



**Clatsop  
Community  
College**

## **Nursing Program Application Submission Information for Fall 2021**

### **Application Deadline:**

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

**TEAS Testing Schedule: See Page 6**

### **Admissions Process Dates:**

Proctored Essays & HSRT Exam: April 9 or 10, 2021

### **After Program Acceptance/Wait List:**

Mandatory Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2021, 12pm – 3pm

### **Fall Orientation for Those Admitted:**

Mandatory Meeting in September the week before fall classes start: Date to be announced at the June meeting.



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## General Information

Thank you for your interest in Clatsop Community College's Nursing Program. We offer an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Current enrollment is limited to up to 24 students per cohort per academic year.

The application for admission opens on January 4, 2021 and closes on February 16, 2021. If accepted, you will begin nursing classes fall term, 2021. 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 <https://www.clatsopcc.edu/academic-path/academic-programs-a-z/nursing/> for additional information.

### Associate Degree Nursing (ADN-RN program) to BS in Nursing

After successfully completing the two-year ADN program at Clatsop, you will receive an Associate of Applied Science - Nursing Degree and can take the national licensing exam for registered nursing (NCLEX-RN). Students who are affirmed by Clatsop Community College to have met progression standards (ADN) and have achieved RN licensure are assured progression into upper division (300 and 400 level) course work for the baccalaureate degree in nursing within the timeframe of the OHSU transition policy. <https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-nursing/rnbs-completion> .

Program graduates who have their RN license are also eligible to apply to other colleges and universities to complete their BSN degree; for example, Linfield College offers an RN-to-BSN online completion program.

<https://www.linfield.edu/dce/degrees/rn-to-bsn.html>

### Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE)

Clatsop Community College became a partner of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) in May 2015. OCNE is a partnership of eleven Oregon community colleges and six campuses of the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing with a shared curriculum taught on all consortium member campuses. The OCNE curriculum prepares graduates with the competencies to address the rapidly changing health care needs of Oregon's aging and ethnically diverse population. An applicant admitted to Clatsop Community College's Nursing Program will be considered co-admitted to OHSU. <http://www.ocne.org/>

### Program Standards

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.

## Nursing Application Overview

Enrollment in the nursing program is limited, you must apply and be selected for admission. To be considered for admission, you must meet the minimum requirements. If you do not meet the stated minimum requirements your application will be withdrawn from consideration.

### Important 2021 Dates — subject to change

Application opens	Monday, January 4, 2021
<b>Application closes 5pm</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 16, 2021</b>
Notified (emailed) incomplete application	As evaluated
Phase 1 results emailed <b>after 5pm</b>	Friday, March 5, 2021
Phase 1 applicant inquiry/challenges	Saturday, March 6 – Tuesday March 9, 2021
Phase 1 inquiry/challenges closes <b>Noon</b>	Tuesday March 9, 2021
Phase 2 top 48 invited to essay by email <b>after 5pm</b>	Friday March 12, 2021
Notified not in top 48 by email <b>after 5pm</b>	Friday March 12, 2021
Phase 2 proctored essay & HSRT testing	Friday April 9 & Saturday April 10, 2021
Notified (emailed) acceptance or alternate status	Thursday April 22, 2021
Response to Clatsop CC of intent regarding status	Monday May 17, 2021
Attendance at Mandatory Orientation	Monday, June 21, 2021

### Program Information Session

Information Sessions specific to the application process will be held at Clatsop Community College Astoria campus in December and January. Please plan to attend one or more of these sessions and reserve application related questions for these sessions. Dates for sessions will be posted on the Nursing Program webpage by Nov.15, 2021.

### Point System

Nursing program acceptance is determined by a weighted point system based on the twelve categories listed below.

1. Grade Point Average on prerequisite course work
2. Anatomy & physiology grades
3. TEAS test results
4. Completion of Statistics course
5. Previous degree
6. Evidence of volunteerism
7. Evidence of veteran and/or spouse service
8. Residency
9. Work experience in the healthcare field
10. Foreign language fluency
11. Proctored essay
12. Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT)

## Nursing Program Admission Requirements

Nursing program enrollment is limited. Acceptance into the Nursing program is determined by a weighted point system from a pool of qualified applicants. A student must meet the minimum requirements to be considered for admission. If the minimum requirements have been met the student's application will be evaluated and awarded points in a competitive process. The top-ranking individuals will be offered admission to the program. Remaining qualified candidates are placed on a ranked alternate list which expires when fall term commences. Program information and application packets will be updated annually and can be obtained from Student Services or the College website.

