What does a nurse do?
Nurses work as part of the healthcare team to provide individualized care to patients. They develop and manage care plans, instruct patients and their families on proper care, help patients cope with illness, aid in disease prevention and promote healthy living. They provide support from basic triage to emergency surgery. The field has a wide range of career opportunities, ranging from entry-level practitioner to doctoral-level researcher.

What settings do nurses work in?
Nurses can work in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, doctors’ offices, clinics, retirement homes and hospice facilities. They may also work in private homes, schools, occupational health settings and camps. Nurses can choose to work internationally, conduct research or act as consultants.

Is nursing a major at Oregon State?
No, the university doesn’t offer nursing as a major. You should major in an area of interest to you. In the CPHHS, you can major in Public Health, Human Development and Family Sciences, Kinesiology or Nutrition.

Can I receive a nursing degree from Oregon State?
No, but the university can provide the prerequisites that you need to enter a nursing school. Students can choose to either transfer after completing prerequisites at OSU or complete a bachelor’s degree at OSU then enter a transfer, accelerated or direct-entry master’s nursing program.

What type of degree do I need to become a nurse?
You can become a nurse by obtaining either a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or an Associate’s Degree in Nursing (ADN). A BSN is a four-year degree obtained at a college or university, while an ADN may be obtained through a community or technical college. Two-year institutions require completion of prerequisite coursework prior to entry into the nursing program. To become a registered nurse (RN), graduates must pass the NCLEX to become licensed through the State Board of Nursing.

How competitive is nursing school?
Nursing school is very competitive. For example, 568 students applied to Oregon Health and Science University’s BS community college program in 2014, and 162 were accepted. The average GPA of accepted students was 3.85. For the accelerated programs (Portland and Ashland), 426 applied and 60 were accepted with an average GPA of 3.72. This level of competitiveness is common among all Oregon nursing schools.

Program Requirements
Concordia (Transfer only)
www.cu-portland.edu/hhs/undergraduate/nursing/index.cfm
- Preference given to Concordia continuing students
- Must attend Concordia for two semesters with 24 credits
- High grades in anatomy and physiology; no grade lower than a “B” in sciences
- Two references from professionals such as professors, supervisors or clergy
- Proof of completion of CNA coursework or experience (not available through Concordia)
- Two page Statement of Purpose

University of Portland (Transfer only)
www.nursing.up.edu
- Apply to UP and School of Nursing with one application
- 3.0 cumulative GPA and science GPA
- Seats in the fall semester are reserved for UP continuing students. Transfer students typically are accepted into the Spring semester only
- Must transfer at least 90 credits

George Fox (Transfer only)
www.georgefox.edu/catalog/undergrad/departments/nursing/index
- Preference given to George Fox continuing students
- Cumulative GPA greater than 2.8
- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Two essays, two recommendation and appraisal forms

See more on reverse.
How can I be a competitive applicant?
Students must have a strong GPA. At least a 3.5 in prerequisites with no grade lower than a “B” in all courses. Students should also gain well-rounded work, volunteer and/or extracurricular experience. This should include community service and healthcare-related experience.
* Statewide average GPA for all nursing schools was 3.85 in 2014
* Range of acceptance rates to total applicants was 19% in Portland and 60 percent in Klamath

DO I need to complete a certified nursing assistant (CNA) program before applying to nursing schools?
It’s important to check with every school you want to apply to about their CNA requirement. Some schools require that you have a CNA completed before you enter and some do not. Completing a CNA program may help you gain medical related experience before applying even if the schools you want to apply to do not require it.

Where can I get my certified nursing assistant (CNA)?

How long does it take to complete a nursing degree?
BSN programs will take you a minimum of four years to complete, while an ADN typically takes three years to complete including general education and nursing coursework. Accelerated and direct-entry master’s nursing programs’ completion timelines vary.

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Linfield (Transfer and Accelerated)
www.linfield.edu/portland/
- Preference given to Linfield continuing students for transfer program
- Minimum 3.0 GPA, no grade lower than C
- All pre-requisites must be complete
- Summer term entry for students who hold a bachelor’s degree at time of application
- Fall or Spring for students with and without a prior bachelor’s degree
- Apply through nursingcas.org
- Insight resume

Oregon Health & Science University
www.ohsu.edu/son
Transfer
- 45 credits completed
- Apply to program and rank five campuses (Portland, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology and Eastern Oregon University)
- 3.0 minimum GPA in prerequisites with no grade lower than C
- Applications are only available online for Fall entry; deadline is typically February 15
- Application essay (Proctored)

Accelerated (Portland only)
- 3.0 minimum GPA in prerequisites with no grade lower than B
- Applications become available online in the Fall for a Summer entry
- Entrance essay, part of online application

OHSU Community College Pathway’s/Associates Degree Program’s
- Enroll in community college and complete Associates Degree in Nursing
- Students in one of the community college OCNE programs are eligible to transition directly to OHSU to complete a bachelor’s degree in nursing
- OCNE Partners: Blue Mountain, Clackamas, Lane, Mount Hood, Portland, Rogue, Southwestern, and Umpqua Community College