Nursing Program

2025-26 Academic Year Application Cycle
Fall 2026 Start Date
2026-2028 Cohort
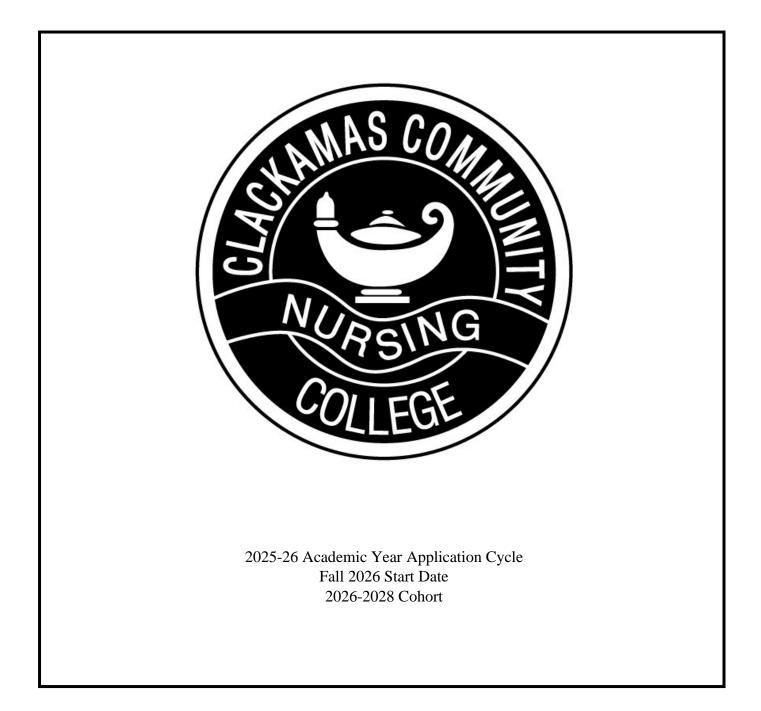
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Minimum application requirements:
- At least 30 of the 46 credits of prerequisites must be completed by the end of Fall 2025.
- The remaining preparatory must be completed by the end of Summer 2026.
- BI 231 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better by the end of Fall 2025.
- Math Competency (MTH 095 or higher) must be demonstrated by the end of Fall 2025.

Grade Requirements:
- Cumulative GPA of preparatory courses must be at least a 3.0.
- Individual prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade and must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- AP/ IB/ CLEP credit cannot be used towards Nursing preparatory hours because all courses must be graded for GPA calculation.

Prerequisite Courses with a 10-Year Expiration: (*The last year accepted for the 2026 application is 2016*)
- BI 231, 232, & 233 Anatomy and Physiology I, II, & III: 12 credits
  - BI 231 must be completed by the end of Fall 2025, but not before Summer 2016
  - BI 232 & 233 must be completed by the end of Summer 2026, but not before Summer 2015.
  - NOTE: BI 112 & CH 112 are prerequisites to this sequence (MTH 065 or placement into a higher-level math is a prerequisite for CH 112).
- BI 234 Microbiology: 4 credits; must be completed by the end of Summer 2026, but not before Summer 2016.

Courses with NO expiration date:
- PSY 215 Introduction to Developmental Psychology: 4 credits
- WR 121Z & 122Z English Composition: 8 credits
- FN 225 Nutrition: 4 credits
- MTH 095 Algebra III: 4 credits (Note: if applicant has completed a course with MTH-095 as a prerequisite, this criterion has been met).
- Arts & Letters, Social Science, or Natural Science: 10 credits
  - At least six (6) of the 10 credits must come from the Social Science area. Remaining credits can come from any of the areas.
  - Courses must be taken at the 100-level or above and a minimum of 3 credits; courses numbered 199, 299, 180, and 280 will not fulfill requirements in this area

Arts & Letters *Courses must be at least 3 credits.*	Natural Science (Science/Math/Computer Science) *Courses must be at least 3 credits.*	Social Science *Courses must be at least 3 credits.* ***At least 6 credits from this area.***
ASL, FR, GER, RUS, SPN (other foreign languages are OK; all credits must be 200 level+) ART – Art COMM - (*except* COMM 100, 111, & 112) ENG – English HUM – Humanities (*except* HUM 100) J – Journalism MUS – Music PHL – Philosophy R – Religious Studies TA – Theatre Arts SP – Speech (*except* SP 100, 111, & 112) WR – Writing (*except* WR 101, 121, 122, 123, 222, 227)	ASC – Arts & Sciences BI – Biology (except BI 163) BOT – Botany CH – Chemistry (except CH 150) CS – Computer Science ESR – Environmental Science G – Geology GS – General Science MTH – Mathematics (MTH 095 accepted) PH – Physics Z – Zoology	ANT – Anthropology EC – Economics GEO – Geography HST – History PS – Political Science PSY – Psychology SOC – Sociology SSC – Social Science WS – Women Studies

