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2025 Application Cycle

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Nursing at PCC

Held at the Sylvania campus in the HT building, PCC's Nursing program is a two-year program where students will learn the knowledge and skills required for an entry-level registered nursing position. Graduates will earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing and will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN). Once graduates successfully pass the NCLEX-RN, they earn an Oregon nursing license. This program accepts up to 40 students out of roughly 400+ applicants each fall.

PCC is a member of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). As an OCNE member, PCC graduates will have the option to continue their education through OHSU and earn their Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. For more details regarding OCNE, refer to the FAQ section. To learn more about how to apply for admission to this competitive entry program, please thoroughly review this guide.

Application Requirements

- All applicants need to be active, credit seeking students at PCC at the time of the application
 - Apply online at pcc.edu/admissions by December 18, 2024
- 30 of the 45 designated prerequisite credits (see page 4-5) must be completed by the end of fall term prior to the February 17, 2025 deadline. At minimum, the 30 credits must include,
 - Anatomy and Physiology I, BI 231
 - Math course or competency by approved placement test (see additional details on page 5)
 - The remaining prerequisites must be complete by the end of spring term in the year applying
 - **Competitive applicants will have all 45 credits complete by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline**
- Grade requirements
 - Cumulative prerequisite GPA must be at least a 3.0
 - Individual prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade of "C" or higher
 - OHSU will not accept grades of C- or lower
 - If a course has been taken more than once, the **most recent grade** received will be the grade used for prerequisite grade evaluation

Prerequisite Courses

Courses with a 7-year Expiration Date

(The last year accepted for the 2025 application is 2018)

☐ MTH 95 - Intermediate Algebra, or Higher 3-5 Credits, or Placement Test

- Applicants must demonstrate math competency by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline by one of the following methods:
 - Pass MTH 95, or higher with a grade of "C" or better (Refer to the FAQ section for more details)
 - Place into MTH 105Z/111Z/211 and/or STAT 243Z **no later than December 15, 2024** (Refer to the FAQ section for additional details)

☐ BI 231 - Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 Credits

- BI 231 must be complete by the end of fall term prior to the application deadline
 - BI 112 or BI 211 and BI 212 are prerequisites for BI 231

☐ BI 232 - Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 Credits

- BI 231 is a prerequisite to BI 232

☐ BI 233 Anatomy and Physiology III, 4 Credits

- BI 232 is a prerequisite for BI 233

☐ BI 234 - Microbiology, 4-5 Credits

- BI 112 or BI 211 and BI 212 are prerequisites for BI 234

☐ FN 225 - Nutrition, 4 Credits

- BI 112, WR 121Z and MTH 60 are prerequisites for FN 225

☐ PSY 215 - Human Development, 4 Credits

- Class should cover the developmental process of human life through the full life span
 - WR 115 and RD 115 or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement are the prerequisites for PSY 215

Courses with No Expiration Date

☐ WR 121Z - English Composition I, 3-4 Credits

☐ WR 122Z - English Composition II, 3-4 credits

- The writing requirement for both WR 121Z & WR 122Z is waived with completion of a previous U.S. bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited institution
 - Details on common course numbering and information regarding how to waive the writing requirements can be found in the FAQ section

□ Social Science Prerequisite Electives, 6-8 Credits

- Prerequisite elective credits are required for application and a **minimum of six credits must come from social sciences (in addition to PSY 215)**
 - For a list of approved general education courses, please review the AAS Degree requirements and general education courses from the PCC Catalog at catalog.pcc.edu

Basic Computer Competency

The Nursing program does not require a computer science class as a prerequisite. However, success in the nursing program requires that applicants are confident and comfortable in their computer literacy skills. This may include but is not limited to, word processing, data entry, use of spreadsheets and internet research.

