



**Southwestern Oregon Community College &**

**Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education**

## **Nursing Program Information Packet**

**Fall 2012**

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***Thank you for your interest in the Nursing Program at Southwestern Oregon Community College!***

**IMPORTANT DATES**

January 5, 2012	First day applications accepted
January 12, 2012 January 26, 2012 February 7, 2012	Information Sessions
February 15, 2012	Deadline for applications and official transcripts
February 24, 2012	Notifications via email – Application received by SOCC Nursing Program staff
April 13, 2012	Deadline for official transcripts for winter classes
May 1, 2012	Notifications via email – Essay and/or Interview Access
May 10 & 11, 2012	Essay/Interview Sessions
June 1, 2012	Notifications via email – Provisional Acceptance
TBA	Mandatory Orientation

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**INTRODUCTION** - The Nursing Program is both exciting and challenging, offering graduates the opportunities for employment in a variety of settings and for a lifelong career that is personally fulfilling. The program demands may pose unique personal as well as academic challenges. Most students have multiple responsibilities in addition to going to school (i.e., marriage, family, job). Success in the program takes a firm commitment, and the nursing faculty is here to help you succeed. Nursing is a demanding field and admission to nursing schools is a very competitive process. We strongly suggest you prepare well by talking with nurses in various settings, talking with an advisor in order to help you with your career plans, and by reading through the application materials thoroughly. Each student who enrolls in Southwestern is assigned an advisor who will help keep you on track to your degree goal.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS** - Due to the volume of interest in this program, applicants may wish to attend a Nursing Program informational meeting. The meetings will be held on the Southwestern campus. They will include time for individual questions.

Date	Day	Time	Building	Room
1/12/2012	Thursday	5:00 pm	Sumner	11
1/26/2012	Thursday	5:00 pm	Sumner	11
2/7/2012	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Sumner	11

**THE CONSORTIUM** - The Southwestern Nursing Program has joined with seven other community college programs and all campuses of the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in a unified approach to nursing education. This coalition of statewide nursing educators and programs is known as the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Faculty from SOCC is actively involved in

the development of this new competency-based curriculum that will be used in all consortium schools. SOCC began the implementation of the new nursing curriculum with the students who entered the program in Fall of 2006. OHSU, Mt. Hood Community College, Umpqua Community College and Rogue Community College also started the curriculum in Fall 2006. Lane Community College and Clackamas Community College joined in 2007. Blue Mountain Community College and Portland Community College started the OCNE curriculum in 2010. OCNE schools have similar prerequisites (each college may have some college-specific variations) and comparable application processes for students.

**PROGRAM COMPETENCIES** - The competencies of the OCNE curriculum address the need for nurses to be skilled in clinical judgment and critical thinking, evidence-based practice, relationship-centered care, interdisciplinary collaboration, assisting individuals and families in self-care practices for promotion of health and management of chronic and acute illness, end-of-life care, and teaching, delegation, leadership and supervision of caregivers.

**DEGREE OPTIONS** - Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to Southwestern and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) nursing programs. Co-admission is an agreement that applicants who are admitted to SOCC would be eligible to complete a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Nursing at OHSU without an additional competitive application process. The co-admitted student would matriculate and be entered into the OHSU student record system, on transfer to OHSU enrollment, following completion of 5 or 6 terms of the curriculum at SOCC. Students completing the AAS will meet the educational requirements to be eligible to sit for the RN-licensure examination, and would complete four additional terms of full-time study to earn the Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Nursing through OHSU; or in their second year they could move seamlessly from winter quarter at SOCC to spring enrollment in OHSU without completing the AAS. In either case, students would be able to remain on the SOCC campus to complete the BS degree.

**LENGTH OF PROGRAM** - The program is designed to provide students the option of completing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing (AAS-Nursing) from Southwestern and/or a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN) from OHSU. As such, the coursework is outlined in a “four-year” framework.