## MINIMUM EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS – must be met by the published application deadline

- A minimum of 30 pre-requisite credits with a cumulative 3.0 GPA for all pre-requisite course work.
- Writing requirement can be met by completion of WR 121 English Composition (3-4 credits with a grade of C or above) **OR** transcribed Bachelor's or higher degree (a degree transcript that does not have a grade notation equivalent to WR 121 will receive 4 quarter credits with a grade of P, which is equivalent of "0" points towards GPA score).
- MTH 95 Intermediate Algebra or higher (\*excluding MTH 98, 211, 212, or 213) completed with a grade of C or above, after September 1, 2014 (within 7 years).
- Score of PROFICIENT on the TEAS exam
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I, (BI 231) or the equivalent as determined by the Clatsop Community College Registrar's Office completed with a grade of C or above, after September 1, 2014 (within 7 years).
  - Washington State A&P courses are typically evaluated as two 5 credit courses. The point sheet will be marked as meeting BI 231 and 233 with the understanding that BI232 has been covered with a total of 10crs earned.
  - 4 credit Semester A&P courses are typically evaluated as two 6 credit courses. The point sheet will be marked as meeting BI231 and BI233 with the understanding that BI232 has been covered with a total of 12crs earned.

### Pre-requisite/Required Preparatory Courses:

Course No	Course Title	Credits
BI 222 or GS 112 (BI 102 meets this but is not a pre-req for A&P series)	Human Genetics or Chemistry & Cell Biology	3-5
BI 231	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (within 7 years; after Sept 1, 2014)	4
BI 232	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (within 7 years; after Sept 1, 2014)	4
BI 233	Human Anatomy and Physiology III (within 7 years; after Sept 1, 2014)	4
BI 234	Microbiology (within 7 years; after Sept 1, 2014)	4
MTH 95 or higher *	Intermediate Algebra – *excluding MTH 98, 211, 212, and 213 (within 7 years; after Sept 1, 2014)	4
NFM 225	Human Nutrition	3-4
PSY 215	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	3
WR 121	English Composition or Bachelor's degree (NOTE: scoring for BA/BS degree will be grade of "P", equivalent of "0" points towards GPA score)	3-4
WR 122	Advanced Composition or Bachelor's degree (NOTE: scoring for BA/BS degree will be grade of "P", equivalent of "0" points towards GPA score)	3-4
Arts and Letters	Elective	3
Social Science	Elective	3
College Level (100 or 200)	Not to include performance or studio art courses. Not part of the GPA calculation	0-4

## Application Submission

If you are NOT a current student at Clatsop Community College, you must first apply to the college to obtain a Clatsop MYCCC account. Choose "Degree seeking" and the "Program" version of Associate of General Studies.

Questions about filling out the application?

- If you are a current Clatsop student, contact your advisor.
- If you are not a current Clatsop student, contact the Registrar's office at 503-338-2411.

Application Deadline: **Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 5 p.m.** All applications and transcripts from past coursework are due at the time of submitting the application. Applications submitted after Feb 16, 2021, will not be accepted.

Application packets may be submitted beginning January 4, 2021, to the Student Services Welcome Center in Columbia Hall, room 109, at Clatsop Community College or mail to:

Clatsop Community College  
Student Services Welcome Center  
ATTN: Nursing Admissions  
1651 Lexington Ave.  
Astoria, OR 97103

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.

Any applicant requiring reasonable accommodations for the application should call 503-338-2474.

If selected for the Nursing Program, you must complete Human Anatomy & Physiology II and III (BI 232 and BI 233) or the equivalent and all pre-requisite courses as determined by the Clatsop Community College Registrar's Office with a grade of C or above before the start of FALL TERM 2021.