Nursing Degree Requirements That May Be Taken Prior To Acceptance

Genetics Module

- Students must complete a **biology course with a human genetics component prior to the second term of the nursing program**
 - Successful completion of BI 102, or BI 222, or BI 212, or BI 112 at PCC will satisfy this requirement

AAS General Education & Nursing Program Electives

- Students will meet the majority of their AAS degree requirements with the Nursing prerequisite courses
- In addition to the 45 credits of prerequisite courses required for admission, students will need to complete general education electives to graduate with the AAS in Nursing
- See PCC's [Associate of Applied Science Degree](#) page for more information. Elective courses do not expire

Transfer Considerations for OHSU Bachelor of Science Degree (OCNE Graduates)

STAT 243Z: Statistics (was previously MTH 243)

- Course completion is recommend prior to applying to OHSU as it is a prerequisite or co-requisite of NRS 411 at OHSU. For more information, visit: ohsu.edu/son

WR 123, 222, or 227Z: Technical Writing

- Students who have completed WR 121Z and WR 122Z at four credits each are not required to complete a technical writing course
 - WR 121 and WR 122 completed at three credits each will need to complete a technical writing course
- Students with a previous bachelor's degree do not have to complete this requirement but additional elective credits may be required for graduation

Arts and Letters

- OHSU OCNE Community College transition students will need a total of nine Humanities credits to meet OHSU's transfer requirements. Please visit the OCNE RN to BSN admissions instructions for OCNE graduates: son.ohsu.edu/apply-on-camus-RNBS

Academic Advising at PCC

If you are new to PCC

- Please sign up for a Panther Advising and Registration Session by visiting: pcc.edu/first-term/new-student-advising/
 - Academic advisors can help with first-term planning for incoming students

If you have prior college credits

- Official transcripts should be evaluated by student records **before** meeting with an academic advisor
- Student records will evaluate lower division collegiate (LDC) coursework
- Upper division coursework (UDC) is evaluated upon request
 - We do not recommend all UDC is evaluated by student records, only courses that can be used as prerequisites for the Nursing program
- To learn more about how prior credits transfer, please visit: pcc.edu/student-records/transfer/
- Each transfer course is subject to review by the PCC Student Records Office, the Nursing Department, and/or the Admissions Team to determine transfer equivalency

Selection Process

Program selection of up to 40 seats for PCC's nursing program is based on the following three-phase process. Visit pcc.edu/nursing for the most up-to-date program information. **Note:** PCC and OCNE reserve the right to change or update the selection criteria as necessary.

Phase I: Initial Application Evaluation

- Applications submitted to NCAS for the PCC program will be evaluated on a 52-point scale
- Applicants must meet all application requirements listed on page 3
- Only complete applications submitted by the application deadline will be considered
- Applicants who score the highest points in phase I will move on to phase II

Phase II: Letter of Interest, Resume, Essay Responses, and the Health Science Reasoning Test (HSRT)

- Phase II consists of a review of letter of interest, resume, essay responses (all uploaded to the NCAS application in phase I), and HSRT scores (takes place in phase II)
 - Previous attempts of the HSRT at PCC or at other institutions cannot be used
- Information regarding the letter of interest, resume, and essay question response guidelines can be found in the FAQ section
- Phase II scores alone (not a combination of scores from phase I and II) will determine which applicants receive seat offers and move on to phase III
- OCNE consortium members have agreed that the applicant's scores and/or phase II feedback on the HSRT, essay responses, letter of interest and resume will not be shared with applicants

Phase III: Post-Selection Requirements

Prior to beginning the nursing program in the fall term, the applicants offered a seat in the nursing program must meet the following requirements:

- Show successful completion of any and all outstanding prerequisite courses (45 credits) by the end of spring term
- Pass a criminal background check from an agency designated by PCC
- Pass a ten-panel drug screen from a lab designated by PCC
- 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 the June orientation) from PCC's Nursing department on how to fulfill and document these requirements. For additional details regarding required immunizations, please see the [Requirements for Clinical & Field Education document](#).

2025 Phase I Point Distribution

The following page outlines how applications will be evaluated in Phase I and can be used to keep track of Phase I competitiveness. Points will be awarded based on application completeness, applicants are responsible for ensure all supporting documentation is submitted and complete prior to the application deadline. See the FAQ section for details on the 2024 applicant profile.