- Year one: Prerequisite coursework
- Year two: Nursing curriculum – SOCC
- Year three: Nursing curriculum – SOCC

At the completion of the third year, students will earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing (AAS Nursing) and be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure test or may choose in the spring term to enroll in OHSU upper-division Nursing courses (with OHSU tuition and residency requirements – see [www.ohsu.edu](http://www.ohsu.edu) for OHSU tuition and residency information) and take the NCLEX-RN at the end of the BS degree, if not already completed. Students may complete the BSN option in four terms of full time study, or in two years of part time study. For the part-time option, students must complete all arts, letters and sciences courses during the first year in order to progress into the final year of nursing courses with OHSU. Beyond the two-year limit, interested students would need to apply directly to OHSU.

- Year four: Upper-division Nursing coursework through OHSU and upper-division Liberal Arts and Sciences through an accredited university. At the end of this year, students will earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing and be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure test (if not already completed at the end of year three).

**ENROLLMENT PER YEAR** – Due to changes in Oregon State Board of Nursing regulations and educational district agreements, available spots have been decreased to 24 on the Coos Bay campus, 5 on the Brookings campus, and 4 in Coquille. Students at the Brookings and Coquille sites will have lectures delivered from the Coos Bay campus via IPTV (Internet Protocol Television). This technology allows students and faculty to interact in real time despite considerable distances. The Angel platform will be used to deliver assignments, tests, etc.

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**EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK AND EXPECTED INCOME** - Employment opportunities are available in the Southwestern district, as well as state-wide. Jobs can be found in hospitals, long-term care, extended care and clinics. Adding the BSN degree opens even more opportunities including but not limited to teaching in nursing programs in labs and clinical, school nursing, public health nursing and is the next step to becoming a nurse practitioner. Overall salaries are excellent. According to the Oregon Employment Department, in 2009 the salary range for RN's in Coos/Curry counties was \$24.12-\$41.40 per hour and the average annual salary was \$69,509.

**DEMANDS OF THE PROGRAM** - It is important to understand the mental and physical demands of the nursing program and the career of the nurse, as described in the Technical Standards document, which is available on our website, <http://www.socc.edu/academics/pgs/degrees/programs/associate-of-applied-science-nursing.shtml>.

Established academic and clinical requirements essential to the program of instruction apply to all students and cannot be waived. Attempts will be made to accommodate and retain qualified applicants with disabilities unless results of evaluations indicate that given reasonable accommodation an individual will still be unable to perform the essential functions required by the program. Students with questions concerning particular qualifications are encouraged to contact the Disabilities Specialist in the Educational Support Programs & Services office at 541-888-7405 to arrange an appointment for individual consultation and advice prior to application.

#### **ADMISSION PROCESS**

**APPLICATION OPEN AND CLOSE DATES** – Nursing Program applications are available at the Southwestern web site, <http://www.socc.edu/academics/pgs/degrees/programs/associate-of-applied-science-nursing.shtml>. Completed applications are accepted from January 5, 2012 postmarked through February 15, 2012. There is no advantage to applying early. However, do not wait until the last minute. The only materials that will be accepted after the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline are official transcripts documenting completed coursework that was in progress during Winter term 2012. The last day for submitting these official transcripts is April 13, 2012. It is the student's responsibility to assure that all complete applications are submitted. It is recommended that applicants have a friend or family member double check before submitting. Staff will be available at information sessions to review applications. Due to the high volume of applications, students are

