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Program Overview

COCC's Nursing Program is an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), and all information contained in this handbook reflects an AAS focus. Admission to the Nursing AAS program (and the embedded Practical Nursing Certificate Program) is competitive, and enrollment is limited. Nursing prerequisites and support courses are open to all students.

Nursing AAS Program Information

Information sessions are held multiple times each year to explain eligibility, prerequisites, selection criteria, and general information about the COCC Nursing Program (registration on the Nursing website). The information session is the first step for those interested in the Nursing Program, and attendance is strongly encouraged prior to applying to COCC and the Nursing Program.

Accreditation

The Nursing Program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) and is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), to provide students with the academic and clinical preparation to sit for the national licensure exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse upon completion of the program.

Nursing AAS Program Courses

Prerequisite Course List

Course Name	Subject and Course Number	Credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	BI 231Z	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	BI 232Z	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology III ¹	BI 233Z	4
Microbiology ¹	BI 234	4
Math in Society (or higher)	MTH 105Z	4
Composition I ²	WR 121Z	4

Support Course List

Course Name	Subject and Course Number	Credits
Composition II or Technical Writing	WR 122Z or WR 227Z	4
Human Nutrition	FN 225	4
Developmental Psychology	PSY 215	4
Introduction to Chemistry (with Lab) ¹ or General Chemistry (with Lab) ¹	CH 104Z (Lab 124Z) or CH 221Z (Lab 227Z)	5
Introduction to Psychology II or Positive Psychology or Introduction to Sociology or Race, Class and Gender	PSY 202Z or PSY 228 or SOC 204Z or SOC 212	4

Program Requirements

Course Name	Subject and Course Number	Credits
Nursing I	NUR 106	12
Nursing II	NUR 107	10
Nursing III	NUR 108	11
Nursing IV	NUR 206	11
Nursing V	NUR 207	10
Nursing VI	NUR 208	9

More program information (e.g., program costs, LPN and CNA certificate options, Advanced Placement/Transfer instructions, FAQs, etc.) can be found on [COCC's Nursing Program website](#).

Application Eligibility

A new Nursing Program cohort begins every Fall term, and seats are filled using a selective admissions process.

Timeline

- 2027 Application Opens: March 1, 2027 at 8 a.m.
- 2027 Application Closes: April 30, 2027 at 5 p.m.

Only completed applications received by the deadline are considered for admission. Applications in progress will not be considered.

Application Checklist

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements to apply; zero points are awarded for these requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all requirements are completed by the application deadline. Requirements can be viewed in the Nursing Application Checklist "What-If" in GradTracks via your Bobcat web account. Applicants are encouraged to attend a Nursing Program information session and work with their advisor to confirm degree requirements are built into their academic plan.

COCC Application, Campus Cohort Selection and Residency Requirements

COCC Application

A COCC application for admission is required prior to applying to the Nursing Program and must be current for the Fall term to which you are applying (e.g., if you are applying for Fall 2027, you need to verify your application will be active for the Fall 2027 term). COCC accounts are inactivated if students apply to a prior term but don't attend, or if they do not register for courses for one year or more. See the [Getting Started information](#) on the COCC website (under the Admissions tab and selecting "Apply Now") for more information on how to apply.

Transfer Credits

If you have transfer credits, you must submit official transcripts to the Admissions and Records Office prior to advising, registration and/or nursing application submittal.

- The transcript evaluation must be completed and classes articulated prior to the first advising appointment.

- This evaluation is used to determine placement testing requirements and progress towards meeting both application eligibility and the AAS in Nursing degree requirements.
- Notifications are sent to your COCC email account when official transcripts have been received, and when they have been articulated (evaluated and applied towards your application/degree requirements).
- Transcript processing time may vary, so applicants are encouraged to submit transcripts as soon as possible.

COCC Campus Cohorts

The COCC Nursing Program will have two cohorts for the Fall 2027 program; one cohort will attend classes at the Bend campus (up to 48 seats available annually) and the other will attend classes at the Madras campus (up to 8 seats available annually). Theory classes are streamed live from Bend to the Madras Cohort. Clinicals for the Madras cohort will also take place in Jefferson or Crook Counties. Applicants must designate their cohort selection when completing the application.

The cohort application options are:

- Option 1: Apply for the Bend cohort only
- Option 2: Apply for the Madras cohort only
- Option 3: Apply for the Bend cohort first, if not selected, move application to Madras cohort*
- Option 4: Apply for the Madras cohort first, if not selected, move application to Bend cohort*

Note: Applicants may not change their selection after the application deadline. Madras cohort options (Options 2,3 and 4) require proof of residency to determine priority ranking.