Category	Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible
Prerequisite GPA	3.00 - 3.14 = 15pts 3.15 - 3.19 = 17pts 3.20 - 3.32 = 20pts 3.33 - 3.66 = 23pts 3.67 - 4.00 = 25pts	/ 25pts
Anatomy & Physiology Sequence Completion	1pt: Completion of first two A&P sections by end of fall term 2pts: Completion of BI 231, BI 232, & BI 233 by end of fall term	/ 2pts
Prerequisite Credit Completion	1pt: Completion of 36-44 credits by end of fall term 2pts: Completion of all 45 credits by end of fall term	/ 2pts
Previous Degree	1pt: Completion of an international or domestic associate's degree or higher by the end of fall term	/ 1pt
Science GPA	1pt: Completion of BI 231, BI 232, BI 233, & BI 234 with GPA of 3.75 - 4.0	/ 1pt
Support Courses	2pts: Completion of two recommended courses with a C grade or higher (two course max). Course options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry Elective Course - CH 100 or higher • Child Development - HEC 226 • Medical Terminology - MP 111 • Information Research - LIB 127 • Mental Health First Aid: Adult - HUS 102 • Communications Elective Course - COMM 100 or higher, see p. 13 	/ 2pts
PCC Students	2pts: Completion of a degree or certificate at PCC 4pts: Enrollment in credit or non-credit courses at PCC in the last 2 years	/ 6pts
Service Members	3pts: Active military, Veteran, Reserve Status, Peace Corps or AmeriCorps service accepted. Refer to the FAQ section for details.	/ 3pts
Alternate Status	2pts: Reapplicants who were offered a seat or waitlisted in the 2024 application cycle	/ 2pts
Healthcare Credentials (No expiration)	4pts: Completion of a professional international or domestic healthcare credential – no minimum number of practice hours required	/ 4pts
Healthcare Experience (Completed within the last 10 years)	International or domestic, paid or unpaid; Examples include: medical setting, home care, community health, or health education. 2pts: Completion of 240-999 healthcare experience hours 4pts: Completion of 1000+ healthcare experience hours	/ 4pts
Phase I Total Points		/ 52pts

Application Timeline & Details

Late August 2024: Start Building the Common Nursing Application Pieces

- Create a Nursing CAS (NCAS) account at nursingcas.org
 - All email notifications will be sent to the email designated to creating the NCAS account
 - Applicants are responsible for checking this email regularly throughout the admissions process

December 2, 2024: PCC Nursing Application Opens in NCAS

- Applicants are able to add PCC as a program in NCAS
- Begin completing PCC specific requirements and upload all application materials in NCAS
- **Order all official transcripts (including PCC transcripts) to be sent directly to NCAS**
 - NCAS may take up to 4-6 weeks to show receipt of your official transcripts
 - Send your official transcripts at least 2-3 weeks prior to the application deadline

December 15, 2024: End of Fall Term

- Last day to count prerequisites, support courses, healthcare license/credentials, healthcare experience, and ALEKs placement exams for the 2025 application
- If prerequisite courses are in-progress in fall term, do not request electronic transcripts to be sent until after January 1st to ensure your fall term course grades are reflected on your official transcript
 - See FAQ section for additional details about sending transcripts to NCAS

December 18, 2024: PCC General Application Deadline

- Applicants must be admitted to PCC as an active credit-seeking student before applying to the Nursing program, to apply to PCC, visit pcc.edu/admissions

February 17, 2025: Nursing Application Deadline

- Applicants must electronically submit their official transcripts, healthcare work experience forms, supporting license/credential documentation, resume, letter of interest, essay responses AND submit the NCAS \$60 application fee by February 17, 2025, at 8:59pm PST/11:59pm EST deadline
- Apply as early as possible and track your application process through the “Check Status” tab in NCAS

Early April, 2025: Phase II Notifications

- Top scoring applicants will receive phase II invitations and confirm participation for the HSRT

Mid-Late April, 2025: Phase II

- Applicants sit for the HSRT, resume, letter of interest, and essay responses are reviewed by nursing faculty

Mid-May, 2025: Official Seat Offer Notification

- Top scoring applicants in phase II will be offered a seat in the nursing program

June 17, 2025: First Mandatory In-Person Orientation

- Mandatory in-person orientation #1 will take place at the Sylvania campus and the phase III completion resources and timeline will be reviewed

September 2025: Start of Program

- Mandatory in-person orientation #2 and the full-time program begins
 - Phase III requirements must be complete prior to the starting the program in the fall
 - Students will be assigned to a clinical site and will not be able to choose their rotation time
 - Students are responsible for ensuring they have reliable transportation to and from clinical sites

Preapplication Checklist

Ensure all application requirements are met by the end of PCC's Fall term prior to the application deadline.