asked not to call to inquire whether applications have been received and/or are complete. Staff will email all applicants by February 24, 2012 with confirmation.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA** – Applicants to the nursing program must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- ❖ Submission of the SOCC Student Application for Admission form, which is available at <http://www.socc.edu/admissions/ApplicationforAdmission.pdf> . Admission to Southwestern does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program.
- ❖ Submission of SOCC's Nursing Program application and required documentation, as listed on the checklist.
- ❖ Invitation to and participation in the mandatory essay and/or interview on the SOCC Coos Bay campus at a designated date and time. The top qualified applicants (150 to 200% of available positions) will be invited to participate.
- ❖ Completion of all program prerequisites with a letter grade of "C" or better. Science and Computer Science classes have a 7 year time limit (they must have been completed Fall term 2005 or more recently). Courses completed as pass/no pass may be counted in the total number of required credits for application or admission and will be considered a "C" grade for the purpose of calculating GPA.
- ❖ Submit official college transcripts demonstrating a 3.0 cumulative GPA for all prerequisite coursework. Students that have Southwestern as their only college of attendance do not need to include transcripts. Non-accredited college transcripts will not be considered in the evaluation of your application nor can they be considered toward any degree requirements.
- ❖ Transfer coursework from foreign Institutions must be evaluated by the application deadline by an outside credential evaluation service. The evaluation company must be either AACRAO Foreign Education Credential Service ([www.aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org)) or a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For a list of NACES memberships, please refer to their web site at [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org). The evaluation must be a course-by-course evaluation with an official copy submitted to the Admissions, Registration and Records Office.
- ❖ International students (individuals with a non-immigrant visa) will be required to meet with the international student advisor and have the required minimum TOEFL score of 450 (paper-based) or 133 (computer-based).

**APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESS** - Applicants must submit a **complete** nursing application packet (January 5, 2012 – February 15, 2012) including official transcripts (to include courses completed through Fall 2011), all required forms, nursing program application fee of \$50 and supporting documentation to: Southwestern Oregon Community College, Nursing Application, 1988 Newmark, Coos Bay, OR 97420 by the **application deadline of February 15, 2012**. Completed applications delivered in person should be taken to the Southwestern campus, Sumner Hall, room 4. Applicants will receive an email by February 24<sup>th</sup> confirming receipt of paperwork. Official transcripts with prerequisites taken Winter term 2012 must be submitted by April 13, 2012. May 1<sup>st</sup>, applicants will be notified via email of their eligibility to take the essay/interview. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**APPLICANT NOTIFICATION** - Each applicant will be notified by email of his/her status regarding provisional admission into the nursing program. All admission decisions are final. The Nursing Department reserves the right to establish an alternate list for admission if needed. Alternates will be notified if space becomes available. The alternate list expires one week after fall term begins.

## **PROVISIONAL ADMISSION**

**INTENT TO ENROLL** - Upon notification of provisional admission, applicants must indicate in writing his/her intention to enroll by the deadline in the notification letter or their position will be given to the next eligible alternate.

**MANDATORY ORIENTATION** - A mandatory orientation will be held for provisionally admitted and alternate students. Attendance is required, or the next eligible alternate will be given your assigned place in the program. Students will be informed of the orientation date, time, and location in their provisional acceptance letter (usually early June).

**PHYSICAL EXAM/IMMUNIZATIONS** - Provisionally admitted students must submit proof of having had a physical exam that includes specific immunizations or titers by the stated deadline or their space will be given to the next eligible alternate. Physical exam forms will be included in the provisional acceptance package.

**CPR** - Provisionally admitted students must provide a copy of a current American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer card or American Heart Association's Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support card prior to the start of the Fall 2012 term.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK** - As required by OCNE and the Oregon State Board of Nursing, all provisionally admitted students will be required to undergo a criminal background check prior to entering the program. Instructions will be included in the provisional admission packet. Individuals with a criminal record may not be allowed into a healthcare facility as a student. Because it is not possible to meet the objectives of the program without having clinical experience, anyone with a positive criminal or abuse history may not be eligible for acceptance in the nursing program. Fingerprinting may be required prior to participation at specific clinical sites. In addition, the OSBN requires a criminal background check upon application for licensure. For more information on OSBN licensing requirements see [www.osbn.state.or.us](http://www.osbn.state.or.us). A release requiring your signature that must be submitted with your application is included with the forms packet.

