



ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LPN/RN Advanced Placement Program Information For Winter 2022 Entry (OCTOBER 15, 2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE)

Thank you for your interest in the Rogue Community College LPN/RN Advanced Placement Nursing Program! The Nursing Program is approved by the [Oregon State Board of Nursing](#) (OSBN, 17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Portland, OR, 971-673-0685).

The Nursing program is both exciting and challenging, offering graduates the opportunities for employment in a variety of settings and for a lifelong career that is personally fulfilling. The program demands may pose unique personal as well as academic challenges. Most students have multiple responsibilities in addition to going to school (e.g. family, job). Success in the program takes a firm commitment, and the nursing faculty members are here to help you succeed. LPNs interested in the advanced placement process must meet minimum criteria for eligibility by the application deadline of October 15, 2021. Acceptance for Winter term entry includes the evaluation and scoring of the following: completion of **all** program prerequisites (minimum of 49 credits) with a cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.0 (each course must be a C or better), a current unencumbered Oregon LPN license, a minimum of 500 hours of LPN work experience, and submission of TEAS scores (time-frame for TEAS testing is within two- years of application deadline).

About the Program

The Rogue Community College (RCC) Nursing Program is one of eleven community college programs that have joined with the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing in a unified approach to nursing education. This coalition of statewide nurse educators and programs is known as the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Faculty members from RCC have been actively involved in the development and maintenance of the competency-based curriculum that is used in all partner consortium schools. Visit <http://ocne.org/> for a list of partner colleges.

The OCNE curriculum competencies address the need for nurses to be skilled in clinical judgment and critical thinking. The competencies also focus on skill in:

- evidence-based practice
- relationship-centered care
- interdisciplinary collaboration
- assisting individuals and families in self-care practices for the promotion of health and management of chronic and acute illness
- end-of-life care
- teaching, delegation, leadership, and supervision of caregivers

Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to Rogue Community College and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Nursing Programs. Co-admission is an agreement that students who are affirmed by the community college nursing faculty as having completed all program requirements and earned the associate of applied science degree in nursing will be eligible to enroll in the upper-division nursing courses and complete a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing if they choose to do so at OHSU without an additional competitive application process. The co-admitted LPN advanced placement student may decide to matriculate and enter into the OHSU student record system by completing the nursing curriculum at RCC and passing the national licensure exam (NCLEX-RN). Students who complete the Nursing Program at RCC will meet the educational requirements to be eligible to take the RN-licensure examination. Additional information regarding matriculation opportunities will be provided at regular intervals throughout the RCC Nursing program. Students who choose to transition to OHSU will have to meet OHSU's credit requirements, including language, statistics, upper-division electives, etc., to earn the BSN degree. Students may contact OHSU directly with questions.

Employment Outlook and Expected Income

Employment opportunities in nursing are available in the Rogue Valley and throughout most of the state. Graduates from Rogue Community College generally find employment within one to six months of graduation (recent graduates received multiple job offers before graduation). According to the Oregon Employment Department, the average hourly salary was \$47.48/hour and the average annual salary of RNs in Josephine and Jackson counties was \$98,191 in 2021.

Demands of the Program

It is essential to understand the mental and physical demands of the nursing program and the nurse's career. Applicants to the nursing program must be physically and mentally able to cope with the rigors of the curriculum and the demanding

nature of the health professions. Nursing students must behave professionally, grasp scientific concepts, set up and answer basic math and algebra problems, and communicate well verbally and in writing. Physically, students must be able to remain on their feet for extended periods, lift to 35 pounds, hear blood pressure, heart and breath sounds, read the fine print and identify skin tones such as pale, ashen, gray, or bluish.

Established academic and clinical requirements essential to the program apply to all students and will not be waived. Efforts to accommodate and retain qualified applicants with disabilities unless performance evaluations indicate that given reasonable accommodation, an individual is still unable to perform the Technical Standards required by the program. The complete list of the necessary [technical standards](#) can be found on the nursing website. Persons with questions concerning particular qualifications are encouraged to contact the [Access and Disability Services](#) office to arrange an appointment for individual consultation and advice before application. Any student who feels that they may need an academic accommodation for any disability should make an appointment with the Disability Services Office at (541) 956-7337 (Redwood Campus, Grants Pass) or (541) 245-7537 (Riverside Campus, Medford) as soon as possible.

The nursing program utilizes a variety of clinical sites throughout Josephine and Jackson counties. These include hospitals, long-term or assisted-living care facilities, clinics, etc. Students will be assigned to have clinical experiences in most but not all of the sites; students must expect to travel to communities other than those in which they reside for these experiences. Carpooling to clinical sites may not always be possible; therefore, students will need reliable transportation. Required clinical experiences (beginning with NRS115C in spring for LPN advanced placement students) can be days, evenings, and/or night shifts. Depending on availability and course schedule, clinical may be weekdays or weekends. Client selection and care preparation typically take place the day before clinical. In the final clinical rotation of the program (spring, second year), students will be assigned to a staff clinical teaching associate and will need to follow the CTA's work schedule for the term. Nursing classes, labs, and clinical typically involve 20-30 hours of attendance and more than 40 hours of preparation/assignments/study per week. Meeting these requirements will mean that students will need to adjust their employment and family responsibilities. Because of the need to be mentally alert when caring for patients, students cannot work the shift immediately preceding scheduled clinical experiences