- Attend an information session by going to pcc.edu/programs/nursing/info-sessions/
- Get admitted to PCC as an active credit-seeking student by going to pcc.edu/enroll/#first-time
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits of the required prerequisite credits (including BI 231 & math competency) by the end of PCC's Fall term
- Begin building the NCAS common application at nursingcas.org as early as the end of August
 - Refer to nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/ page for a helpful week-by-week timeline
- Add the PCC program in NCAS when the application goes live on December 2nd
- Gather and upload any completed supporting documents to the NCAS application
 - To review a list of supporting documents, application information, and transcript ordering details, visit pcc.edu/programs/nursing/apply/application-materials/
- Request official transcripts be sent to NCAS from **all colleges attended (including PCC)**
 - If you are in progress with classes during the fall term (prior to the application deadline) wait until January 1st to ensure your fall term course grades are reflected on your official transcript
- Once all uploads and sections of the PCC NCAS application are complete, pay the \$60 NCAS application fee to submit your application (applicants cannot modify their application after submission, however, after submission, NCAS will still match transcripts to applications)
- Ensure your application and all supporting documents are submitted by the February 17 8:59pm (PST) application deadline and the application status in NCAS reads as "Verified"
 - Learn how to check your application status by visiting nursingcas.org/resource/how-to-check-your-application-status/

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How competitive is PCC's program?

Admission to PCC's nursing program is competitive, with approximately 400+ applicants each year. 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, gain work experience in a medical setting, and gain an approved credential.

What was your 2024 applicant profile?

The 2024 application cycle had:

- **276** complete nursing applications
- **89** applicants invited to sit for the HSRT
- **40** seat offers extended

Students invited to take part in phase II had the following:

- **3.75** was the average prerequisite GPA
- **94%** had some documented healthcare experience
- **90%** had a healthcare certification
- **98%** had the full A&P sequence completed prior to applying
- **82%** had all their prerequisite courses completed prior to applying

Please note: These numbers change on a yearly basis along with admissions requirements and the yearly variations of the applicant pool. Point totals or average scores are not released.

How many applicants are selected?

Since 2016, Portland Community College's nursing program has experienced a reduction in admission numbers due to the nationwide nursing faculty shortage. PCC currently accepts up to 40 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: 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 a quality nursing education for our students.

How soon should I start working on my NursingCAS (NCAS) Application?

The general NCAS application opens in late August of each year. Select the application for the correct fall term you are intending to start. At this point you can add your personal information, enter your academic history and review NCAS general requirements. **You will not be able to add PCC or view PCC's specific NCAS application for PCC until December 2nd.** Once the PCC Nursing Application opens in December, you will be able to add PCC and begin working on your PCC specific requirements.

Do I have to fill out the transcript entry?

Yes, applicants must complete the transcript entry with all college courses ever taken. Applicants can pay an additional fee on the application for NCAS to fill out the transcript entry on their behalf. This is called the [Professional Transcript Entry](#) (PTE). **We do not recommend using PTE as it can contribute to your application being late and rendered ineligible as NCAS is not monitoring program specific deadlines.** If using PTE, we recommend submitting your application at least 6 weeks prior to the application deadline.

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 (the email you used to create your NCAS account). **Applicants are responsible for checking email regularly and understanding admissions related dates and deadlines.** Appeals for missed email notifications and/or decision response deadlines will not be considered.

Once admitted to the nursing program, all program related correspondence (including Financial Aid, post-selection requirements, etc.) will be sent through your MyPCC email address (located in the upper righthand corner of your MyPCC account).

Will appeals be considered for applicants who miss admissions related deadlines?

At PCC we are committed to maintaining a fair admissions process by adhering to firm deadlines for application submissions and supporting documentation. Due to the high volume of applications, PCC will not accept appeals for missed deadlines. Applicants are encouraged to be aware of program and college deadlines, to plan accordingly, and submit required materials well in advance. See pages 9-10 for details on the admissions timeline.

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@osbn.oregon.gov.

My completed prerequisite course now has the letter Z attached to it; do I need to retake it?