**COMPLETION OF PREREQUISITES** – Provisionally accepted nursing students must complete all prerequisite courses (50 credits) by the end of summer term prior to entering nursing courses or they will forfeit their acceptance. Provisionally admitted students must provide official transcripts by September 7, 2012 for any prerequisite courses completed with a grade of “C” or higher after the application was submitted. The cumulative GPA for all 50 credits of pre-requisites must be 3.0 or higher.

**ADMISSION TRANSITION** – Students will receive notification via email when documentation has been confirmed and the terms of provisional acceptance have been satisfied. Applicant status will convert to program acceptance, and students will be cleared to register for Nursing Program classes.

**YEAR ONE PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (50 CREDITS)** - Students are eligible to apply for admission to the nursing program after completion of 30 credits. The 30 credits must include BI 231 Anatomy & Physiology I.

Students who are selected for provisional admission to the nursing program must complete the remaining credits for a total of 50 credits of prerequisites by the end of summer term prior to

entering the Nursing Program in Fall 2012. Acceptance into the nursing program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all completed prerequisites. Courses completed as pass/no pass will be considered a “C” for calculation of the GPA. Science classes and computer classes can be no more than 7 years old from time of admission to the Nursing Program (they must have been completed Fall 05 or later). The complete list of prerequisite classes is shown on the Sample Southwestern Nursing Program Planning Sheet on page 12 of this packet or the Prerequisite Planning Chart, available at <http://www.socc.edu/academics/pgs/degrees/programs/associate-of-applied-science-nursing.shtml>.

Note: Many of the nursing prerequisites may have course prerequisites such as general biology or chemistry that may be required in advance. It is very important to meet with an advisor in planning your schedule to ensure all requirements are completed by the application deadline.

**Note: Course numbers listed here are for courses completed at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Classes taken at other colleges can only be deemed equivalent by SOCC’s Transcript Evaluator based on curriculum content. Classes with the same course title and/or number may not transfer in as equivalent. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure their transcript courses match the prerequisite classes.**

**ADMISSIONS POINT SYSTEM** – Eligible applicants will be assessed according to a **100 point scale**. Official transcripts will be the method of proof for grades. Transcripts for courses completed by February 15, 2012 must be submitted with the application. Transcripts for Winter 2012 courses must be received by April 13, 2012.

Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the following:

- 1. Prerequisite GPA:** A maximum of **40 points** will be awarded. The applicant must provide transcript(s) for a minimum of 30 credits of prerequisites, or all prerequisites completed, up to 50 quarter credits and complete the “Prerequisite Planning Chart” portion of the application. Only the prerequisites will be calculated in the GPA for assignment of points in the admission process. Only official transcripts for coursework to be assessed are necessary for application purposes. The most recent grade will be used when a class is repeated. Examples of the resulting point assignment to various GPA levels follow.

Prerequisite GPA	Points Assigned
4.0	40
3.76	34.2
3.45	26.8
3.13	19.1

- 2. GPA in Anatomy and Physiology:** A maximum of **5 points** will be awarded. Points will be awarded to the grade earned for A&P I. (If A&P I was repeated, the GPA will be calculated on the most recent grade for that course.)

A&P Grade	Points Assigned
A	5
B	3
C	0

3. **Completion of Anatomy & Physiology sequence. 5 points** will be awarded if the entire sequence of Anatomy & Physiology (BI 231/232/233) is completed by the end of Winter 2012, with a grade of C or higher in each course.
4. **Prior Degree:** Applicants who hold a prior degree will be awarded points for the highest degree earned as follows:

Degree	Points Assigned
Prior Associate Degree	1
Prior Bachelors Degree	2
Prior Masters or higher	3

5. **Completion of all prerequisites. 5 points** will be awarded if all 50 credits of the prerequisite courses are completed by the end of Winter 2012 and the official transcript is submitted by the deadline date of April 13, 2012.
6. **Discretionary Points:** Southwestern will award up to **12 discretionary points** to applicants who provide proof of the following criteria prior to February 15, 2012:

Discretionary Area	Points Assigned
Proof of health care background providing direct patient care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Practical Nurse</li> <li>• Certified Nursing Assistant</li> <li>• Emergency Medical Technician</li> <li>• Medical Corps</li> <li>• Medical Assistant</li> </ul> Applicants must provide a copy of current unencumbered certification with the application. For training in process during Winter term, proof of certification must be received by April 13, 2012.	7 7 3 3 3  <i>Category            maximum of 7            points possible</i>
Proof of Volunteer/Community Service Activities performed within the last five years. Submit completed form provided with application. (submitted form must be completed by current supervisor; not duplicative from the direct patient care category)	2
Completion of Study Skills/College Success course(s) of at least 3 credits (ex. HD112 Study Skills, HD100 College Success and Survival)	3

7. **Proctored Essay and/or Interview:** The top applicants (150-200% of available positions) will be invited to participate in a proctored essay and/or an interview session. A maximum of **30 points** will be awarded for the responses based on OCNE shared criteria/scoring rubric. The items listed below are **examples** of possible areas to be assessed. Southwestern Oregon Community College and OCNE reserve the right to change or update the areas to be assessed as necessary.
  - Diversity – The applicant expresses understanding, respect for and/or experience with varied backgrounds, cultures, ethnic groups, and lifestyles.

- Personal Values – The applicant responds to situations demonstrating integrity and values compatible with nursing core values and code of ethics.
- Communication – The applicant conveys information, feelings, and opinions.
- Motivational Fitness – The applicant identifies expectations about nursing roles and responsibilities that are congruent with reality and demonstrates professionalism.
- Tolerance for Stress – The applicant describes strategies/behaviors that would enable maintaining stable performance under pressure.
- Transferable Skills – The applicant responds to situation questions in a manner that demonstrates problem solving, curiosity, leadership and critical thinking.

**8. Tie Breakers:** In the event that two or more applicant scores cluster at the acceptance cut-off point, Southwestern will use tie breakers in the following order:

- 1) Overall prerequisite GPA
- 2) A & P I grade

**9. Petition:** Applicants with exceptional circumstances have the option of petitioning for consideration of specific issues. For example, an upper division course will not transfer in as equivalent to a SOCC prerequisite course but may possibly fulfill the program intent. It's the students responsibility to contact the program secretary to access the correct form and for more information.

**10.** Students who are in-district and receive a "3.0" grade point average in their A & P 1 and chemistry and a "3.0" grade point average in their pre-requisite classes will have first priority into the program.

**Curriculum** - The first year of the program is devoted to prerequisites and/or preparatory courses (50 credits) required for admission to the nursing program. The second year of the SOCC/OCNE program is comprised of identical courses for associate and bachelor's work. Spring term of the third year offers students the ability to complete the AAS degree (and provides the eligibility for NCLEX-RN licensure testing) *or* can be used to begin the coursework for the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) *or a combination of both*.

Year 3 BS program electives must be 15 credits of upper division courses (300-400 level courses) for the Bachelors Degree in Nursing. These classes may be taken before nursing courses are completed. Due to OHSU not offering Humanities or Social Sciences classes, these electives may be satisfied through other accredited colleges. The University Center located on the Coos Bay campus is available to assist students in exploring their options.

The coursework for the BSN continues through the completion of fulltime study through the fourth year. Both the AAS and BSN degrees meet the educational requirement for the national licensure examination for RN licensure (NCLEX-RN). The nursing program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, [www.osbn.state.or.us](http://www.osbn.state.or.us) .

The student may remain in the local area for continued coursework towards the BSN, but tuition will convert at that time to OHSU tuition. It is important for students to be aware that residency requirements differ between schools. Please see the OHSU website, [www.ohsu.edu](http://www.ohsu.edu) for additional information.

- Majors in this program must complete all courses with a grade of C or higher.
- Each quarter is a prerequisite to the next.
- Courses that **do not have** the NRS prefix may also be offered in terms other than those specified. You may take them in a term **prior** to when they are recommended in the planning sheet document; but since each quarter is a prerequisite to the next quarter, you **cannot** take them in a term **after** the term they are listed.