## Evaluating Nursing Applications

There are two Phases to the application: **Phase I** - assessment of points; **Phase II** - proctored essay – HSRT exam

**Phase 1** - Admissions Point System - applicants will be assessed using 60 points in the following:

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average: **Points possible = 15 - 25**

The points you will receive for your cumulative GPA will be based on all Nursing Program pre-requisite courses completed by the application deadline with a C or above. Applicants must have completed at least 30 Nursing Program pre-requisite credits to meet minimum qualifications. **Only the Nursing Program pre-requisite courses will be calculated in the GPA for assignment of points in the admission process.** Points will be assigned as follows:

- 3.67 - 4.00 = 25 points
- 3.33 - 3.66 = 23 points
- 3.20 - 3.32 = 20 points
- 3.15 - 3.19 = 17 points
- 3.00 - 3.14 = 15 points

## 2. Anatomy and physiology grades: **Points possible = 0 - 6 points**

You will receive points for receiving an A or B in anatomy and physiology taken within the last 7 years (after September 1, 2014) as follows:

BI 231 (4 credits): A = 2 points  
B = 1 point

BI 232 (4 credits): A = 2 points  
B = 1 point

BI 233 (4 credits): A = 2 points  
B = 1 point

WA schools: BI 241 (5 credits): A = 3 points  
B = 1.5 points

WA schools: BI 242 (5 credits): A = 3 points  
B = 1.5 points

## 3. Test of Essential Academic Skills - TEAS test: **Points possible = 0 - 5**

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) exam. The exam must be taken within the last 6 months (since August 15, 2020). Dates, times, and places for testing on the Clatsop Community College campus will be made available on the nursing department website at <https://www.clatsopcc.edu/academic-path/academic-programs-a-z/nursing/> by Nov. 15, 2020. Students may take the TEAS test in any proctored location and are required to “share” results with Clatsop Community College. A score **“Below Proficient” will disqualify the applicant**, a score of **“Proficient”** with a cumulative score **< 75** will receive **0 points**, a cumulative adjusted score of **≥75** will receive **3 points**, a score of **“Advanced”** will receive **4 points**, and a score of **“Exemplary”** will receive **5 points**.

## 4. Select courses: **Points possible = 0 or 3**

You will receive points 3 points if you have transcribed MTH 243 or 244 (Statistics) with a grade of C or better. There is no ‘completed within 7 years’ requirement for statistics.

## 5. Earned Degrees: **Points possible = 0 or 3**

Applicants will receive 1 point with an earned associate’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university. This must be transcribed on an official sealed transcript from the college or university. A pending degree cannot be counted.

Applicants will receive a maximum of 3 points with an earned bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university. This must be transcribed on an official sealed transcript from the college or university. A pending degree cannot be counted.

## 6. Volunteerism: Points possible = 0 - 3

Applicants may receive up to 3 points for volunteering in any organization/circumstance where the applicant was supervised (directly or indirectly) under the following conditions:

- a. Volunteer experience must have been completed in the last 5 years.
- b. Student can not use hours performed as a graduation or course requirement.
- c. Volunteer experience may not be court ordered.
- d. Paid experience is not considered "volunteer experience".
- e. A relative cannot serve as a supervisor, verify hours or provide the reference letter.
- f. Points will be awarded as follows:
  - i. < 48 hours = 0 points
  - ii. 48 – 71 hours = 1 point
  - iii. 72 – 95 hours = 2 points
  - iv. ≥ 96 hours = 3 points

## 7. Active military/spouse, retired military or veteran status: Points possible = 0 or 3

Applicants will be awarded 3 points for proof of active military/spouse status, retired military status or veteran status with proof of honorable discharge. Current active/retired military ID or documentation of honorable discharge documentation must be attached to the application. Retired military or veteran spouses will not qualify for points.

## 8. Residency: Points possible = 0 - 5

Applicants who are not claiming active military/spouse status, retired military status or veteran status with proof of honorable discharge (above) may receive points for one residency as outlined below. Oregon Coast Community College students with a Clatsop Community College transcript do not receive residency points. Submit your official transcript as proof of residency.

Minimum of 24 graded credits from Clatsop Community College completed between 2011 - 2020 will receive **5 points**.

Minimum of 24 credits from Tillamook Bay Community College completed between 2011 - 2020 will receive **3 points**.

**OR**

Applicants who graduated from a Clatsop county high school in 2018, 2019, or 2020 will receive **3 points**.

**OR**

Applicants who graduated from a Tillamook county high school in 2018, 2019, or 2020 will receive **2 points**.

Applicants who graduated from a Columbia, Pacific, or Wahkiakum County High School in 2018, 2019, or 2020 will receive **2 points**.

**OR**

Applicants of Clatsop or Tillamook counties in Oregon or Columbia, Pacific, or Wahkiakum counties in Washington who

have established residence as defined on the Declaration of Residency form will receive **2 points**.