CCC Nursing Program Point Distribution – 2025-26 Application Cycle

Phase 1: SELECTION CRITERIA	Total Points
PREREQUISITE GPA: GPA maximum of 25 points based on grades of completed preparatory courses.	
25 points = 3.67-4.00 **23 points** = 3.33-3.66 **20 points** = 3.20-3.32 **17 points** = 3.15-3.19 **15 points** = 3.00-3.14	/25 pts
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY Sequence completed by end of Fall 2025	
5 points = BI 231, 232 & 233 **3 points** = BI 231 & 232 **0 points** = BI 231	/5 pts
PREREQUISITE CREDIT COMPLETION: Calculated based on the number of prerequisite credits completed by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline.	
5 points = 46 credits **3 points** = 37- 45 credits	/5 pts
PREVIOUS DEGREE; or COMPLETION OF COLLEGE SUCCESS COURSE	
3 points = Applicants are able to earn three additional points by having a previous degree: • PREVIOUS DEGREE; Awarded for completion of a previous International or domestic associates degree or higher. Degree must be earned by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline. International degrees must be evaluated by a credential evaluation service for U.S. equivalence. **2 points** = Applicants are able to earn two additional points by completing a college success course: • COMPLETION OF COLLEGE SUCCESS OR COLLEGE SURVIVAL COURSE Completion of a 3 credit College Survival or College Success course with a grade of "C" or better by the end of Fall 2025 Completion of College Success or College Survival Course **cannot** be combined with previous degree for points. You may earn points for **either** a Previous Degree **or** completion of College Success course. Maximum of three points for previous degree or two points for college success course.	/3 pts
HEALTHCARE RELATED TRAINING	
3 points = Completion of healthcare related program with proof of certificate, credential and/or license. Examples include but not limited to: • Nursing Assistant; submit copy of license • Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); submit copy of transcripts and/or license • Medical Assistant; submit copy of transcripts and/or credential • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic; submit copy of transcripts and/or license • License Massage Therapist (LMT); submit copy of transcripts and/or license • Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA); submit copy of degree • Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA); submit copy of degree • Respiratory Therapist (RT); submit copy of degree and/or license • Surgical Tech; submit copy of transcripts and/or license • Phlebotomy; submit copy of credential (e.g., NCCT, NHA, ASCP, etc.)	/3 pts

Note: Applicants must upload a transcript, credential or license as proof of training to the document's sections of NCAS. Applicants must also upload the Health Care Training Form to the documents section of NCAS. The form can be found on the Nursing Webpage.	
EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE PROVIDING DIRECT PATIENT CARE	
6 points = Applicants are eligible for earning a total of six additional points by submitting the following: • EMPLOYMENT IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE (6 points) Examples include the following: Nursing Assistant; Medical Assistant; Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic; License Massage Therapist (LMT); Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA); Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA); Phlebotomist (see healthcare related training above); Navy Corpsman; Army or Air Force Medic; any other Military Medical Role Note: Applicants must upload Healthcare Work Experience Documentation Form to the document sections of NCAS. The form can be found on the CCC Nursing Webpage. 6 points – Awarded for completion of 2000+ hours 4 points – Awarded for completion of 1000-1999 hours 2 points – Awarded for completion of 200-999 hours	/6 pts
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE	
3 points = Applicants are eligible for earning a total of three additional points by submitting the following: • VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (3 points) International or domestic volunteer experience (examples include the following: medical setting, home care, community health, health education). Points based on hours of experience and subject to verification. Note: Applicants must upload Healthcare Volunteer Experience Form to the document sections of NCAS. The form can be found on the CCC Nursing Webpage. 3 points – Awarded for completion of 150+ hours 2 points – Awarded for completion of 100-149 hours 1 point – Awarded for completion of 50-99 hours	/3 pts
SERVICE MEMBERS: Active military, veteran, reserve, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps	
2 points = Documentation required (DD214 or record of service) Note: Applicants must upload the Service Member Experience Form to the document sections of NCAS. The form can be found on the CCC Nursing Webpage.	/2pts
FIRST GENERATION / FIRST IN FAMILY COLLEGE STUDENT	
2 points = Two points will be awarded for students who qualify as first-in-family or first-generation college students. First-in-family / first-generation college student is defined by the Nursing Program as: • None of your parents and/or guardians have completed a bachelor's degree. If your parents and/or guardians completed a few college classes and/or an associate's degree, you are still considered first in family / first-generation college student.	/2pts
OFFERED SEAT or WAITLISTED	
2 points = If you were offered a seat in the Fall 2025 cohort, but declined, **OR** if you were waitlisted for the Fall 2025 cohort, two points will be awarded to your Fall 2026 application.	/2pts
TOTAL POINTS	/56 pts

