

Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing Course Equivalency Guide for Washington State Schools

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¹ Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing standard program prerequisite.

² Accelerated Bachelor of Science program prerequisite.

³ Accelerated Bachelor of Science to DNP or Ph.D. program prerequisite.

⁴ Traditional Non-OCNE RNBS program for current RNs.

⁵ English Writing and Composition (6 quarter credits) are required as prerequisites, however, you will need to take Scientific and Technical Writing (3 credits) as well to meet the total 8-9 quarter credit **graduation** writing requirement. Please note that as a prerequisite, you may take two 3-quarter credit courses, and later, you could take a 2-4 credit course to complete the full 8-9 credit requirement. Or, you could take two 4-credit courses and complete the entire prerequisite and graduation requirement at once. Please make sure to pay close attention to the amount of credits are offered for each of your courses. If you mix courses from multiple schools, please make sure that you convert semester/quarter grades, that you count the total amount of credits between both schools, and that you pay attention to which class you are taking where. For instance, do not take two WR 121's or its equivalent at 4 credits each—you would need to take two different courses to complete all levels of the series.

⁶ Doctor of Nursing Practice (excluding Post-Master's DNP).

⁷ This requirement may not be met through a Microbiology or Anatomy & Physiology course.

⁸ We recognize that many WA schools offer their A&P series as a 10 quarter credit series. This is acceptable if your school only offers this option.

*Please review your options with the advisor at the school you are attending.

Please note: This table is only a guide and is not an official document. Final decisions regarding the acceptance of prerequisites are made by the OHSU Registrar. This table was last updated on: 11/24/2021. Curriculum and/or course changes may have occurred since that date. Students who matriculated in prior years may be eligible for prior year transfer matrixes.

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Non-Nursing Course Descriptions for OHSU SoN Programs

Note: All coursework must be taken from a regionally accredited institution, taken for a grade (rather than pass/no pass), and be undergraduate college-level to meet the OHSU requirement. Minimum grade requirements for each program must also be met. **All science prerequisite courses need to be completed within 7 years* prior to the program start date. Science prerequisites include Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition, Microbiology, Intro to Human Genetics, and Statistics. *Statistics must be completed within 5 years prior to the program start date for the ABSN to DNP/PhD programs and the post-Bacc programs (MSN, DNP, PhD).**

Anatomy and Physiology with lab: A full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems. This sequence must be taken in its entirety. A&P can only be retaken once within 7 years prior to matriculation. If you have retaken an A&P course more than once, your 2nd grade will be used.

Microbiology with lab: Basic microbiology with laboratory component. If a course in microbiology with laboratory is available for only 3 quarter credits, then this will be accepted.

Nutrition: Course should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients, and the relationship of diet to health.

Intermediate Algebra/Math 95 or higher competency: Competency for **Intermediate Algebra** or above must be demonstrated prior to application to the nursing program. Minimum requirements include coverage of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of rational expressions, long division of polynomials, solution of fractional equations, applications involving linear equations, fractional equations, inequalities, literal equations, variations, negative and fractional exponents, radicals, solution of quadratic equations, and complex numbers, Cartesian coordinates, graphs of linear equations and inequalities, distance formula, slope, equations of lines, and solutions of systems of linear equations in two unknowns and inequalities. Competency may be demonstrated by a math placement test or by successful completion of Intermediate Algebra or higher.

Note: Math 95 credits and any credits that are not college level are not applicable to credits for the Bachelor's degree; however, math courses that are 100 or higher may be included in the credits that are applied to the prerequisite requirement and to the degree. The student is advised to consider taking the prerequisite for Statistics in choosing a math course, which is required later in the nursing program.

Human Lifespan Development: Course should cover the social and psychological developmental process of human life covering the **lifespan** (birth through death). Courses that include only infancy or through school age will not suffice. This course is typically from the Psychology department.

Written English/English Composition plus Technical or Scientific Writing: Course should cover the development and support of ideas through the medium of written English, academic writing, and research papers that require investigation and integration of evidence and the proper use and documentation of sources. The following courses as taught at Oregon community colleges would meet the writing requirement – WR 121, 122, and 123 at 3 credits each, or WR 121 and 122 at 4 credits each, or their equivalent. For the 3 credit courses, WR 123 may be taken during the first year in the program. These courses are preparation for scientific or technical writing, which will be required throughout the nursing program. The requirement can also be met through college/university courses that are identified as writing intensive and include the above elements in addition to at least one composition course (i.e. WR 121, 122, or 123).

Note: Remedial English such as sentence structure and grammar will not be accepted for this requirement. For the Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing standard program, 6 quarter prerequisite credits are not required if a previous baccalaureate degree is held.

Intro to Genetics (a course or a module within a course): Any human biology course that includes a human genetics component in the course and indicates this inclusion in the college catalog course description. This requirement may not be met through a Microbiology or Anatomy & Physiology course.

Statistics: Course needs to include both descriptive and inferential components. If there is a choice between one type and another, then take the descriptive. It is not necessary to take two courses in order to get inferential statistics. Statistics may be taken in any department* (e.g. Math, Psychology, Business, etc.). If applying to the 3 Year program, statistics **must** be taken in a math department (e.g. Math, Statistics, etc.).

Social Science Electives: Courses can be from any of the following departments: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Business, Government, Family Human Services, and Criminology. Selection of these electives may serve as a foundation for a focused area of study.

Humanities Electives: Courses can be from any of the following departments: History of Art, Art Appreciation, History of Music, Music Appreciation, English Literature, Linguistics, Philosophy, Religion, Speech and Theatre Arts, Foreign Language, Women's Studies, and Communications. Selection of these electives may serve as a foundation for a focused area of study.

Required Competency:

Basic Computer Literacy: College credit work and/or life experience can meet this competency. Students need proficiency in using email, internet searching, word processing, and file management.

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement: Language proficiency is a baccalaureate **graduation** requirement for the Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing standard program, OCNE CC transition program, and the RNBS for current RNs program.

This requirement can only be met by courses that have been awarded a grade of a 'C' or better in one of the following ways:

- Two years of the same high school language,
- 6 quarter credits or 4 semester credits of the same college-level language, or
- A language proficiency examination. College-level (100 and above) credits in the foreign languages count toward the 45 prerequisite credits as well as the associate degree and baccalaureate degree credits. Neither high school nor proficiency examination as a means of meeting the language requirement counts towards the credits for prerequisites or for the degree. American Sign Language is an accepted language to meet this requirement.