COCC Campus Cohorts

Residency Requirements – Bend & Madras Cohort

Residency status will be determined according to the COCC Residency Policy at the time applicant submits their COCC application. To be eligible to apply to the Nursing program, applicants must be classified as an in-district resident for the Fall term in which they will

potentially be admitted to be program. Ann applicant may be required to provide documentation if inconsistencies are noted between their application and student record.

Note: If an application is classified as an out-of-district student and begins taking courses at COCC, their residency status will convert to in-district two calendar years after the term they first enroll, provided they have continuously met the in-district residency requirements during that two-year period.

In-District Residency Policy

An individual who, for one full year prior to taking credit classes has either: a) owned property (or if 23 or younger, whose parent/guardian owns property); or b) maintained a permanent and continuous residence in the district will be classified as an in-district resident. The COCC District consists of all Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties, the northern portion of Klamath and the Warm Springs Reservation in Jefferson and Wasco counties.

Residency Requirements for COCC Madras Cohort Applicants

Documentation of current residence is required when applying for this cohort (examples: current utility bills, property tax records, tribal ID, vehicle title or registration card, etc.).

Admission is based on the following priority:

- Priority 1: In-district residents of Jefferson County and in-district residents and members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.
- Priority 2: In-district residents of Crook County.
- Priority 3: All other in-district residents

No points are awarded for priority groupings. Applicants for the Madras cohort will be organized into three priority groups: priority group 1 will be ranked and awarded seats first, then priority group 2 will be ranked and awarded seats (if any are remaining) then group 3 will be ranked and awarded seats (if any are remaining).

Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C” grade or better and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Prerequisite cumulative GPA is calculated by multiplying the number of credits of each course by the letter grade (A=4, B=3, C=2), adding these numbers together and then dividing the total by 24 (the total number of prerequisite credits). The

result must be 3.0 or higher. Prerequisite courses still in progress at the time of application will be considered and admission contingent upon successful completion.

Prerequisite Courses List

Course Name	Subject and Course Number	Credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	BI 231Z	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	BI 232Z	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology III ¹	BI 233Z	4
Microbiology ¹	BI 234	4
Math in Society (or higher)	MTH 105Z	4
Composition I ²	WR 121Z	4

Prerequisite GPA Calculation Notes

- Only whole letter grades are used in the calculation of cumulative GPA; meaning plus (+) or minus (-) designations will not be considered in the final calculation.
- When transferring applicable courses, the number of credits used for GPA calculation will be based on the number of credits of the equivalent COCC course, regardless of how many credits the course was worth at the transfer institution (see Appendix B: Nursing Program Transcript Evaluation Policies).
- If you've challenged, or received a pass/no pass, your prerequisite GPA is calculated based on the courses in which an actual letter grade was issued.
- Your advisor can help you determine if you've met the minimum GPA requirement.

Application Point Criteria

Once your application is submitted and eligibility is determined, points will be awarded using the application criteria (see Appendix A: Application Worksheet):

Support Courses

30% of total points (30 points maximum)

Due to the rigor and time commitment of the program, applicants are encouraged to complete as many support courses as possible prior to applying. Points are awarded based on the number of support courses completed by the application deadline (COCC Spring 2027 courses apply; see Appendix B for Spring courses taken elsewhere). All support courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, using whole letter grades only. Support courses in progress at the time of application may be considered, with admission contingent upon successful completion. Each completed course is worth 6 points, for a maximum of 30 points total.

Support Course List

Course Name	Subject and Course Number	Credits
Composition II or Technical Writing	WR 122Z or WR 227Z	4
Human Nutrition	FN 225	4
Developmental Psychology	PSY 215	4
Introduction to Chemistry (with Lab) ¹ or General Chemistry (with Lab) ¹	CH 104Z (Lab 124Z) or CH 221Z (Lab 227Z)	5
Introduction to Psychology II or Positive Psychology or Introduction to Sociology or Race, Class and Gender	PSY 202Z or PSY 228 or SOC 204Z or SOC 212	4

Health Science Reasoning Test Score

27.5% of total points (27.5 points maximum)

The Health Science Reasoning Test – Associate’s Degree (HSRT-AD) is a multiple-choice test specifically designed for two year and certificate programs. The HSRT-AD is an online test administered in a 50-minute timed setting and measures critical thinking as well as quantitative reasoning skills. The HSRT-AD presents a variety of scenarios (in clinical and professional practice contexts) with information provided in text-based and diagrammatic formats.