CCC Nursing Program Prerequisite Course Planning Sheet

All prerequisite courses (46 credits) must be complete by the end of **spring term prior to admission**. For minimum eligibility requirements to apply, see page 2 of this Guide. Courses completed at a college other than CCC are subject to transferability.

PREREQUISITE COURSES	Courses Completed			
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY: 12 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐BI-231 - Anatomy & Physiology I				
☐BI-232 - Anatomy & Physiology II				
☐BI-233 - Anatomy & Physiology III				
MICROBIOLOGY: 4 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐BI-234 - Microbiology				
NUTRITION: 4 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐FN-225				
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: 4 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐PSY-215				
ENGLISH COMPOSITION: 8 Credits	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐WR-121Z				
☐WR-122Z				

- Classes should cover the development and support of ideas through the medium of written English.
- Remedial English such as sentence structure and punctuation will not be accepted as sufficient to meet the prerequisite.
- WR 121Z & WR 122Z can be substituted if the applicant has earned a bachelor's degree. Any graded college elective course credit (100 level or higher) can be used for the substitution.
  - Note: when taken for 4 credits each, WR 121Z & WR 122Z is sufficient for the AAS degree in nursing. If taken at a school that awards 3 credits for each course, WR 123, WR 222 or WR 227 must be completed prior to graduation from the program.

ARTS & LETTERS, SOCIAL SCIENCES OR NATURAL SCIENCES: 10 Credits (minimum of 6 must be Social Sciences)	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐Social Science				
☐Social Science (if needed to get to 6 required credits)				
☐Additional Arts & Letters or Natural Sciences				
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MATH COMPETENCY: 4 Credits*	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
☐MTH-095** - Algebra III				

*NOTE: If applicant met math competency requirement by taking a placement test, they will need to make sure they have met the 46 prereq requirements with an additional course above or an elective course.

**NOTE: If applicant has passed a course with MTH-095 listed as a prerequisite, this requirement has been met.

ELECTIVES: (If not at minimum of 46 prereq credits).	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
		Total Prerequisite Courses Completed:		**/46**

CCC Nursing Program Application Timeline & Instructions

December 1, 2025	CCC NCAS APPLICATION OPENS*

- Create a NursingCAS (NCAS) account at www.nursingcas.org and submit/upload all application materials for your NCAS & CCC application.
- Submit ALL official transcripts, including CCC transcripts, directly to NCAS. **NCAS may take up to 4-6 weeks to show receipt of your official transcripts**—Make sure to send your official transcripts **at least** 4 weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure your official transcripts are processed as early as possible.
- Submit the NCAS $60 application fee **no later than** Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 8:59pm PST/11:59pm EST deadline.

*Note: Applicants can start the non-program specific NCAS application in mid-August

*Note: Please make sure that the application link has the correct year in the URL:
https://nursingcas**2026**.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login

December 13, 2025	Fall Term Ends. Last day to count courses for the 2025 application.
February 15, 2026	**APPLICATION DEADLINE- 8:59 pm (PST) /11:59 pm (EST)**

- NCAS applications must be electronically submitted and all fees must be paid to NCAS by this date and time.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE** TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPTS, AND/OR UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

Early April 2026	- Top scoring applicants are notified via email provided to NCAS of movement to phase II of the selection process which includes a group interview conducted by a panel of CCC Faculty/Staff/Students. - Essays (personal statement) will be scored by committee based on the rubric provided.
Late April/ Early May 2026	Interviews will be scheduled and will take place via Zoom **and/or** in-person with a panel of CCC Faculty/Staff/Students.
Mid-May 2026	Top scoring applicants in phase II will be offered placement in the Nursing Program. Candidates will be notified via the email they provided to NCAS.