Application Eligibility Criteria

LPN Advanced Placement applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria by specified times:

- ❖ Completion of **all** program prerequisites (minimum of 45 credits) with a letter grade of "C" or better with a cumulative prerequisite GPA ≥ 3.0 by the end of the summer term (before the October 15 application deadline). [Program prerequisite/preparatory course information](#) (graduation guide) can be accessed from the program website. OCNE academic policies are that letter grades are used/recognized without +/- designation in calculating GPA. (Note: RCC and OHSU will not accept C- grades for general education courses applied toward the BSN.) NOTE: LIB127 and COMM218 will not be required for Fall 2021 Advanced Placement applicants.
- ❖ Credits taken pass/no pass (if accepted by the college as meeting requirements) may be considered only if the "pass" was equivalent to a "C" or better.
- ❖ Before the application deadline of October 15, submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities previously attended, demonstrating a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA for all completed prerequisite/preparatory general education coursework. General education courses must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university to transfer to RCC.
- ❖ Before the application deadline of October 15, submit official transcripts showing successful completion of a practical nursing program (whether or not the courses are from a regionally accredited college).
- ❖ Complete all required forms, including RCC Admission ([admission application](#) for students who have not previously been admitted to RCC. Select the appropriate profile and follow the instructions). NOTE: The application for admission to Rogue Community College must be completed (to obtain an RCC ID number) IN ADDITION to the LPN Advanced Placement Nursing Program Application.
- ❖ International students (individuals with a non-immigrant visa) will be required to follow [international enrollment services](#) for admission and/or registration. If prerequisites were completed outside the United States, a course-by-course evaluation by a credential evaluation service is required, and information can be found on the [RCC International Transcript Evaluators](#) webpage. International transcript evaluations are extensive; plan accordingly as the result must be provided by the application deadline of October 15.
- ❖ Proof of current unencumbered Oregon LPN license and ≥ 500 hours of LPN work experience by the October 15 application deadline. LPN license must remain current and unencumbered throughout the advanced placement process to progress.
- ❖ Applicants must contact ATI Testing and schedule the TEAS Exam and attach/ upload results with their application by October 15, 2021. Information about the TEAS and registration links can be found at [ATITesting.com](#). Scores of previous Practical Nursing TEAS exams can be used within the last two years before the application deadline. Students with a score of 58.7 or less are ineligible to apply.

Application Process

Applications are to be sent via electronic mail. Submit official transcripts electronically to RCC Via the National Student Clearinghouse; then, applicants must complete the online [Transfer Credit Evaluation Request Form](#) for courses taken outside of RCC. Hard copies of sealed, official transcripts may be mailed (NOT dropped off) to: Rogue Community College, Attn: Registrar, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR, 97527.

See the LPN Advanced Placement Application and the LPN to RN OCNE Advanced Placement Timeline at <http://go.roguecc.edu/department/nursing/lpn-advanced-placement-rn-program> for more information.

Application Requirements and Selection Points

Complete the online [Advanced LPN Placement Application](#). Applications will be scored based on a selection points system that can be found at [LPN Advanced Placement Selection Points](#). Applicants admitted will be allowed to register/enroll in NRS230 Pharmacology I and NRS232 Pathophysiology I winter term. Completion of those courses will allow students to progress to spring term and take NRS231, NRS233, NRS115, and NRS115C. NRS115 orientation is mandatory and held at the beginning of the winter term (date/time specified in advanced placement acceptance letter and information).

Applicants must complete all nursing courses and any general education courses listed in the first year of the Nursing program with a C or better to progress to the 2nd year Nursing Program the following fall term. Refer to the [Nursing Program Map](#) for general education courses listed in the first year of the Nursing curriculum. **Please note that the passing grades for all nursing courses are earned by a cumulative exam score of no less than 75% plus a cumulative score of all course points of 75% or higher and performance at the expected level in all clinical courses.**

Credit Award for Previous Practical Nursing Courses

Upon completion of 1st year spring term courses, the LPN's prior Practical Nursing Program transcripts will be reviewed, and a waiver provided to Enrollment Services awarding credit for NRS110, NRS111, and NRS112 to ensure the equivalent of at least 90 required credits (prerequisites through the Nursing Program's first year) have been completed before progression to the second year of the program.

Progression Through Advanced Placement Process and Program

The RCC Nursing Program and OCNE consortium partners share a policy that states: "Students who have failed any nursing course more than once (or any two nursing courses), regardless of the program, will not be considered for re-entry or admission to the program." Failure of any two nursing courses will eliminate students from future advanced placement or other application or progression opportunities in the RCC or OCNE Partner Nursing Programs. If failure of the nursing courses occurred prior to completion of a Practical Nursing Program, the student may make an appointment with the Nursing Program Director for eligibility consideration.

Nursing Program Curriculum, Second Year

See the [Nursing Program Map](#) for more information about the required courses in the second year of the program.