No. If the course has not expired, applicants will not need to repeat the prerequisite course. For example, prerequisite courses such as MTH 111Z used to be numbered as MTH 111 and would not need to be retaken. Courses such as WR 121Z, WR 122Z, STAT 243Z, and many others are part of the new Oregon Common Course Numbering system. Visit the Common Course Numbering page by going to pcc.edu/common-course-numbering/ for more information and a list of current course changes.

How do I waive WR 121Z & WR 122Z with completion of a U.S. Bachelor's degree?

Applicants who have completed a U.S. Bachelor's degree (waived the WR 121Z & 122Z requirement) must use additional lower division general education electives to fulfill the 45 credits required for admission.

What other math courses can be used to meet the MTH 95 requirement?

The math requirement for the nursing program is to complete, by the end of the fall term prior to applying, a course of MTH 95 or higher or complete equivalent ALEKS math placement (place into MTH 105Z/111Z/211 and/or STAT 243Z). Other completed courses that can be used to meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, MTH 98, 105Z, 111Z, 112Z, or STAT 243Z.

Do I need to complete the ALEKS math placement test for admission?

Applicants who have not completed MTH 95 or higher in the last 7 years (by the end of the fall term) may use the ALEKS math placement in lieu of a completed course to demonstrate math competency. Applicants must place into MTH 105Z/111Z/211 and/or STAT 243Z no later than December 15, 2024 in order to be considered. Placement is determined by uploading PCC's ALEKS placement raw test score to the NCAS application (NOT the placement email from PCC). Applicants who meet the math competency by placement exam will need to complete and/or substitute an additional general education elective to fulfill the required 45 course credits. Applicants who use math placement exams to meet admissions requirements are still required to meet the math course requirements for the AAS Degree.

How do I choose which support courses are right for me?

We recommend working with an academic advisor when considering which two support courses to take. Some of the support courses can be used to meet lower division [general education](#) requirements. For example, a communication elective may be used to meet the AAS Arts and Letters general education requirement. To see an extended list of approved communication courses that will meet the support course requirement and general education requirement, visit catalog.pcc.edu/generaleducationdisciplinestudies/. Other support courses that can be used to meet general education requirements include HEC 226 and CH 100 level or higher.

How do I document service member experience?

To earn points for service, submit the [service member experience form](#) if you have served as active or reserve members of the United States Military, Veterans of the United States Military and AmeriCorps, or Peace Corps Volunteers. Upload supporting documents to the NCAS application by the application deadline.

- **Active US Military and Veterans:** Submit the DD214, member 4 copy.
- **Peace Corps volunteers:** Provide a Certification of Service for Employment Purposes form. This document can be requested via the RPCV Portal. For more information, visit peacecorps.gov/returned-volunteers/.
- **AmeriCorps volunteers:** If you are a current or former national service member and need a service verification letter, log in to the My AmeriCorps Portal: my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do.

How do I know if my healthcare credential will be accepted for points in phase I?

Review the [Approved Healthcare Credentials](#) form to identify your specific credential. Reach out to admissions@pcc.edu for specific credential inquiries.

What are the guidelines for the resume and letter of interest?

The letter of interest should be addressed to the “PCC Nursing Admissions Committee” and must address the three following topics: **1.** Why are you interested in applying to the PCC nursing program, **2.** What research you have done to ensure nursing is the right career for you and your long-term goals, **3.** Was there a specific experience, interaction or person you can cite that has influenced your decision to pursue a nursing degree?

The resume must include your: education, work experience, community engagement, awards/achievements or special skills. For more details, visit pcc.edu/programs/nursing/apply/application-materials/.

What are some writing tips for responding to the essay prompts?

Essay prompts will be visible once the NCAS application opens in December. Do not wait until the last minute to write your essay responses. We recommend typing your responses in a separate document and then copying and pasting your responses into the NCAS application. Verify that the response has been pasted correctly in the NCAS application portal. NCAS uses a maximum character count of 2,000 characters, so please keep that in mind when writing your essay responses. Make sure to save your application after finishing the essay responses to ensure your work is not lost. Essay responses must be written by you, meaning, do not use artificial intelligence to help you. We recommend reviewing the prompts as soon as the application opens so you can work on writing a thoughtful response over the winter break and/or the months leading up to the application deadline.

What is the estimated total program cost of the Nursing program?

The total **estimated** cost of the two-year program, not including prerequisites, is between \$18,000 - \$22,500. To learn more about general admissions and fees, visit: pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/

What is the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE)?

