

Olympic College Practical Nursing Program

Certificate of Specialization

Prerequisite and Support Courses

An Information Session is the first step for anyone considering a Nursing Program at Olympic College.

Information sessions are essential in providing you with the information and steps necessary to successfully be admitted to any of our Nursing programs. Refer to the Nursing Programs website (olympic.edu/nursing) for session dates and times.

Application Deadline: All application and admission forms must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by **August 31st** of the year you wish to be considered for admission

Program Start Date: Winter Quarter of each year (four quarters or one year in length)

Program Approval: The program is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the State Board for Community & Technical Colleges

Prerequisite Courses

These courses must be completed prior to starting PN Program. ENGL& 101, PSYC& 100, BIOL& 241, BIOL& 242, and the Accuplacer must be completed by **August 31st** to be eligible to apply to PN program

Course	Prerequisite Requirements	Required Grade	Factor Points
ENGL& 101 (English Composition I)	Accuplacer placement exam	2.0 or higher	<u>Combined</u> GPA of ENGL& 101, PSYC& 100, BIOL& 241, and BIOL& 242 determine factor points for prerequisite GPA. See Factoring System sheet for more details. 0-4 points (Based on GPA)
PSYC& 100 (General Psychology)	No prerequisite	2.0 or higher	
BIOL& 241 (Human A & P I)	CHEM& 121 and CHEM& 131 ¹ (concurrent enrollment in CHEM& 131 is permitted); <u>OR</u> CHEM& 141 and CHEM& 142.	2.0 or higher	
BIOL& 242 (Human A & P II)	CHEM& 131 ¹ and BIOL& 241	2.0 or higher	
NURSE 151² (Dosage Calculations)	BIOL& 241	3.7 or higher	0 points
NURSE 152² (Intro to Pharmacology)	BIOL& 241	2.2 (80%) or higher	0 points
ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension Placement Assessment Next Generation version or Classic version	Register for assessment at www.olympic.edu/accuplacer	260 or higher (Next Generation) 84 or higher (Classic)	0 points

1. Students may fulfill the CHEM& 131 prerequisite for BIOL& 241 and BIOL& 242 by taking CHEM& 131 OR taking a placement test that will allow you to waive CHEM& 131. Visit olympic.edu/chemistry for more information
2. Students may apply to the PN program if they are registered for NURSE 151 and NURSE 152 in fall quarter. Courses must be completed with required grade by end of fall quarter prior to starting the PN program in January

Required Support Courses

These courses are required for the certificate of specialization. Completion prior to application deadline is not required but highly recommended

Course	Prerequisite Requirements	Required Grade	Factor Points
NUTR& 101 (Nutrition) OR NURSE 118 (Nutrition for Professional Nursing) ¹	NUTR& 101: ENGL 099, MATH 090 all with a grade of 2.0 or better OR equivalent Accuplacer test scores in these areas NURSE 118: Enrollment in nursing program or permission of instructor	2.2 (80%)	1 point*

1. Must be completed with required grade by the end of winter quarter of the first year in PN program.

*** Course must be completed by August 31st deadline to receive factor point**

Optional Support Courses

These courses are not required for the certificate of specialization. Completion prior to application deadline is not required but highly recommended

Course	Prerequisite Requirements	Required Grade	Factor Points
ENGL& 102 (College Composition II)	Successful completion of ENGL& 101 with a 2.0 or better or its equivalent	2.0 or higher	1 point*
Nursing Assistant Certification	Certificate verification required (Submit a copy of your current Certificate to the Admissions Office by the August 31 st deadline.)		1 point*

*** Course must be completed by August 31st deadline to receive factor point**

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