- Applicants offered a seat in the program must attend two mandatory, on-campus orientations. They must also meet post-selection requirements before starting the program fall term.

Late June/Early July 2026	Mandatory orientation #1 and post selection phase III requirements must be fulfilled (see phase III details below).
September 2026	Mandatory orientation #2 and program begins

Deadlines are subject to change, but any changes will be announced on the Nursing Webpage in a timely manner.

CCC Nursing Program Admission Selection Process

Phase I: Initial Application Evaluation

Applications submitted to NursingCAS for the CCC program will be evaluated on a 56-point scale (detailed on page 3-4). Applicants must meet minimum eligibility requirements (detailed on page 2). Only complete applications submitted by the application deadline will be considered. Applicants who score the highest in phase I will move on to phase II.

Phase II: Interview Process and Essay Scoring

Interview Process

o Interviews will consist of a panel of CCC Faculty/Staff/Students interviewing a group of about four applicants. Students who are invited to interview will be given an instructional information video prior to the interview.

Essay Scoring: *Essays submitted to NursingCAS during Phase I will be scored by a committee during Phase II.*

o Essay (Personal Statement) Prompt: The CCC Nursing Program understands that your application materials may not fully reflect you as an individual. We would like to provide you with the opportunity to share more about yourself as a candidate for this program.
Please include the following in your statement:
   - What life experiences have shaped your decision to pursue a career in nursing?
   - Describe what makes you a unique and strong candidate for this program.

   Note: Limit your response to 3,000 characters.

Rubric for Scoring Essay (Personal Statement):

Criterion	Exceeds Expectations (5-6 points)	Meets Expectations (3-4 points)	May Not Meet Expectations (1-2 points)
The candidate describes what experiences led them to Nursing.	Provides **a clear and detailed** statement about what experiences led applicant to Nursing.	Provides a **clear** statement about what experiences led applicant to Nursing.	Shows **minimal evidence** on experiences led applicant to Nursing.
The candidate describes what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.	Provides a **clear and detailed** statement about what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.	Provides a **clear** statement about what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.	Shows **minimal evidence** about what makes them a unique and strong candidate for this program.

Prior to submitting your essay under program documents in NCAS, it is recommended to utilize the free Grammarly application to check your spelling and grammar.

Phase III: Post-Selection Requirements

Applicants offered a seat in the Nursing Program must complete all outstanding prerequisite courses (46 credits) by the end of spring term prior to starting the Nursing Program in the Fall Term. In addition, prior to beginning nursing courses, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Successfully pass a criminal background check and a ten-panel drug screen from an agency and lab designated by CCC
- Submit proof of current immunizations
- Submit proof of current American Heart Association BLS certification for HealthCare Providers

Applicants should NOT pursue meeting the phase III requirements prior to receiving a seat offer in the Nursing Program*. Applicants offered admission will receive specific directions (at first orientation) from CCC's Nursing department on how to fulfill these requirements.

CCC Nursing Program Technical Standards

Clackamas Community College (CCC) provides the following description/examples of technical standards to inform students of a sampling of the skills required in completing the nursing curriculum and the provision of health care services. As a member of the Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE), these standards are based on those required at OHSU, and the expectations established here align with those that will be expected of students transferring to OHSU for their RN/BS Completion. These technical standards reflect a sample of the performance abilities and characteristics that are necessary to successfully complete the requirements of classroom, lab, simulation and clinical requirements of the nursing programs at CCC.

All CCC Nursing students should be able to:

- Acquire information from demonstrations and experiences in the basic and applied sciences, including but not limited to information conveyed through online coursework, lecture, group seminar, small group activities and physical demonstrations.
- Acquire information from written documents and computer-information systems (including literature searches, patient information records and data retrieval), and identify information presented in images from paper, videos, transparencies and slides.
- Use and interpret information from diagnostic tools (e.g. sphygmomanometer, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, etc.), and other diagnostic information obtained during the course of a comprehensive physical exam.
- Practice universal precautions against contamination and cross contamination with infectious pathogens (e.g. wearing personal protective equipment, working with sharp objects and hazardous chemicals, treating clients with infectious diseases).
- Accurately elicit information, including a medical history and other information required to adequately and effectively evaluate a patient's condition.
- Problem solve and think critically to develop a treatment plan or plan of care.
- Synthesize information to assess patient needs and when appropriate develop a differential diagnosis.
- Use intellectual ability, exercise proper judgment, timely and accurately complete responsibilities attendant to the delivery of care to patients.
- Perform specific procedures and interventions (e.g. Basic Life Support techniques) sufficient to provide safe and effective care according to prescribed therapeutic regimens.
- Maintain effective, mature, and sensitive relationships with clients/patients, students, faculty, staff and other professionals under all circumstances.
- Communicate effectively and efficiently with faculty, patients, families, colleagues and all members of the health care team about a patient's condition as called for under the circumstances.