Contact your advisor for further information.

Please note; the following chart on page 11 shows the courses required at SOCC. Other consortium programs may have slight differences due to specific college requirements. Year 3 and 4 “OHSU” lines are provided for informational purposes for those planning to complete the AAS degree at SOCC then transition and become an OHSU student. Contact the OHSU School of Nursing for more information.

For the Bachelor’s in Science major in Nursing degree from OHSU, at least 9 credits must be from the Humanities and at least 15 elective credits must be upper division (300 or 400 level Arts, Letters, & Sciences courses).

- ❖ **Foreign Language Proficiency**: Language proficiency is a requirement for the Bachelors degree that can be met by:
  - 1) two years of the same high school language
  - 2) two terms (quarters or semesters) of the same college level language
  - 3) 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 bachelor degree credits. Neither high school nor proficiency examination (as a means of meeting the language requirement) counts in the credits for prerequisites or for the degree. American Sign Language at the 100 or 200 level is an accepted language to meet the language requirement.

**Sample Southwestern Nursing Program Planning Sheet – 2012-2013**

	Fall	credits	Winter	credits	Spring	credits	Summer	credits			
<b>Year 1:</b> <b>AAS &amp; BS</b> Pre-requisite Courses	BI 231: A & P I* BI 234: Microbiology MTH 95: Int Algebra II (or higher) WR 121: English Comp  * (requires prerequisite CH 110: Chemistry, 4 credits)	4 4 4 3   <b>15</b>	BI 232: A & P II CS 120: Concepts of Computing PHL 102 Ethics or PHL 205 Bioethics PSY 237: Lifespan Dev WR 122: English Comp  <b>APPLY</b>	4 4 3 3 3  <b>17</b>	BI 233: A & P III FN 225: Nutrition Social Science course, 200 level SP218 or SP 219: Interpersonal Communication or Small Group Discussion  <b>PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED</b>	4 4 3 3   <b>14</b>	<b>*ALL 50 CREDITS LISTED FOR YEAR 1 MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A "C" OR HIGHER, BY THE END OF SUMMER TERM</b>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>	<b>Upon completion of all Year 1 credits with a "C" or higher &amp; any requirements outlined in provisional acceptance letter</b>		
<b>Year 2:</b> <b>AAS &amp; BS</b> Nursing Courses	NRS 110: Foundations of Nursing-Health Promotion BI 149: Genetics ANTH221 or 222 or 223: Intro to Cultural Anthropology	9 3 3  <b>16</b>	NRS 111: Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I NRS 230: Clin Pharm I NRS 232: Pathophys I Writing 123 or 227	6 3 3 3  <b>15</b>	NRS 112: Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I NRS 231: Clin Pharm II NRS 233: Pathophys II PHL 103: Logic & Critical Thinking	6 3 3 3  <b>15</b>					
<b>Year 3:</b> <b>AAS</b> Nursing Courses	NRS 222: Nursing in Acute Care II & End-of-Life Humanities, Social or Natural Science	9 6  <b>15</b>	NRS 221: Nursing in Chronic Illness II & End-of-Life Humanities, Social or Natural Science	9 6  <b>15</b>	NRS 224: Scope of Practice & Preceptorship for AAS completion PE 231/HE 250/PE 185 Electives	9 3 3  <b>15</b>				<b>Graduate with AAS in Nursing, eligible to take NCLEX &amp; become licensed as an RN. Student can choose to stop education, work as an RN, or return to school to continue towards Bachelors degree &amp; enroll Summer term in NRS 410, Epidemiology &amp; Statistics.</b>	
<b>Year 3:</b> <b>BSN</b> Nursing Courses	NRS 322: Nursing in Acute Care II Humanities, Social or Natural Science	9 6-8  <b>15-17</b>	NRS 321: Nursing in Chronic Illness II & End-of-Life Humanities, Social or Natural Science	9 6-8  <b>15-17</b>	NRS 410: Population-Based Chronic Illness & Health Promotion (AAS Nursing grads can take this in summer and continue with Bachelors) NRS 411 Epidemiology MTH 243 Statistics	9 3 4  <b>16</b>					
<b>Year 4:</b> <b>BS</b> Nursing Courses	NRS: 412 Leadership, Outcome Management in Nursing Humanities, Social or Natural Science	10 6-8  <b>16-18</b>	NRS 424: Immersion I (6 credits for ADN reentry) Gen Ed Capstone I or minor coursework	6-10 6-8  <b>12-18</b>	NRS 425: Immersion II Gen Ed Capstone II or minor coursework	10 3-4  <b>13-14</b>					