[OCNE](#) is a unified approach to nursing education through OHSU and other Oregon community colleges. This statewide coalition of nursing educators and programs offers a common curriculum, similar admission/prerequisite requirements, and similar admissions timelines. As an OCNE member, PCC is able to offer its graduates the option to seamlessly transition to OHSU and complete a Bachelor’s 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](#)). To learn more about the programs of study, visit ohsu.edu/school-of-nursing/sample-programs-study. Students must complete the ADN at PCC and pass the NCLEX-RN before transitioning to OHSU. The OCNE course work is outlined in a four-year framework, however 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 Bachelors of Science (BS) with a major in nursing degree.

Additional Support Resources

Internal PCC Support Resources

- Academic Advising: pcc.edu/advising/
- Accessible Ed & Disability Resources: pcc.edu/disability/
- Application Materials Page: pcc.edu/programs/nursing/apply/application-materials/
- Apply to Nursing Program Page: pcc.edu/programs/nursing/apply/
- Career Services: pcc.edu/careers/
- Clinical & Field Education Requirements: pcc.edu/programs/nursing/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2020/11/immunizations-cpr.pdf
- Financial Aid: pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/financial-aid/contacts/
- Information Session Page: pcc.edu/programs/nursing/info-sessions/
- International Students: pcc.edu/international-students/
- Job Finding Support: pcc.edu/careers/jobs/
- Placement Process: pcc.edu/enroll/placement-process/
- Scholarship Support: pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/scholarships/
- Tutoring: pcc.edu/tutoring/

External Support Resources

- Health and Science Reasoning Test (HSRT): insightassessment.com/product/hsrt
- National Student Nurses Association: nsna.org
- NursingCAS Help Center: help.liaisonedu.com/NursingCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/
- Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education: ocne.org
- Oregon Center for Nursing: oregoncenterfornursing.org
- Oregon Health Science University Nursing Program: ohsu.edu/son
- Oregon State Board of Nursing: osbn.state.or.us
- Oregon State Board of Nursing Criminal Background Check Information: oregon.gov/osbn/pages/criminal-history.aspx

Nursing Program Technical Standards

PCC Nursing Program provides the following technical standards to inform applicants of the skills required to complete the nursing program curriculum and provide healthcare services. These technical standards reflect the performance abilities and characteristics that are necessary to successfully complete the requirements of clinical based healthcare programs. If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact PCC's [Accessible Ed & Disability Resources](https://www.pcc.edu/disability) by visiting [pcc.edu/disability](https://www.pcc.edu/disability) for assistance. If you are accepted into the program and your functional abilities change, please meet with the Nursing Program Dean for assistance.

Cognitive

- Recall, collect, analyze, synthesize, and integrate information from a variety of sources
- Measure, calculate, reason, analyze and synthesize data
- Problem-solve and think critically in order to apply knowledge and skill
- Communicate verbally, and through reading and writing, with individuals from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds
- Relay information in oral and written form effectively, accurately, reliably, and intelligibly to individuals and groups, using the English language

Physical

Motor

- Coordinate fine and gross motor movements
- Coordinate hand/eye movements
- Maintain balance from any position
- Negotiate level surfaces, ramps, and stairs
- Function with both hands free for performing psychomotor tasks
- Maneuver in small areas
- Attend to cognitive and psychomotor tasks for up to 7-12 hours

Sensory

- Acquire information from demonstrations and experiences, including but not limited to information conveyed through online coursework, lecture, small group activities, demonstrations, and application experiences
- Collect information through observation, listening, touching, and smelling
- Use and interpret information from diagnostic maneuvers

Behavioral

- Demonstrate emotional stability to function effectively under stress and adapt to changing environments
- Maintain effective, mature, and sensitive relationships with others
- Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with others or the learning environment
- Possess attributes that include compassion, empathy, altruism, integrity, honesty, responsibility and tolerance
- Accept responsibility for own actions and communicate in a courteous, assertive, non-aggressive, non-defensive manner with instructors, peers, staff and healthcare team members
- Integrate feedback into own performance

Portland Community College is an affirmative action equal opportunity institution. Students are admitted without discrimination as to age, race, religion, gender, sexual preference, national origin, or marital status.