HSRT-AD questions ask test takers to apply their skills to:

- Make interpretations
- Analyze information
- Draw inferences and warranted inferences
- Identify claims and reasons
- Evaluate the quality of arguments

HSRT-AD test questions range in difficulty and complexity. Any specialized information needed to respond correctly is provided within the question itself. Questions do not require specialized health science knowledge, and there is no study preparation required.

Scheduling HSRT-AD Test

Tests are offered during the Winter and Spring terms. To reserve a seat, a \$17 testing fee (prices are subject to change) per exam must be paid to the COCC Cashier, either in person at the Boyle Education Center or by calling 541-383-7229 with credit card information. The fee is nonrefundable, including for test date or time changes.

Students must present a valid photo ID and be currently enrolled at COCC or enrolled in a future term at COCC to test. Test results are available immediately after completion of the exam and will be added to the applicant’s file once the online application has been submitted.

HSRT-AD Testing Information

- There are a limited number of seats available for each test date. Students must register early and at least five (5) business days in advance. Reservations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and test dates fill every year.
- There is no minimum HSRT-AD score required to apply to the Nursing Program. However, the HSRT-AD Overall Score is used to calculate application points. The score is multiplied by 0.275 to determine the total points awarded.
- Applicants may take the HSRT-AD up to two (2) times prior to applying to the Nursing Program for the first time. After an initial application, applicants may take the exam once per application year.
- If a student leaves the testing area for any reason before completing the exam, the attempt will count toward the allowed number of attempts for that application year. Students should arrive prepared to complete the exam in its entirety. If the exam is taken prior to submitting an application, that attempt will count as one of the allowed attempts for the year in which the student applies.
- The HSRT-AD must be taken at COCC. Scores from other institutions or testing centers will not be accepted.

ATI TEAS Score

37.5% of total points (37.5 points maximum)

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) is a scholastic aptitude test designed to measure basic essential skills identified as important for entry-level Nursing Program applicants. Skill areas include:

- Math: whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion
- Reading: paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions
- English: punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling

- Science: science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, basic physical principles, and general science

The ATI TEAS is an online test, administered in a 3.5 hour timed setting. Tests will be offered each Winter and Spring term. ATI TEAS information and testing schedules can be found on the COCC CAP Services website and test dates are released each November with scheduling opening in December for the upcoming application year.

To reserve a seat, a \$70 testing fee (prices subject to change) per test must be paid to the COCC Cashier (Boyle Education Center or call 541-383-7229 with credit card information). The testing fee is not refundable, even if it is just changing test times. You must have a valid ID and be currently enrolled at COCC to test. Test results are available immediately following the exam and are added to your application file once the online application has been submitted.

ATI TEAS Testing Information

- Each test date has a limited number of seats. Students should register early and at least five (5) business days in advance. Reservations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and seats fill every year.
- There is no minimum score required to apply to the program. However, the student's adjusted composite score is used to calculate application points. The adjusted composite score is multiplied by 0.375 to determine total points awarded.
- Applicants may take the exam up to two (2) times before applying to the program for the first time. After an initial application to the Nursing Program, applicants may take the exam once per application year.
- If a student leaves the testing area for any reason before completing the exam, the attempt will count toward the allowed number of attempts for that application year. Students should arrive prepared to complete the exam. If the exam is taken prior to submitting an application, that attempt will count as one of the allowed attempts for the year in which the student applies.
- The ATI TEAS exam may be taken at COCC or through an ATI-approved testing center or method (see the ATI website for details). If testing through ATI, only scores sent directly to COCC by ATI will be accepted; scores submitted by students will not be accepted.

- The ATI TEAS Study Manual is available at the COCC Bookstore. Additional study and test preparation materials can be found on the ATI website.

Healthcare Experience

5% of total points (5 points maximum)

Having healthcare work experience is not required to apply to the Nursing Program; however, if an applicant has eligible work experience, points may be awarded.

Applicable healthcare experience includes verified certification or licensure and employment. A minimum of 600 hours will be required for Healthcare Experience points for the Fall 2027 application (hours must be from June 1, 2025, to April 30, 2027).

Verification of employment and release to contact employer for verification will be required. Any specific questions regarding your experience and whether it qualifies should be directed to nursingdept@cocc.edu.

