

Nursing Programs

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Chemeketa offers a career ladder program for those who want to become licensed practical nurses or registered nurses.

The program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). You may contact NLNAC for information about the program's accreditation status. The address for NLNAC is 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326. The telephone number is 404.975.5000. The Web address is www.nlnac.org.

If you wish to transfer to a school of nursing that grants baccalaureate degrees after completing Chemeketa's nursing program, please contact Counseling and Career Services for details at 503.399.5021. You should also make early contact with an advisor at the institution to which you plan to transfer.

Total required credit may vary due to three to four credit conversion. Chemeketa degree and certificate minimum requirements must be met.

Program outcomes

Students completing the certificate will:

- Use a holistic approach in applying the nursing process at the practical nurse level when providing care for individuals and families across the lifespan.
- Use established guidelines to reinforce the teaching of health promotion concepts across the lifespan to groups in selected community settings.
- Communicate effectively with individual patients, families, and members of the health care team.
- Organize and prioritize components of care at the practical nurse level for two to four patients.
- Make decisions regarding patient care based on professional values at the practical nurse level while complying with identified legal/ethical standards (scope of practice regulations established by boards of nursing and Code of Practice guidelines established by the American Nurses Association).

Students completing the AAS will:

- Use a holistic approach to develop, implement, and evaluate plans of care for groups of patients that apply standard nursing care plans to meet individual needs.
- Communicate effectively and collaboratively in a self-directed manner with patients, families, and members of the health-care team.
- Use first-level management skills in providing care for individuals and groups of patients.
- Make decisions regarding patient care based on professional values and responsibilities at the associate degree nurse level while complying with identified legal/ethical standards

(scope of practice regulations established by boards of nursing and Code of Practice guidelines established by the American Nurses Association).

Getting started

The following courses (completed with a grade of "C" or better) are required for application to the Nursing program for 2011-2012:

1. BI231 Anatomy and Physiology (completed within seven years).
2. MTH095 Intermediate Algebra+ (or higher). This requirement cannot be waived by a placement test score.

Note: Chemistry is a prerequisite for BI231. One term of accelerated college chemistry with a grade of "C" or better within the last seven years; CH110; successful completion of the Chemistry Proficiency Exam; completion of CH104 and concurrent enrollment in CH105; completion of CH121 and concurrent enrollment in CH122; or completion of CH221 and concurrent enrollment in CH222 are all acceptable for meeting this prerequisite. A full sequence of chemistry may be recommended for students planning to pursue a four-year degree. Contact Counseling and Career Services at 503.399.5120 for details.

In addition, the program has specific entry requirements for 2012-2013 as outlined in the nursing application packet available on Chemeketa's Web site, www.chemeketa.edu. Most pre-nursing students complete the majority of general education and science courses required for the nursing program in order to enhance their chance of admission. Enrollment in the program is limited, and there is an early deadline for applications. We recommend that you contact Counseling and Career Services at 503.399.5120 for details if you are considering the nursing program. Most students spend one or more years in a pre-nursing program to prepare for applying to the nursing program.

The nursing curriculum is designed to prepare you to apply for licensure at the following levels:

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Practical Nursing Certificate of Completion

A practical nurse is a member of a nursing or health care team and gives care to patients of all ages under the direction of registered nurses and/or licensed physicians and dentists.



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In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the entire Level I program listed below are books, \$1,750; class fees, \$293 universal fee, \$530; clinical fee, \$1,005; equipment and supplies, \$500; drug testing fee, \$25; criminal background check fee, \$30; testing fee, \$459. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn a certificate by successfully completing the required 53 credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all courses. You must earn grades of "C" or better in all required courses in order to progress to the next term. Completion of this level qualifies you to apply to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
BI232	Human Anatomy and Physiology.....	4
NUR106	Fundamentals of Nursing.....	9
PSY201	Introduction to Psychology–Mind and Body+.....	4
Term 2		
BI233	Human Anatomy and Physiology.....	4
NUR108	Care of Acutely Ill Patients and Developing Families 1.....	10
PSY237	Life Span Development.....	4
Term 3		
BI234	Microbiology.....	4
NUR109	Care of Acutely Ill Patients and Developing Families 2.....	10
WR121	English Composition–Exposition+.....	4

+Meets related instruction requirement, see page 43. For subject areas, see page 55.