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I get a nursing program application and when do I apply?

Applications are available online at:

<http://www.socc.edu/academics/pgs/degrees/programs/associate-of-applied-science-nursing.shtml> beginning January 2012. Completed applications are accepted postmarked from January 5, 2012 through February 15, 2012. Mail to: Southwestern Oregon Community College, Jade Stalcup, 1988 Newmark, Coos Bay OR 97420; or deliver to Sumner Hall, room 4. The only materials that will be accepted after this date are official transcripts documenting completed coursework that was in progress during Winter term 2012.

### 2. When do you accept students into the program?

Students are accepted each Fall term into the program.

### 3. How do I get accepted to the Southwestern nursing program?

Applications are reviewed based on your cumulative prerequisite GPA and Anatomy and Physiology I grade, as well as proof of having a nursing/medical background and/or proof of a license/certificate from a nursing/medical program, and/or proof of volunteer/community service activities. Identified eligible applicants will then be required to participate in a proctored essay process. Please refer to the Admissions Point System section for more detailed information.

### 4. What are my chances of being accepted into the program once I've completed the minimum requirements?

Because admission is competitive and based on a point scale, it is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. The chance of acceptance is also dependent on the quality of the applicant pool each year, which could fluctuate. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework as that is where a bulk of the admission points is awarded. Please refer to the Admissions Point System for a breakdown of how applicants are assessed.

### 5. What if I'm not accepted into the program when I apply?

The top ranked students who are not provisionally accepted into the program will be placed on a ranked alternate list to fill a position that may become available if an accepted candidate decides not to enter the program. The alternate list is active through the first week of Fall term. Students not admitted to the program must reapply the following year to be reconsidered for admission. Previous application materials will not be forwarded or duplicated for a new application.

### 6. With all this talk about a nursing shortage why don't you offer more applicants admission?

Currently we are also in a nursing faculty and clinical site shortage. There are many nursing schools in the state of Oregon and limited clinical sites. As a member of the Oregon Nursing Leadership Council and the nursing consortium, Southwestern is exploring ways to expand its programs to educate more nurses. Our policy is to admit students based upon our funding and resources.

### 7. What kind of time commitment can I expect the program to involve?

The nursing program demands a great deal of time. In addition to classroom time (approximately 10-18 hours a week for nursing courses), you will spend an average of 12 hours per week in the nursing skills laboratory and at clinical practice sites (in hospitals, long-term care and community health settings). Clinicals are scheduled during the hours that nurses typically work which could be morning, evening or nights. You will find that you will need up to 20 hours/week for studying/writing papers/preparing and write ups for clinicals. As you can imagine, this schedule requires a lot of flexibility by you, your family, your employer and your childcare provider.

**8. Can I work when I am enrolled in the nursing program?**

The nursing program is an intense program with classes and clinical placements. Students may find working even part time difficult. For many students, employment while attending school is necessary. Jobs with flexible schedules are desirable in these circumstances. In general, it is recommended that you not work more than 16 hours per week. Students must adjust work hours to accommodate their school schedule. Program allowances cannot be made to accommodate work schedules.

**9. Can you complete the program part time?**

No, the nursing program is a full-time program of study.

**10. Is the program offered on-line?**

Some of the support courses are available on-line.

