

CCC Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

How competitive is CCC's program?

Admission to CCC's Nursing Program is competitive, with approximately 350+ applicants each year. Points can be earned across various evaluation criteria areas and it is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework. Students can apply to the program once they have completed 30 of the 45 required prerequisites. However, we strongly advise applicants complete all 45 prerequisite credits by the end of fall term before applying to the program. Applicants gain additional points for previous healthcare experience, military service and other areas. Please review the Advising Guide for details.

How many applicants are selected?

Since 2016, Clackamas Community College's Nursing Program has experienced a reduction in admission numbers due to the nationwide nursing faculty shortage. CCC currently accepts between 30-36 students to begin the program each fall term. Beneath is a link to the Oregon Center for Nursing, which collects statewide data regarding the nursing faculty shortage: http://oregoncenterfornursing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/OR-Nurse-Faculty-Workforce_Why-Are-They-Leaving.pdf Each admission cycle, the Nursing Program, in collaboration with the college's administration, determines the faculty/staffing/resources needed to deliver the excellent nursing education that it has provided throughout the years. Elements that are considered are the faculty to student ratios, number of faculty available to hire into open positions, ratio of new to experienced nurse educators, and clinical placement availability.

How soon should I start working on my NursingCAS Application?

Nursing CAS (NCAS) opens in late August of each year. Be sure to select the application for the correct fall term you are intending to start. You may begin building the common pieces of your NCAS application in late August. This allows you to complete personal information, enter your academic history and review NCAS requirements. You will not be able to select CCC or view the NCAS application for CCC until December 1st. Once the CCC Nursing Application opens in December, you will be able to view and begin working on your CCC specific requirements in NCAS.

How do I submit official transcripts as part of my NursingCAS Application?

CCC only accepts official transcripts from regionally accredited colleges/universities. Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended, including CCC. It is recommended to send transcripts at least two weeks before the deadline. NCAS takes 7-10 business days to post transcripts, and transcripts must be posted prior to the application deadline. If you are currently enrolled in prerequisite courses, it is strongly recommended to wait until fall term grades have posted before sending your transcript. Students applying who have transcripts from previous colleges (and are no longer taking classes there) should send those transcripts immediately. Do not wait to send your transcripts until you submit your NCAS application. This may extend the time it takes NCAS to process your application and may cause you to miss the application deadline. For a detailed guide on sending transcripts and to check transcript status, please visit: https://help.liasonedu.com/NursingCAS_Applicant_Help_Center Applicants with international transcripts will need to go through an additional evaluation process through a member of NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services)

Do I need to have my official transcripts evaluated from other colleges/universities by CCC prior to applying for admission?

No, you do not need to have your college transcripts evaluated by CCC prior to applying to the Nursing program. They will be evaluated by CCC once you are officially admitted into the Nursing program.

How will I be notified of my NCAS application status?

All program application correspondence will be sent to the designated email used in your NCAS application. Once accepted to the Nursing Program, all program related correspondence (including Financial Aid, post-selection requirements, etc.) will be sent through your MyClackamas address. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly and understanding admissions related dates and deadlines.

How can I show proof of my service in the military or AmeriCorps, to earn service member points?

Veterans must provide their DD214, member 4 copy. Active military must include a letter from their commanding officer on letterhead from their respective military branch. If you are a current or former national service member and need a service verification letter, log in to the My AmeriCorps Portal: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>. You will see a link for Service Letters. All DD214, member 4 copies, and AmeriCorps Service letters must be uploaded to the documents section of student's NCAS application by the application deadline.

Do I get my nursing license when I graduate from CCC's Nursing Program?

When you graduate from the CCC Nursing Program, you have earned an Associates of Applied Science in Nursing (Associates Degree in Nursing or an ADN). Graduates from CCC's Nursing Program, will apply to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN). Once graduates successfully pass the NCLEX-RN, they earn an Oregon nursing license.

Do I need to have a Social Security Number (SSN) to get my Nursing License?

In order to decrease the chance of fraud in obtaining licenses from individuals who live overseas and do not intend to work in the US or Oregon, Social Security Numbers are required (per Oregon Revised Statute 25.785) for all applicants (including renewals). Refusal to provide your SSN will result in denial of licensure/certification, and the denial will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. US work visas (H1B, I-766 or other current federal government form authorizing you to work in the United States) will be accepted. If you are attending school on an F1 Visa, provide a copy of the I-94 and I-20 signed by the designated school authority with your application. For more information, contact the OSBN office via email: oregon.bn.info@state.or.us.