- Practice in a safe manner and respond appropriately to emergencies and urgencies.
- Demonstrate emotional stability to function effectively under stress and adapt to changing environments inherent in clinical practice.

We believe individuals with disabilities (as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act) are qualified to study and practice in clinically based health care professions with the use of reasonable accommodations. To succeed in the Nursing Program at CCC, individuals must be able to meet both our academic standards and the technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodations. For further information regarding services and resources to students with disabilities and/or to apply for reasonable accommodations, reach out to the CCC Disability Resource Center.

Oregon Consortium of Nursing Education (OCNE)

What is OCNE?

OCNE is a unified approach to nursing education through a partnership between CCC, eleven Oregon community college programs and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). OCNE schools have a common curriculum, admission/prerequisite requirements and admissions timelines. As an OCNE partner school graduate, you can seamlessly transition with your AAS degree to the OHSU School of Nursing for your final year of nursing coursework to receive the Bachelors of Science (BS) with a major in nursing degree. This additional year of nursing school is offered by OHSU online (either full-time or part-time). Students must complete the AAS degree and pass the NCLEX RN before transitioning to OHSU. Clackamas Community College's Nursing Program is designed to provide students an associate's degree from CCC with the option of transitioning to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing from OHSU. The course work is outlined in a four-year framework (the pace of taking prerequisite courses will vary based on placement in prerequisite courses and can extend the student's timeline to five years for completion of the BS in Nursing).

Year 1: Prerequisites (typically takes students 4 – 6 terms to complete)

Year 2: Accepted 1st year Nursing core courses and clinical at CCC

Year 3: Accepted 2nd year Nursing core courses and clinical at CCC.
Complete AAS degree and complete licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) to become an RN.

Year 4: OHSU RNBS
Students complete additional upper division electives and nursing coursework to complete a BSN

PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐Meet with an advisor to plan prerequisites and register for classes
☐Build your application to earn points
    o Participate in community engagement
    o Gain healthcare experience and/or a healthcare certification/license
☐Research the field of nursing as well as other nursing programs in the local area

APPLICATION PROCESS CHECKLIST

☐ Apply to the Nursing Program* through NursingCAS (NCAS)
  - ○ www.nursingcas.org
  - ○ Select **Clackamas Community College**** when the application becomes available December 1st

☐ **Send official transcripts to NCAS** from **ALL** colleges attended
  - ○ If you are in progress with classes during fall term (prior to the application deadline) wait until grades are posted before ordering transcripts to ensure your fall grades are reflected on the transcript.
  - ○ Submit ALL official transcripts, **including CCC transcripts**, directly to NCAS. NCAS may take up to 4-6 weeks to show receipt of your official transcripts.
  - ○ Do not send transcripts directly to CCC. They will not be accepted and your application will be rejected.

☐ Pay application fee(s)
  - ○ Pay the Nursing CAS application fee(s) to complete the application process.
    - ○ $60 for first application; $45 for all additional applications

☐ Do not wait until the deadline to submit your application, transcripts, and/or upload supporting documents.

☐ Check the CCC Nursing website regularly for updates, application materials, and more detailed information.

*Note: Applicants do not need to apply to Clackamas Community College prior to submitting their NCAS application. It is recommended that applicants apply to CCC after Phase III.

Note: You must type out **Clackamas Community College when searching for the school on NCAS. CCC will not appear as a school option. Also make sure the URL has the year as "2026" and not "2025" as you may be using an old link if it shows "2025".

Additional Nursing Resources

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: www.acenursing.org
Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education: www.ocne.org
Oregon Health Science University Nursing Program: www.ohsu.edu/son
Oregon State Board of Nursing: www.osbn.state.or.us
National Student Nurses Association: www.nsna.org
Oregon Center for Nursing: www.oregoncenterfornursing.org