### 9. Work experience in healthcare field: **Points possible = 0 - 4**

Applicants will be awarded 4 points for at least 500 hours of work experience caring for human patients with the following:

- 1) Current unencumbered certification as an Oregon certified nursing assistant, or
- 2) Oregon licensure or national certification as a licensed practical nurse, respiratory therapist, emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, paramedic, medical assistant (national certification required), or
- 3) Service as an Armed Services medic or corpsman in the past 4 years.

OR

Applicants will be awarded 2 points for less than 500 hours of work experience as an Oregon certified nursing assistant, national certification as a medical assistant, Oregon state licensed practical nurse or state/national certification of emergency medical technician, paramedic, or respiratory therapist.

OR

Applicants with work experience  $\geq$  500 practice hours gained in other areas of healthcare may submit their evidence of experience along with an explanation as to why they believe their experience should be considered for points. If allowed, experience in roles other than those listed above will receive a maximum of 2 points. Written detail, including job description and totaling of hours must be included to be eligible.

Copy of active Oregon state certificate/license or national certification must be provided with application to receive points.

### 10. Foreign language fluency - **Points possible = 0 or 3**

Applicants may receive 3 points for foreign language fluency (speaking and listening) as determined by official high school transcript from a school located in a foreign country where English is not the primary language spoken.

Alternatively, an official transcript/certificate identifying "Advanced" (any sub-category) language proficiency as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) 2012 Proficiency Guidelines. The OPI, OPIc and LPT assessments are acceptable proficiency exams administered by *Language Testing International*. Applicants must demonstrate both fluency in speaking and listening. This will require two assessments: the OPI or OPIc **AND** the LPT assessment. See <https://www.languagetesting.com/> for language proficiency exam availability and <https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012> for criteria indicating "Advanced" language proficiency as defined by the ACTFL 2012 Proficiency Guidelines. For information on how to order a language proficiency assessment through Language Testing International follow this link:

<https://www.useloom.com/share/345bc9f2c19345b2b5a485593935dc6f>

There are fees associated with the above process set by and due to Language Testing International or other company used to determine level of fluency.

Clatsop Community College will be able to access results through Language Testing International, but students may choose to also order a proficiency certificate for their records to provide documentation of language proficiency to other institutions or employers in the future. OHSU will require an official certificate to waive the foreign language requirement for the BS-RN degree.

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ALTA Language Testing Services is also acceptable for language proficiency determination. A score of “Advanced” (any subcategory) as determined by ALTA is required to receive 3 points. Applicants must demonstrate both fluency in speaking and listening. An official transcript from ALTA is required to submit with your application. Clatsop Community College cannot access students results directly from ALTA.

Applicants unable to validate fluency by above measures due to unavailability of proficiency exams for specific foreign languages through Language Testing International are encouraged to contact the nursing program director. Alternate measures for determining fluency are approved on a case-by-case basis per program policy.

## **Phase 2** – Proctored Essay and HSRT Exam

The top 48 applicants as determined in phase 1 will be invited to participate in a proctored essay and HSRT Exam for additional points. These points will be added to the points awarded in phase 1.

### **11. Proctored Essay: Points possible = 0 - 30**

Up to **30** points may be awarded for a proctored essay based on OCNE shared attribute/experience criteria. The essay questions will not be based on any specific prerequisites or other courses, but will address general attributes such as **integrity, diversity, communication, transferable skills** (e.g. leadership, critical thinking, teamwork) **motivational fitness**, and **resilience**. The point spread for the essay scores will not be published and applicants will not see their scores.

### **12. HSRT Exam: Points possible = 0 - 10**

Applicants invited to phase 2 will also participate in a proctored administration of the Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT), an assessment of critical thinking by Insight Assessment. Additional information regarding the HSRT can be found by following this link: [https://www.insightassessment.com/Resources/Teaching-Training-and-Learning-Tools/node\\_1487](https://www.insightassessment.com/Resources/Teaching-Training-and-Learning-Tools/node_1487).

Up to **10** points may be awarded for the applicant’s overall HSRT score. The HSRT score describes overall strength in using reasoning to form reflective judgments about what to believe or what to do. Nursing students and RNs must be able to demonstrate sustained, focused and integrated application of core reasoning skills including analysis, interpretation, inference, evaluation, explanation, induction and deduction. The point spread for the HSRT scores will not be published and applicants will not see their scores.