree with one to two years of part-time study.

**Do you accept LPN transfer students?**
Not at this time. Watch the college’s nursing website for updated information about advanced placement.

**Do you accept students transferring from other nursing programs?**
Not at this time. Watch the college’s nursing website for updated information about advanced placement.

**Can applications be hand-delivered?**
Yes, applications can be dropped off at the Student Services registration desk in Columbia Hall.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE
ACCEPTED TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

DO I NEED TO PAY A DEPOSIT?
Yes. You will need to pay a $100 non-refundable deposit after you have been accepted.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE BI 233?
Yes, before fall term begins.
If you are taking it spring term or will take it summer term, you must send a transcript to Clatsop Community College, ATTN: Nursing Admissions showing that you have completed this course.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK?
Yes, you need to complete a criminal background check after acceptance into the program. You will receive a letter from the Dean of Nursing, Allied Health, and Education explaining how to complete this.

DO I NEED TO PASS A URINE DRUG SCREEN
Yes, you will need to submit to a urine drug screen. You will receive a letter from the Director of Nursing, Allied Health, explaining how to do this.

DO I NEED TO SEND MY IMMUNIZATION RECORDS?
Yes, after you have been accepted. You will receive a letter from the Director of Nursing, Allied Health explaining how to complete this and what immunizations you need.

DO I NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED MY CNA?
You must either have a current CNA certificate OR satisfactory completion of a State Board of Nursing approved nursing assistant course completed within one year prior to enrollment in the nursing program, OR satisfactory completion of NUR 50 or an equivalent course as determined by the Clatsop Community College nursing faculty within one year prior to enrollment in the nursing program.

NUR 50 is a basic skills class that will prepare you to begin clinicals. It will be held in August or September and is two weeks long. It will include both lab and clinical components. You will receive information about registering for this course once accepted into the nursing program. Students should also be aware that while meeting the criteria of the nursing program, this course does not qualify you to take the CNA certification test. If you are a CNA or have completed a CNA course, you do not need to take NUR 50.

DO I NEED CPR CERTIFICATION?
Yes, you need CPR for Healthcare Providers. CPR for the general public will not be accepted in lieu of CPR for Healthcare Providers. The nursing program will be offering several sessions for CPR certification at the Astoria campus. You can register for this course online like any other course at CCC.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?
If you only need to take nursing classes, you do not need to register for classes until the orientation for 1st year nursing students in September, 2015. If you need to take other classes contact your advisor as soon as possible.

WHO IS MY ACADEMIC ADVISOR?
If you do not currently have a nursing faculty member for an academic advisor, you will be assigned one by
the Director of Nursing and Allied Health upon entry into the program. All nursing faculty have offices in Columbia Hall; the advisor for Tillamook students lives in Tillamook, and is available by appointment.

**HOW DO I KNOW WHAT LAB GROUP TO REGISTER FOR?**
You will be assigned to a lab group and can register during orientation for 1st year nursing students.

**WHAT WILL MY SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?**
The nursing program at Clatsop Community College is a hybrid program, with part of the curriculum offered online and part offered in class. Both the Tillamook students and the Astoria students will be together one day a week for classes in Astoria for lecture and on an occasional Monday for exams. Most likely you will have classes all day Tuesday fall term and be scheduled for some exams on Mondays.

**WHERE WILL MY CLINICAL ROTATIONS TAKE PLACE?**
Students may be placed at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, Providence Seaside Hospital in Seaside or Tillamook Regional Medical Center in Tillamook for clinicals.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO START MY CLINICAL ROTATIONS?**
You will need a watch with a sweep second hand or a digital read out to count pulse rate. You will also need a stethoscope. You can expect to spend about $65 for a quality stethoscope.

**WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR CLINICALS?**
The dress code is to ensure professional appearance at all times. The student is to wear a plain (not patterned) navy blue scrub top or polo shirt with navy blue or white pants or skirt. The pants or skirt will be uniform attire and not denim or street clothes. Shoes and stockings (socks) are to be worn with the uniform. Shoes will be plain (not patterned) and will be white, brown, or black. Socks will be plain (not patterned) and will be white, brown, or black. Nylon stockings will be white or neutral. A blue lab jacket may be worn over the uniform. All uniforms and shoes must be clean and neat.

The college name tag and the college patch must be worn and visible at all times during clinical experiences. College name tags will be acquired from the Student Services department. The college patch will be placed on the upper left sleeve of the uniform top and lab jacket; secure the patch approximately two finger-widths down from the top seam.

Whenever a student is on clinical assignment, they will adhere to the student uniform dress policy. On occasion, community experiences may be assigned which allow for alternate uniform attire. Students will be instructed regarding acceptable alternate attire and are expected to follow the established guidelines.

Students may be permitted to enter a clinical facility for the purpose of reviewing a medical record for school related assignments. Students must wear their college name tag when entering a clinical facility for this purpose. It is expected that students will address the nurse in charge of the unit and briefly explain the purpose of their visit.

Nails should be clean and trimmed; clear or neutral non-chipped nail polish is permitted. No acrylic or false fingernails are permitted. No heavy make-up, perfume or heavily scented aftershave is allowed. Hair and beards must be neat and clean, and not present a safety hazard. Jewelry worn during clinical should be minimal and appropriate. Neither hair nor jewelry should present a safety hazard to the student or the client. Appearance should at all times be professional.

**WHAT BOOKS DO I NEED AND WHERE DO I BUY THEM?**
The required books will be in the college bookstore by early September, 2015. You can find a list of required
texts posted on the web site prior to the beginning of fall term.

**HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT TO SPEND ON BOOKS?**
The total of all nursing textbooks runs ~ $1000 but the purchases are staggered through the first year so you do not need to buy all of the textbooks at once. The program has made the commitment to its students required textbooks will not change once the program has begun each fall. If new editions come up during the two years of the program, students are not expected to buy updated editions.

All information is subject to change.