**11. How much will the program cost?**

**Prerequisite year costs (Year 1):**

Category	Item	US Citizen (approx)	International Student (approx)
<b>Tuition and Fees:</b>	Based on 50 credits	5,364.00	13,264.00
<b>Books</b>	Required books	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>Other:</b>	Southwestern application fee	40.00	40.00
	Nursing program application fee	50.00	50.00
	Criminal History Check	67.25	67.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(approximately)</b>	<b>6,711.25</b>	<b>14,611.25</b>

**Associate Degree Nursing program costs (Years 2 & 3):**

Category	Item	US Citizen (approx)	International Student (approx)
<b>Tuition and Fees:</b>	Based on 90 credits	9,468.00	23,688.00
<b>Nursing Program Fees:</b>	Nursing program fees	6,250.00	6,250.00
<b>Books</b>	Required nursing course books	1,700.00	1,700.00
<b>Kaplan</b>	Required for nursing course	450.00	450.00
<b>Uniforms:</b>	White top, navy pants or skirt; white lab coat; name pin, shoulder patch; white shoes	300.00	300.00
<b>Other:</b>	Watch and stethoscope	100.00	100.00
	Immunizations & TB testing	\$200-400	\$200-400
	CPR training	45.00	45.00
	Optional CNA certification	106.00	106.00
	Drug Screening	138.00	138.00
	RN Licensure	385.00	385.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(approximately)</b>	<b>18,942.00</b>	<b>33,162.00</b>

**NOTE: These costs are approximate and are subject to change. Students are responsible for transportation costs to clinical practicum sites. Costs are based on Year 2 & Year 3 courses. Books,**

*Content Mastery Testing, graduation fees, licensure fees and travel expenses are NOT reimbursable by Financial Aid.*

## **12. What if I have additional questions?**

Contact your assigned advisor during the academic year. If you do not have an advisor, contact the Educational Support Programs and Services office, Stensland Hall, 888-7405, and they will assign you one. Program information is available online at:

<http://www.socc.edu/academics/pgs/degrees/programs/associate-of-applied-science-nursing.shtml> or you may contact the program director via email at: [swalker@socc.edu](mailto:swalker@socc.edu) or by phone at 541-888-7298 or contact the program secretary via email at: [jstalcup@socc.edu](mailto:jstalcup@socc.edu) or by phone at 541-888-7443.

## **IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID ISSUES FOR NURSING PROGRAM STUDENTS**

### **How do I apply for Financial Aid?**

Financial aid includes any combination of grants, work-study, scholarship and loans to assist you in meeting your educational costs. You must apply for financial aid each year to determine your eligibility. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. You can start applying as early as January for the next academic year, which starts with summer term at Southwestern. After submitting your application, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in about four weeks, and the college will receive an Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR). Southwestern will contact you by email once the ISIR has been received. You must respond to all requests for information in a timely manner. If you do not hear from Southwestern within four weeks of submitting your financial aid application, please give the Student First Stop Center a call at (541) 888-7352.

### **What are the requirements I must meet to receive financial aid?**

In order to receive funding from federal, state, institutional or private funds you must follow and maintain Southwestern's Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines as well as other eligibility requirements. These requirements and guidelines state that you must be an admitted, degree-seeking student and that funding will be only for classes that apply toward your declared degree or are considered remedial or supportive up to a 45 credit maximum. You must also complete the required number of credits and meet GPA requirements each term for which you are funded. All students are required to have a cumulative 2.0 GPA by the end of their second academic year. You will be given an outline of these guidelines when you are awarded Financial Aid, or you may obtain one from the Student First Stop Center. Information is also available on the web at <http://www.socc.edu/index.shtml>; click on Financial Aid.

### **Do I have to attend full-time to be eligible for financial aid?**

No. However, certain funds are only available to full-time students. Federal and State financial aid funding eligibility will be based on the number of credits you are enrolled in as of Friday of the second week of each term—NO EXCEPTIONS.

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