Nursing Program
go.chemeketa.edu/nursing
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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). You may contact ACEN for information about the program’s accreditation status. The address for ACEN is 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. The telephone number is 404.975.5000. The Web address is www.acenursing.org.

If you wish to transfer to a school of nursing that grants baccalaureate degrees after completing Chemeketa’s nursing program. Please contact your program advisor or Chemeketa’s Advising and Counseling Services staff for details at 503.399.5120. You should also make early contact with an advisor at the institution to which you plan to transfer.

Program Outcomes

Students completing the certificate should be able to:
• Demonstrate organized and prioritized care in a patient centered manner that advocates for patients and families based on personal preferences, beliefs and values.
• Demonstrate nursing care that minimizes risk of harm to patients, self and others.
• Apply the nursing process based on current evidence and patient preferences, needs and values.
• Demonstrate nursing care that reflects integrity, accountability and legal/ethical practice.
• Demonstrate nursing care using current technology and patient information to maximize safety and optimize health.
• Communicate effectively with patients, families, and members of the health-care team.

Students completing the degree should be able to:
• Incorporates novice level management skills while providing patient centered care.
• Develop nursing care that minimizes risk or harm to patients, self, and others; and uses data to monitor outcomes of patient centered care.
• Formulate clinical judgements in providing nursing care based on current evidence, clinical expertise, and patient preferences, needs, and values.
• Design nursing care that reflects integrity, accountability, and legal and ethical practice while modeling the professional roles of coordinator of care, educator, advocate, and leader.
• Formulate nursing care using current technology and patient information to maximize safety, and optimize health.

• Communicate effectively and collaboratively In a self-directed manner with patients, families, and members of the healthcare team.

In addition, the program has specific entry requirements as outlined in the nursing application packet available on Chemeketa’s web site, www.chemeketa.edu. Most nursing bound 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 the Health Sciences Department at 503.399.5058 or email healthsciences@chemeketa.edu for details if you are considering the Nursing program. Most students spend one or more years completing program entry requirements to prepare for applying to the Nursing program.

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

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.

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the Level I program courses listed below are books, $500; class fees, $600 universal fee, $742; clinical fee, $1,184; equipment and supplies, $464; criminal background check and drug testing fee, $90; CPR certification, $80; immunizations and TB screening, $150; licensure testing fee, $412. 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 65 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).
Nursing Associate of Applied Science Degree

You may earn an associate degree by successfully completing the required 94 credit hours (29 credits during the second year in addition to the 64-credit Practical Nursing program) 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).

RN s 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 courses listed below are books, $500; class fees, $737; universal fee, $532; clinical fee, $1,275; criminal background check and drug testing fee, $90; equipment and supplies, $44; CPR certification, $80; TB screening, $50; licensure testing fee, $412. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

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

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.

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Chemeketa is ready to help you plan your program entry requirements if you plan to transfer to a school of nursing that grants baccalaureate degrees. Chemeketa offers general education courses that apply to a bachelor of science degree program.
ADN to BSN Options

If you wish to transfer to a school of nursing that grants baccalaureate degrees after completing Chemeketa’s Nursing program, please contact your program advisor or Chemeketa’s Advising and Counseling Services staff, 503.399.5120 for details.

Our program is a strong advocate for a seamless transition in attaining a bachelor of science in Nursing (BSN) and advanced degrees. Students who are admitted to Chemeketa’s Nursing program are dually admitted to Linfield College. Upon successful completion of the nursing program and passing the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) students may enroll in the online RN-BSN program at Linfield.

The college has also established inter-institutional agreements with Oregon Health Sciences University and a partnership agreement with University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. There are various other possibilities for students as well.

Admission to the Nursing program is competitive. As a student, you are responsible for learning the departmental requirements of the school to which you plan to transfer. You should also make early contact with an advisor at the institution to which you plan to transfer to learn of any possible changes in an academic area.