Note: The number of clock hours required for the above courses is higher than the number of credit hours. Details about clock hours for each course may be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog. Nursing courses are comprised of a combination of classroom and clinical hours with each classroom credit hour equal to one clock hour per week and each clinical credit hour equal to three clock hours per week. Preparation time for class and clinical experiences is outside the clock hours required for each course.

Nursing Associate of Applied Science

You may earn an associate's degree by successfully completing the required 97 credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all courses. You must earn grades of "C" or better in all required courses in order to progress to the next term. An associate degree in nursing qualifies you to apply to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse (RN).

RNs apply knowledge drawn from a broad, in-depth education in the social and physical sciences to assess, plan, order, provide, delegate, teach, and supervise care that promotes a patient's optimum health and independence.

An RN guides other team members with less education and/or experience, evaluates needs for patient instruction, plans and participates in health teaching, and applies mental health principles to nursing care and function. RNs must also assume responsibility for their own professional development.

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students in Level II listed below are books, \$600; class fees, \$290; universal fee, \$440; clinical fee, \$1,005; drug testing fee, \$25; equipment and supplies, \$275; licensure testing fee, \$452. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 4		
CIS101	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications*.....	3
NUR206	Care of Patients with Complex Health Problems.....	11
Term 5		
NUR208	Care of Patients in Situations of Crisis and in Community-Based Settings.....	10
	Social Science elective**.....	3
	Sociology elective.....	3
Term 6		
NUR209	Preparation for Entry into Practice.....	8
	General Education elective.....	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts elective***.....	3
	or	
	Communications elective***.....	3

For clock hour information, see note following Practical Nursing course plan.

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*Or CIS120 or higher CIS course with CIS101 as a prerequisite.

**Social Science electives:

ATH101	Human Evolution (or higher).....	4
CLA201	Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies 1: Historical Overview (or higher).....	4
EC200	Introduction to Economics (or higher).....	4
GEG105	Physical Geography (or higher).....	4
HDF222	Family Relationships (or higher).....	3
HST104	History of World Civilization (or higher).....	4
PS201	American Government (or higher).....	4
PSY101	Psychology of Human Relations (or higher).....	4
SOC204	The Sociological Perspective (or higher).....	4
WS101	Introduction to Women's Studies: Women in American Society (or higher).....	4

***Humanities/Fine Arts/Communications electives:

ART101	Understanding Art (or higher).....	4
ASL111	First Year American Sign Language, Term 1 (or higher).....	4
BA214	Business Communications.....	3
ENG104	Introduction to Fiction (or higher).....	4
FA255	Understanding Movies: Film Styles (or higher).....	4
FR101	First Year French, Term 1 (or higher).....	4
HUM251	Concept of Self: Classical Greece (or higher).....	3
JNL216	Newswriting (or higher).....	3
JPN101	First Year Japanese, Term 1 (or higher).....	4
MUS105	History of Rock and Roll (or higher).....	3
PHL201	Introduction to Philosophy.....	4
RD115	Academic Thinking and Reading (or higher).....	3
REL201	Asian Religions (or higher).....	4
RUS101	First Year Russian, Term 1 (or higher).....	4
SP100	Introduction to Communication (or higher).....	4
SPN101	First Year Spanish, Term 1 (or higher).....	4
WR115	Introduction to Composition (or higher).....	4

Specialized Courses

The college periodically offers specialized courses to help registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and other health-care personnel keep abreast of current knowledge and new developments in nursing. A non-credit basic nursing assistant course approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing is also available. For more information about courses, contact the nursing office, 503.399.5058.

You may be interested in our Cooperative Work Experience program, which allows you to earn college credit for work related to your program. With the approval of the program chair, you may enroll in NUR280C-D Cooperative Work Experience and earn college credit hours. For more information, look under Cooperative Work Experience in the catalog index.