

## OCNE Community College AAS Nursing Graduates transitioning to OHSU to complete B.S. in Nursing

### NURSING COURSES- SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

**Q 1 Can I enter into OHSU fourth year nursing courses during any term?**

No, entry is limited to Fall and Spring terms. Once enrolled the courses progress through other terms. Course offerings in summers can be limited. Students are required to submit their Declaration of Intent to matriculate (enroll) approximately six months in advance.

**Q2 What is the usual sequencing Program of Study for the nursing courses of the fourth year?**

The standard progression is identified below.

Alterations can be made if approved in your POS (program of study) that you will configure once you begin courses

*Theory courses are identified as "A" in table below*

*Practicum (clinical) courses are identified as "B" and **bold** in table below*

Term	FULLTIME	cr	PART-TIME : fast	cr	PART-TIME : slower	cr
Fall or spring	411 Epidemiology 410 A Population 412 A Leadership	3 4 5	411 Epidemiology 410 A Population	3 4	412 A Leadership	5
	<b>410 B Population</b> 424 IP-1 Pop.Focus <b>412 B Leadership</b>	<b>5</b> 1 <b>5</b>	<b>410 B Population</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>412 B Leadership</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>425 Integrated Practicum (IP) II</b> 425 IP II Pop. Focus	<b>9</b> 1	412 A Leadership	5	411 Epidemiology	3
	<i>Not all courses offered all terms. A Program of Study will be created by you and an advisor after Declaration of Intent to matriculate /enroll</i>		<b>412 B Leadership</b> 424 IP-I Spec. Pop.Focus I	<b>5</b> 1	<i>Non-nursing courses as needed</i>	
			<b>425 Integrated Practicum II</b> 425 IP-II Spec. Pop.Focus II	<b>9*</b> 1	410 A Population	4
			<i>* Complete NRS 425 in this term</i>		<b>410 B Population</b> 424 IP-I Spec. Pop.Focus	<b>5</b> 1
					<b>425 Integrated Practicum II</b> 425 IP-II Spec.Pop.Focus	<b>9*</b> 1
					<i>* Complete NRS 425</i>	

**Q 3 Could I take the nursing courses full time, then finish the upper division electives afterwards?**

It is highly recommended that you take your upper division non-nursing coursework along with your nursing coursework, and plan this into the Program of Study you will prepare with your advisor. This will ensure your credit level will be at the 6credits needed for part-time Financial Aid, or the 12 credits needed for fulltime Financial Aid.

**Q 4 How often will course be taught?**

**Can I take the theory and clinical components in same time as they do on-campus?**

**How can I take a 10 credit course like population and Leadership and still be part time?**

OHSU course delivery plan currently includes offering every course every other term.

Additionally the 9 and 10 credit courses (NRS 410 Population, NRS 412 Leadership, and NRS 425 Integrated Practicum II) are each divided over two terms. (See table above) This separation of theory and clinical is within Board of Nursing rules because as a post-AAS students you will be licensed as an RN.

**Q 5 Can NRS 424 and NRS 425 be taken in earlier terms to combine with 5 credits of other nursing courses to yield the 6 credits needed for part-time financial aid?**

That is an idea that is being looked at currently. OHSU recognizes that 6 credits is usually needed for part-time financial aid. Those who do not need upper division non-nursing credits have previously been allowed to add 1 credit of Independent Study and Reading to complete that requirement. A variety of student initiated topics are available. Additionally, OHSU is looking into alternate course sequencing to minimize this. Usually the inclusion of upper division non-nursing courses into the Program of Study can alleviate this concern.

**Q 6 Can I use my employment site as my practicum (clinical) site?**

Every effort is made not to place students in their place of employment. There is too much potential for conflict of priorities, compromise of the learning environment as well as confusion in the realm of evaluation of employment. However, once in a great while it happens—in that case the student would definitely be placed in a department different from the one where they work.

**Q7 Is the clinical timing (days of the week) predetermined for the practicum for Population Leadership and Integrated Practicum II courses? Who supervises these clinical experiences?**

The scheduling of clinical experiences is determined in collaboration with the CTA (Clinical Teaching Associate) RN onsite, the student, and the OHSU faculty. Each student will have an on-site CTA to directly mentor the practicum experience. A clinical faculty from OHSU will oversee the experience and assist the CTA to ensure that course outcomes are being met. The OHSU faculty will come onsite periodically but will always be available by pager.

**Q8 I intend to move from the city where I finished my AAS degree. Is that a problem?**

**When do I tell OHSU?**

Usually not a problem. The OHSU online nursing program can be delivered almost everywhere in Oregon. You will notify OHSU of your intended location when you return the information in the packet you will receive 3-4 months before the start of the term. (i.e, April for Fall entry)

**Q 9 I am thinking I may defer my start from Fall 09 until Spring term 2010.**

**When do I tell OHSU?**

You will notify OHSU when you receive the packet discussed in the question above. If at any time you are sure of your decision to defer, notifying OHSU admissions would be appreciated.

**GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

**Q 10 Do I need to have the statistics course finished before I begin the fourth year Nursing courses?**

Yes, it is expected to be completed before the start of fourth year. Try to take it at community college tuition if you can. Or consider taking it as an upper division if you need further upper division credits. Consider summer for this requirement. There are online statistics courses available. Contact OCNE CC-BS Advisor Julia Munkvold at [munkvold@ohsu.edu](mailto:munkvold@ohsu.edu) for further assistance.

**Q 11 I took a statistics course through non-math department. Will it count?**

Maybe, likely, if both descriptive and inferential statistics were included. When you send in your *Non-Nursing Coursework Plan for B.S. Nursing Program* include a copy of the course description (and syllabus if you can) of the Statistics course you took. The OHSU Admissions office will notify you if they have any questions.

**Q 12 My statistics course was 12 years ago. Will it count?**

Yes. Only the OHSU Masters degree requires that statistics was taken within the last five years.

**Q 13 Does OHSU require MTH 110 as a prerequisite of statistics?**

Some colleges have a prerequisite to statistics, others do not. You will need to meet the prerequisites for statistics where you take the course. .

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**Q 14 My community college and OHSU have different definitions of what courses are classified as Humanities. When I received my evaluated Non-Nursing Coursework Plan for B.S. Nursing Program back from OHSU some were not accepted by OHSU. What can I do?**

It is common that Humanities are defined differently by different educational institutions, here in Oregon and nationally. This can understandably cause stress to students. There could be several reasons why your course may not count as a Humanity elective for OHSU. It is suggested that you phone 503-494-7725 or e-mail [proginfo@ohsu.edu](mailto:proginfo@ohsu.edu) to inquire about why it wasn't counted as a Humanities elective. Having the course description and syllabus if possible may be helpful. Admissions personnel can help you to understand the circumstances and your options

**Q 15 What exactly does upper division general education credits mean?**

A- These are courses in the 300 or 400 level non-nursing electives from a broad range of other fields and disciplines. Because OHSU offers only nursing courses, these other credits required by the State of Oregon for a baccalaureate degree will have to be taken at another 4 year college/university. When looking for these courses at other 4 year schools, look carefully that you would have already taken any prerequisites courses. OHSU accepts upper division credits from graded 300 or 400 or higher courses from any accredited college or university.

**Q 16 Do I have to officially apply to other 4 year colleges where I will take my upper division non-nursing credits?**

No, universities have a category labeled "non-matriculated" or "non-degree" or "non-admitted" students. There will be a preliminary application to include demographics, but usually no transcript submission or competition in the admission process. Some colleges limit the number of credits students can enroll in per term in this category, so it is advisable for students to ascertain this policy at the specific university. EOU has said they will waive this restriction in summer for OCNE students.

**Q 17 If I took an upper division course that was counted toward my entry prerequisites (such as Human Development) – can it be counted as that prerequisite and used toward the 15 credits of non-nursing upper division ?**

Yes. The 15 credits of upper division non-nursing courses are from within the required 87 general education credits, not in addition to those credits. Most any 300 or 400 level graded course from an accredited college/university will be accepted.

## FINANCES

**Q 18 What outlay of money is coming up this spring?**

Plan now for: April - \$200 deposit if you seek OHSU Fall entry.  
*Can petition to prorate this amount over couple months if severe hardship*  
April –May \$200 application to take NCLEX  
April –May \$180 application to OSBN for RN license plus fingerprinting fees

**Q 19 I have a Ford Family Foundation Scholarship which limits the percentage of online classes. How will I do this?**

Once the OSHU completion curriculum was explained to the FFF scholarship committee they graciously agreed to exempt you from the online course percentage limitation. They ask that each recipient contact the FFF scholarship office and discuss the online nature of OHSU theory courses and how your course of study is planned.

**Q 20 I will want to combine financial aid from credits at OHSU and another 4 year college/university where I will also be taking upper division general education courses. How is this done?**

Dual Enrollment is a term that means a student enrolled in two separate academically related institutions. Since OHSU does not offer non-nursing courses the fifteen upper division general education credits required for a baccalaureate degree must be taken at a second college/university.

Once you have enrolled at OHSU you can ask for a Dual Enrollment status with other Oregon universities with which OHSU has a Dual Enrollment arrangement. Those schools currently are: Portland State – PSU; Eastern Oregon Univ – EOU; Southern Oregon University – SOU; Western Oregon Univ – WOU; Oregon Institute of Technology – OIT. Notably missing at this time are OSU and UO which have not agreed to dual enrollment arrangement yet.

**Q21 When can I start upper division non-nursing courses and get Dual Enrollment financial aid?**

The institution where a student will receive their degree (OHSU) processes Financial Aid. At this time, OHSU has limitation on Dual enrollment that only students currently taking courses at OHSU can use the dual enrollment agreement with the above universities. You can start upper division credits anytime, but you will not be able to get financial aid until you are enrolled in an OHSU course. This is currently under study, and if anything changes an e-mail will be sent to all students who have submitted their Intent to Enroll/Matriculate at OHSU.