PCC Nursing Program Point Distribution-2020 Application Cycle

Program selection for PCC's Nursing program is a three phase process. The first phase is based on a point system worth up to 58 points as detailed below. **Information is subject to change on a yearly basis.** Visit www.pcc.edu/nursing for the most up-to-date program information. PCC will not consider degrees, work experience, certifications, or courses earned for points after fall term prior to application deadline.

PHASE I: SELECTION CRITERIA	Points Possible
PREREQUISITE GPA: *Calculated based on grades earned in the required 45 credits of prerequisite courses*	
25 points = 3.67 - 4.00 **20 points** = 3.20 - 3.32 **15 points** = 3.00 - 3.14 **23 points** = 3.33 - 3.66 **17 points** = 3.15 - 3.19	/ 25 pts
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY SEQUENCE COMPLETION: *BI 231, BI 232 and BI 233*	
2 points - Awarded for completion of the full sequence by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline **1 point** - Awarded for completion of the first two sections of the sequence by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline	/ 2 pts
PREREQUISITE CREDIT COMPLETION: *Calculated based on the number of **prerequisite credits** completed by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline.*	
2 points - Awarded for completion of all 45 prerequisite credits by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline **1 point** - Awarded for completion of 36-44 prerequisite credits by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline	/ 2 pts
PREVIOUS DEGREE: *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.*	
1 point – Awarded for completion of a previous International or domestic associates degree or higher.	/ 1 pt
SCIENCE GPA: *All four science courses must be complete by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline to earn points.*	
1 point – Awarded to applicants that complete BI 231, BI 232, BI 233 and BI 234 with a GPA of 3.75 - 4.0	/ 1 pt
SUPPORT COURSES: *Students may earn a maximum of 2 pts for completion (with a C or higher) of two of the following recommended courses:*	
Chemistry Elective Course (CH 100 or higher) **Medical Terminology (**MP 111) **Information Research** (LIB 127) **Child Development** (HEC 226)	/ 2 pts
PCC STUDENTS: *Calculated based on **overall credits** completed at PCC by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline.*	
4 points – Awarded for completion of 45 credits at PCC **2 points** – Awarded for completion of 25 – 44 credits at PCC **2 points** – Awarded for completion of a degree or certification at PCC (non-credit certifications not considered) **2 points** – Awarded to students enrolled in credit classes at PCC in at least 2 of the last 4 quarters (winter-fall 2019)	/ 8 pts
SERVICE MEMBERS: *Active military, veteran, reserve, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps.*	
Refer to the FAQ section which outlines the supporting documentation requirements.	/ 3 pts
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: *Any type of uncompensated volunteer hours **in the last 7 years** which are not used to award health care experience or service member points. Community engagement hours may be accumulated though the end of fall term prior to the application deadline.*	
2 points – Awarded for completion of 100 hours or more **1 point** – Awarded for completion of 50 – 99 hours	/ 2 pts
ALTERNATE STATUS: *Awarded for previous year's application cycle*	
2 points –Awarded to applicants who were offered a seat or placed on the waitlist for the 2019 application cycle.	/ 2 pts
HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICATIONS: *Students may earn up to 10 pts total from a combination of both sections listed below.*	
HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATION: No expiration date or minimum number of practice hours required. This includes international and domestic certifications. **4 points –** Awarded for completion of a professional health care certification	
HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE HOURS: International or domestic hours of healthcare experience (paid or unpaid **in the last 10 years**; examples include: medical setting, home care, community health, health education, or military) **6 points –** Awarded for completion of 2000+ hours **4 points –** Awarded for completion of 1000-1999 hours **2 points –** Awarded for completion of 240-999 hours	/ 10 pts
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	/ 58

PCC Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

What will the 2020 selection process look like?

Phase I: Initial Application Evaluation- Applications are evaluated on a 58-point scale (detailed on page 1). Applicants must meet minimum eligibility requirements. 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: Essay response, cover letter, resume and standardized test- An essay response, cover letter, resume and test scores from a standardized readiness assessment test (which has yet to be determined) will be used to determine seat offers for the 2020 program. More information regarding the standardized readiness assessment test will be available in the summer of 2019. Phase II scores (not a combination of scores from phase I and II) will determine which applicants receive seat offers and move on to phase III.

Phase III: Post-Selection Requirements- Applicants offered a seat in the Nursing Program **must complete all outstanding prerequisite courses (45 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 from an agency designated by PCC
- Successfully pass a ten-panel drug screen from a lab designated by PCC
- Submit proof of current immunizations and current certification in CPR for Health Care Providers

Applicants should **NOT** pursue meeting the phase III requirements prior to being offered a seat in the Nursing Program. Applicants with an admissions offer will receive specific directions (at summer orientation) from PCC's Nursing department on how to fulfill these requirements.

How many applicants get offered a seat in the PCC Nursing Program?

Since the fall of 2016, Portland Community College's Nursing Program has experienced a reduction in admission numbers due to the nursing faculty shortage (which is being experienced across the country as well).

Below you will find the number of admitted students who started in the first year of the program on the first day of the fall term:

Fall 2015 - 76
Fall 2016 - 65
Fall 2017 - 54
Fall 2018 - 32
Fall 2019 - 32

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 competitive is PCC's program?

Admission to PCC's Nursing Program is competitive, with approximately 500+ applicants each year. Points are determined after an evaluation of multiple criteria (detailed in phase I). It is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework. We strongly advise that applicants complete all 45 prerequisite credits by the end of fall term before application and gain work experience in a medical setting.

What is OCNE?

The PCC Nursing Program is partnered with eleven other Oregon community college programs and all Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Campus programs in a unified approach to nursing education. This statewide partnership is known as the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). OCNE schools have a common curriculum, admission/prerequisite requirements and admissions timelines. OCNE community college campus graduates have the option of completing the Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing, taking the RN licensure exam, and continuing directly to OHSU senior level coursework required for the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree through the Portland campus or online/distance delivery.

How can I earn a Bachelor's degree if I start at PCC?

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. Depending on when you are making your transition from an OCNE partner school there are two delivery options (in person or online). Students must complete the AAS degree and pass the NCLEX RN before transitioning to OHSU.

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How do I document my military experience and/or military medical training?
Most applicants will find it easiest to provide their DD214, member 4 copy. Military Medical experience will be considered as a licensed certification with supporting documentation. Please submit any and all documentation regarding military title, job duties and length of service in that role, honorable discharge papers (if applicable). Documentation may come from formal discharge papers or a commanding officer on letterhead from the respective military branch. For more information, please follow up with the Health Admission Office.

How do I document my service member experience?
Applicants who have served (or are currently serving) as one of the following: Active or reserve members of the United States Military, Veterans of the United States Military and AmeriCorps or Peace Corps Volunteers will need to submit the service member experience documentation form (available in the summer of 2019). Military members and Veterans will also need to submit their DD214, member 4 copy.

How do I earn points for alternate status?
2019 applicants who were offered an alternate seat for the fall of 2019 but did not get a formal seat offer to start the program are eligible for "alternate status" points. Students who received a seat offer in the 2019 program but did not accept placement into the program are also eligible for the "alternate status" points.

Do I get my nursing license when I graduate from PCC's Nursing Program?
When you graduate from the PCC Nursing Program, you will have earned an Associates of Applied Science in Nursing (Associates Degree in Nursing or an ADN). Graduates from PCC's Nursing Program, are then eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN). Once graduates pass the NCLEX-RN they will be issued an Oregon nursing license.

Do I need to have a Social Security Number 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.

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