The following licensed or certified positions of healthcare experience will be considered:

- Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Medical Assistant (MA)
- Paramedic
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Military Corpsman
- Medication Tech
- Emergency Department (ED) Tech
- Respiratory Therapist (RT)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Physical Therapist (PT)

Point Ranking, Notifications and Applicant Status

Admissions and Records will review all applications and award points as outlined above. Admission will be offered to the highest point recipients, up to 48 students for the Bend cohort (depending on the number of alternates admitted from the previous year) and up to 8 students for the Madras cohort.

After all seats are filled, the next four (4) for Bend and one (1) for Madras highest point applicants will be designated as alternates. This number is subject to change based on program capacity; the program reserves the right to appoint up to six (6) alternates if needed.

If a tie occurs, the highest GPA in prerequisite and completed/grades support courses will be used as the first tiebreaker. If a tie remains, the highest TEAS exam score will be used.

Admissions and Records will notify applicants of their admission status via official email sent to COCC email addresses only, no later than May 15 of each application year, unless deadlines shift due to extenuating circumstances. Admission status will not be provided by phone or in person.

Confirmation that an application is complete will not be provided at any time. Applicants are solely responsible for ensuring that their application and all required materials are submitted by the deadline.

Selected Applicants

Applicants who are selected for admission are conditionally admitted to the program, pending completion of the following steps:

1. **Return Acceptance Documents:** Signed Letters of Acceptance and Letters of Agreement, indicating acceptance of program policies must be submitted to the Admissions and Records office by the deadline specified in the acceptance letter.
2. **Complete and Maintain Eligibility for Required Coursework:** Students must successfully complete and maintain eligibility requirements for all prerequisite and support courses in progress, including any courses taken during Spring term, by the deadlines outlined in the acceptance letter.
3. **Meet Nursing Program Entrance and Technical Standards:** Students must be able to meet COCC's Nursing Program Entrance and Technical Standards and Policies to begin the program. These standards are available on the Nursing

Department website and will also be emailed upon admission. Applicants with questions should contact the Nursing Department (nursingdept@cocc.edu).

4. **Submit Required Health Documentation:** Students must provide official documentation of required immunizations, TB screening and a BLS Provider card. Specific requirements and deadlines will be outlined in the acceptance letter.
5. **Complete Background Checks:** Students must complete a drug screening and criminal history through a COCC-approved vendor. Additional details and deadlines will be included in the acceptance letter.
 - a. Applicants whose background checks reveal potentially disqualifying information will be reviewed individually by the Nursing Administrator, Nursing Department Chair and/or other appropriate College representatives. This review may result in the disqualification from the program. For additional information, refer to the Nursing Program Entrance and Technical Standards and Policies document.

Applicants who decline their seat must reapply in a future application cycle if they wish to be considered for admission again.

Selected Alternates

Alternates will be notified of their position on the waitlist. They may be granted conditional admission if an admitted student declines their seat. Admission for alternates can occur as late as the week before Fall term begins.

If COCC is unable to offer an alternate seat during the current admit year, the alternate will be guaranteed admission into the following year's program and will not need to reapply. An acceptance package will be sent via email according to next year's selection process.

If an alternate chooses to decline a seat offered to them, they will not be guaranteed a seat in the following year's program.

Not Selected Applicants

Applicants who are not selected for admission must submit a new application for each application cycle. COCC will retain official transcripts submitted with previous applications.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their new application is complete, meets all current prerequisite requirements, and is included in the next selection process.

Applicants may retake the ATI TEAS or HSRT-AD exams if eligible under exam guidelines. Only the highest exam scores will be used to calculate application points.

Ineligible Applicants

Ineligible applicants will be notified that their applications were not considered for the selection process for one or more of the following reasons: Out-of-district residency status, missing TEAS and/or HSRT scores, missing or expired prerequisite(s), and/or prerequisite GPA below 3.0.

Appendix A: Application Worksheet

Application Eligibility Requirements – No Points Awarded

Requirement	Complete
COCC General Application (Fall term) & Official Transcripts (transfer courses)	
Nursing Program Application	
In-District/Madras Cohort Residency Documentation	

Prerequisite Courses

Courses must be a C or better, using whole grades only, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. To calculate your cumulative GPA, give each course a grade value (A=4, B=3, C=2), multiply the value by the course's credits, add the results of all courses and divide the total by 24.

Course	Year	Credit	Grade
Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹		4	
Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹		4	
Human Anatomy and Physiology III ¹		4	
Microbiology ¹		4	
Math in Society (or higher)		4	
Composition I ²		4	

Grade Point Total: ____ /24 = ____ GPA

Selective Admissions: Application Point Criteria

Category	Score	Calculations	Points
HSRT Score		Multiply score by 0.275	
TEAS Score		Multiply score by 0.375	
Healthcare Experience		Multiply score by 1.0	

Other Required Support Courses

Courses must be a C or better, using whole grades only. Each completed course is worth 6 points, for a maximum of 30 points total.

