



**Southwestern Oregon Community College &  
Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education**

## **Nursing Program Information Packet**

### **Fall 2019**

**Submit all application materials to:**  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
Nursing Program  
1988 Newmark Ave.  
Coos Bay, OR 97420  
Sumner Hall, Room 4

**Applications must be received by 5pm, February 15, 2019.**

**Direct questions to:**  
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541-888-7443

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

January 4, 2019	First day applications accepted
January 22, 2019 February 6, 2019	Information Sessions
February 15, 2019 by 5pm	Deadline for applications, official transcripts and petitions
March 1, 2019 by 5pm	Notifications via email – Application received by SWOCC Nursing Program staff
April 12, 2019	Deadline for official transcripts and petitions for winter classes
April 26, 2019 by 5pm	Notifications via email – Interview Access
May, 2019 TBS	Interview Sessions
May 31, 2019 by 5pm	Notifications via email – Provisional Acceptance

### 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 Southwestern's Coos Bay campus. They will include time for individual questions.

Date	Day	Time	Building	Room
1/22/2019	Tuesday	2:00 pm	Sumner	11
2/6/2019	Wednesday	5:00 pm	Sumner	11

**THE CONSORTIUM** - The Southwestern Nursing Program has joined with ten 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 SWOCC is actively involved in the development of this new competency-based curriculum that will be used in all consortium schools. SWOCC 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. Treasure Valley Community College in 2014, Clatsop Community College in 2015, and Columbia Gorge Community College in

2016. 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 SWOCC 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 6 terms of the curriculum at SWOCC. 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.

**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 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 – SWOCC
- Year three: Nursing curriculum – SWOCC

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 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.

- Year four: 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.

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 Oregon State Board of Nursing regulations and educational district agreements, there are 24 available spots on the Coos Bay campus and 5 in Coquille. Lecture will be held on the Coos Bay campus and the eLearning platform will be used to deliver assignments, handouts, 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 2018 the salary range for RN's in Southwestern Oregon was \$28.70-\$50.35 per hour and the average annual salary was \$82,873.

**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/nursing>.

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/nursing>. Completed applications are accepted from January 2, 2019 through February 15, 2019. 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 2019. The last day for submitting these official transcripts is April 12, 2019 by 5pm. 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 send a confirmation email to all applicants by March 1, 2019 stating that we have received the application. (If you have not received an email by March 2<sup>nd</sup>, please email [jstalcup@socc.edu](mailto:jstalcup@socc.edu).)

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

- ❖ Submission of the SWOCC Student Application for Admission form, which is available at <http://www.socc.edu/admissions>. Admission to Southwestern does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program.
- ❖ Submission of SWOCC's Nursing Program application and required documentation, as listed on the checklist.
- ❖ Invitation to and participation in the mandatory interview on the SWOCC 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 classes have a 7-year time limit (they must have been completed Fall term 2012 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 seeking a non-immigrant, student visa) must first submit the following documents to the International Student Advisor, in addition to their International Student Application:
  1. Submit an original report showing a score of at least 560 for the written exam or 220 for the computer exam on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); or
  2. Submit an original report showing a score of at least 780 on the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) exam; or
  3. Submit an original report showing an overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 on all modules of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic Module); or
  4. Submit an original certificate from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Schools of Nursing (CGFNS); or
  5. Provide a VISA-Screen® certificate.

Upon admission to the program, the college will then issue the applicant an I-20 form for F-1 student visa application purposes.

**APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESS** - Applicants must submit a **complete** nursing application packet (January 2, 2019 – February 15, 2019) including official transcripts (to include courses completed through Fall 2018), 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, 2019, 5pm**. Completed applications delivered in person should be taken to the Southwestern campus, Sumner Hall, room 4. Applicants will receive an email by March 1<sup>st</sup> confirming receipt of paperwork. Official transcripts with prerequisites taken Winter term 2019 must be submitted by April 12, 2019. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, applicants will be notified via email of their eligibility to the interview. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**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.

**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 when 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.

**PHYSICAL EXAM/IMMUNIZATIONS** - Provisionally admitted students must submit proof of having had a physical exam that includes specific screenings, 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 Heart Association's Healthcare Provider card prior to the start of the Fall 2019 term. [http://www.socc.edu/images/nursing/CPR\\_Reg.pdf](http://www.socc.edu/images/nursing/CPR_Reg.pdf)

**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 August 29, 2019 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.

**MANDATORY ORIENTATION** – A mandatory orientation will be held prior to the first day of class.

**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 in September, and students will be registered for Nursing Program classes.

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 2019. 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 can be no more than 7 years old from time of admission to the Nursing Program (they must have been completed Fall 2012 or later). The complete list of prerequisite classes is shown on the Sample Southwestern Nursing Program Planning Sheet on page 10 of this packet or the Prerequisite Planning Chart, available at <http://www.socc.edu/images/nursing/PrereqWebsite.pdf>.

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 academic advisor in planning your schedule to ensure all requirements are completed by the application deadline.

**Course numbers listed here are for courses completed at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Classes taken at other colleges can only be deemed equivalent by SWOCC'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 and petition if necessary.**

**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 Fall term 2018 must be submitted with the application. Transcripts for Winter 2019 courses must be received by April 12, 2019.

Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the following:

- 1. Prerequisite GPA:** A maximum of **40 points** will be awarded. The applicant must provide official transcript(s) from all previously attended colleges and must have a minimum of 30 credits of prerequisites by the end of Fall term 2018 to be considered eligible. 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. 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 Fall term 2018 prior to application, with a grade of C or higher in each course.  
**3 points** will be awarded if two of the three A&P courses completed by the end of Fall term prior to application, with a grade of C or higher in each course.
- 3. Prior Degree:**  
**1 point** will be awarded to applicants who hold a degree at the time of application.
- 4. Completion of all prerequisites:**  
**5 points** will be awarded for having all 50 prerequisite credits completed by the end of Fall term prior to application.  
**3 points** for 37 credits completed by the end of Fall term prior to application.
- 5. Local Criteria:** Southwestern will award up to **19 local criteria points** to applicants who *provide proof of the following criteria prior to February 15, 2019 deadline:*

Local Criteria	Points Assigned
Applicants may earn up to 11 points for health care background and work experience in a medical setting with supporting documentation of certification/license. A medical setting is a hospital, ambulatory, clinic, nursing home or other environment where licensed practitioners diagnose, treat and prevent acute and chronic illness or injury. Work experience may be accumulated between February 1, 2018 to the application deadline.	
Proof of Health Care Background providing direct live human patient care. *Licensed Practical Nurse                      *Certified Nursing Assistant *Paramedic    *Emergency Medical Technician *Medical Corps    *Certified Medical Assistant *Basic Allied Health Care Certificate Applicants <u>must</u> hold a current certification or license and provide a copy of current unencumbered certification or license with the application.	5  <i>Category maximum of 5 points possible</i>
Proof of at least 600 hours of work experience in the field chosen above (CNA, LPN, EMT, Med Corps, CMA) in <u>addition</u> to the unencumbered certificate or license. Submit form provided with application. Work experience and health care background (listed above) <u>must</u> match.	6
Current resident of Coos, Curry or Western Douglas county. Attach proof for last 3 years, since 2/15/16. (Driver's License, ID Card, W2's, utility bill, etc.)	5

Completion of one course of either AH 111 Medical Terminology or HD 112 Study Skills* of at least 3 credits Must be evaluated by SWOCC's transcript evaluator. Attach proof. (Unofficial Transcript) *This is the final year to receive points for HD 112 Study Skills.	2
Applicant is an active duty or veteran of U.S. Military services, honorable discharge. Attach proof. (DD214 Member 4 copy if a veteran, official military transcripts, memorandum from unit, or military ID if active duty.)	1

- 6. Interview:** The top applicants (150-200% of available positions) will be invited to participate in an interview session on the Coos Bay campus. 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.
- 7. 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
- 8. 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 SWOCC prerequisite course but may possibly fulfill the program intent. It is the student's responsibility to contact the program assistant to access the correct form and for more information. Petitions for previous classes are due by the application deadline, February 15, 2019. Petitions for winter grades are due April 12, 2019, spring and summer term petitions are due August 29, 2019. *If classes do not match and petitions were not completed, the application will be deemed incomplete.*
- 9.** 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 prerequisite 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 SWOCC/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).

Year four BS program electives must be 15 credits of upper division courses (300-400 level courses) for the Bachelor's 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 10 shows the courses required at SWOCC. 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 SWOCC 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 Bachelor's 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.