Subject and Course Number	Grade	Complete
WR 122Z or WR 227Z		
FN 225		
PSY 215		
CH 104Z (Lab 124Z) ¹ or CH 221Z (Lab 227Z) ¹		
PSY 202Z or PSY 228 or SOC 204Z or SOC 212		

To estimate your total application points, add your HSRT points, TEAS points, support course points and healthcare experience points. Enter the sum on the total line below:

Estimated Application Point Total: _____

Appendix B: Nursing Program Evaluation Policies

1. **Science Course Evaluation:** Science courses cannot be older than five (5) years at the time the application is completed.
2. **Composition I (WR 121/121Z) Waiver:** Composition I will can be waived if the student submits an official transcript verifying a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, and the transcript does not indicate completion of an equivalent Writing Composition course. Students must email myprogress@cocc.edu to request that their transcript is evaluated for the waiver and posted to their GradTracks account. If waived, the grade for the Writing Composition course will be calculated based on the student's overall GPA in the remaining prerequisite courses. This must be completed prior to the application deadline.
3. **Credit Conversion:** Semester hours transferred from other institutions will be converted to quarter hours for scoring purposes. Each semester hour equals 1.5 quarter hours. To convert, multiply your semester hours by 1.5. For example, 4 semester hours equals 6 quarter hours.
 - a. Fractions for single courses will be dropped.
 - b. Fractions for two-term sequences will be counted.

Courses in Progress

If using term-based courses from another college or university that are in progress during the Spring term of the year you apply, the following must be completed:

- **Unofficial transcript or registration verification:** Submit an unofficial transcript or registration detail by the application deadline to confirm Spring term enrollment and email selectiveadmissions@cocc.edu to provide additional notice of your in-progress course.
- **Instructor grade submission:** Ask your instructor to email Admissions and Records ("Attn: Assistant Director of A&R") at selectiveadmissions@cocc.edu directly with your final grade as soon as it is computed. Grades must be received by the application deadline.
- **Official transcript submission:** Request that an official transcript be sent from the other institution as soon as Spring grades post. COCC must receive the official transcript of Spring term class(es) by June 30, 2027, for the application year.

Important: Semester courses or courses that end after the application deadline, or that will not have a final grade by the deadline, will not be accepted. If the outlined steps above are not appropriately followed, your application may be deemed ineligible.

Note: Courses in progress at COCC during Spring term are automatically added to your application after submission.

Petitions

Exceptions or special conditions not covered by the transcript evaluation policies must be submitted through a petition. Petitions are generally used when a student has prior educational experience comparable to a program's requirement and wishes to have that prior work counted.

Petitions are available online on the [COCC Petitions page](#). Petitions may take up to five weeks to review, so to ensure a timely decision, it is recommended that petitions be submitted at least five weeks prior to the deadline application.

OSBN Predetermination of Licensure Eligibility

Prospective nursing students should be aware that a criminal background may impact their eligibility for licensure upon completion of the Nursing Program. The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) conducts background checks as part of the licensure process. If you have a history that may appear on a background check and are concerned it could affect your ability to become licensed, the OSBN offers a Predetermination of Eligibility process. This allows individuals to submit an inquiry to the Board prior to entering a Nursing Program to determine whether their background would likely disqualify them from licensure. We strongly encourage any Pre-Nursing students with potential concerns to take advantage of this option early in their academic planning. More information and the submission form can be found on the [OSBN website](#).

Important Handbook Notes

The information in this document reflects an accurate description of the Nursing Program selection criteria and process at the time of its publication. Conditions can and do change; therefore, the College reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the information contained in this handbook.

It is the policy of the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, disability, sex, marital status, national origin, ethnicity, color, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, citizenship status, veteran status or any other classes protected under the Federal or State statutes in any educational programs, activities or employment. Persons having questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should contact the Equal Employment Officer, c/o COCC's Human Resources office, (541) 383-7216. Faculty, staff and students are protected from discrimination and harassment under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Students attending classes or events who need accommodation for a specific disability should contact Student Accessibility Services at 541-383-7583. Other persons who, because of a physical or learning disability, need special accommodations to attend events should contact ADA Coordinator in Campus Services, 541-383-7775, in advance of their need for accommodation.