## Southwestern Nursing Program Planning Sheet – Students Admitted Fall 2019

	Fall Term	Credits	Winter term	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits	
<b>Year 1:</b>  <b>AAS &amp; BS</b>  Prerequisite Year	BI 231: A&P1 MTH 95: Int Algebra II (or higher) WR 121: English Comp BI 234: Microbiology  Chemistry 110 must be taken prior to A&P	4 4 3 4  15	BI 232: A&P II CIS 120: Concepts of Computing PHL102: Ethics PSY 237: Lifespan Dev WR 122: English Comp  <b>Submit Application</b>	4 4 3 3 3  17	BI 233: A & P III FN 225: Nutrition Any 200 level SS course SP 218 or SP 219  <b>PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED</b>	4 4 3 3  14	<b>ALL 50 CREDITS LISTED FOR YEAR 1 MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A "C" OR HIGHER, PRIOR TO ENTERING NRS 110</b>		<b>Upon completion of all Year 1 credits with a "C" or higher; &amp; any requirements outlined in Provisional acceptance letter ACCEPTED</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>  <b>AAS &amp; BS</b>	NRS 110: Foundations of Nursing-Health Promotion BI 149: Genetics ANTH221, 222 or 223: Intro to Cultural Anthropology	9 4 3 16	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 15	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 15	<b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors in this program must be completed with a grade of C or better.</li> <li>• Some courses may be available via distance education only.</li> <li>• Courses that do not have the NRS prefix may be offered in terms other than those specified above. You may take them in a term prior to when they are required but not after they are required.</li> <li>• Contact your advisor for questions or further information.</li> <li>• For the BSN degree:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Statistics (3-4) quarter credits</li> <li>○ 15 credits upper division non-nursing electives</li> <li>○ Two years high school or two quarters or one semester of the same college level foreign language or language proficiency examination</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Year 3:</b>  <b>AAS</b>	NRS 222: Nursing in Acute Care II & End-of-Life Humanities, Social or Natural Science	9 6 15	NRS 221: Nursing in Chronic Illness II & End-of-Life Humanities, Social or Natural Science	9 6 15	NRS 224: Scope of Practice & Preceptorship for AAS completion HE 250 Personal Health (or PE 231 or 3 x PE 185) Electives	9 3 3 15			
<b>Year 4: Bachelor of Science in Nursing at OHSU, go to:</b>  <a href="http://www.ohsu.edu/son" style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">www.ohsu.edu/son</a>									

**Year 4:**

- Complete AAS at Community College Partner School and NCLEX eligible
- Must have an RN license in Oregon for clinical coursework
- Take classes online and would have mentored clinical experiences in an appropriate site in their geographical area
- Would typically finish the B.S. nursing courses in up to 6 quarters as a part-time student or 4 quarters as a full-time student
- May need to complete required non-nursing courses while taking the nursing courses or after completion of the nursing courses

## 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/nursing> beginning January 2, 2019. Completed applications are accepted from January 2, 2019 through 5pm, February 15, 2019. 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 2019.

### 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 license/certificate from a nursing/medical program, and/or proof of work experience in addition to the license/certification. Identified eligible applicants will then be invited to an interview. 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 may be placed on a ranked alternate list to fill a position that may become available if an accepted candidate cannot enter the program. The alternate list is active until fall term starts. 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	6,698.00	16,098.00
<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	51.00	51.00
	Drug Test/HIPAA/OSHA Training	81.00	81.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(approximately)</b>	<b>8,120.00</b>	<b>17,520.00</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	11,890.00	27,780.00
<b>Nursing Program Fees:</b>	Nursing program fees	6,400.00	6,400.00
<b>Books</b>	Required nursing course books	2,200.00	2,200.00
<b>Kaplan</b>	Required for nursing course	580.00	580.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(approximately)</b>	<b>\$21,070.00</b>	<b>\$36,960.00</b>
<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	50.00	50.00
	Optional CNA certification	106.00	106.00
	Drug Screening	146.00	146.00
	RN Licensure	385.00	385.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(approximately)</b>	<b>\$1,287.00</b>	<b>\$1,287.00</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/nursing> 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 assistant 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.gov/>. You can start applying as early as October for the next academic year, which starts with summer term at Southwestern. After submitting your application, the college will receive your FAFSA in about 3 business days. Southwestern will contact you by email once your FAFSA has been received. You must respond to all requests for information and forms in a timely manner. If you do not hear from Southwestern within three 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. This information is available on the web at <http://www.socc.edu/financialaid>.

#### **Is 9 credits considered full-time for nursing students receiving financial aid?**

Not for federal aid, such as the Pell Grant and Direct Stafford loans. When it comes to federal aid, full-time is 12 or more credits regardless of the program you are enrolled in. Federal financial aid also only covers the coursework required for graduation, so pay close attention to the requirements in the catalog. If you are awarded a scholarship that requires full-time enrollment, in most cases, you can still receive the scholarship if you are only in 9 credits. All of Southwestern's scholarships honor this policy and most outside donors do also. If you have questions, you can always check with the donor of your scholarship.

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

No. However, certain funds are only available to full-time students. Full-time is defined as 12 or more credits per term. Federal and State financial aid funding eligibility will be based on the number of credits you are enrolled in as of Wednesday of the second week of each term—NO EXCEPTIONS.