

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS

ACCEPTED TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

When do classes start and what will my schedule look like?

Classes begin in late September, date to be announced.

Fall term you will have one nursing class: NUR 101

Five classroom hours – Monday 9-12; Friday 9-11.

Clinicals – the first two weeks will be in the skills lab at the Astoria campus.

This is for all students. You will not start in the hospital until the third week of the term. For the remaining eight weeks, you will have a week of clinical alternating with a week of skills lab.

Your schedule **may** look like this:

At the hospital - 0630-1030 T/W/Th

Alternating with skills lab – T/W 9-12

What does it mean to be in a class that has a Tillamook cohort?

It means that nine students have been admitted to an extended campus site in Tillamook. These nine students will do most of the clinical and labs in Tillamook county.

What else does it mean that there is a Tillamook cohort?

For fall of first year and spring of second year – all students will attend theory classes at the South County Center in Seaside. For all other terms (with the exception of the summer term), theory classes will be offered in two delivery modes:

1. Traditional classroom at the Astoria campus
2. As online classes. It is expected that students in the Tillamook cohort take the classes online but it is not required.

If I have been admitted to the Astoria campus, can I take my nursing classes online?

Yes, the online classes are open to all admitted nursing students.

If I have been admitted to the Astoria campus, where might my clinical rotations take place?

Students admitted to the Astoria campus may be placed at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, Providence Seaside Hospital in Seaside or Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook.

What books do I need and where do I buy them?

The required books will be in the college bookstore by early September. You can find a list of required texts posted on the web site by mid July.

How much can I expect to spend on books?

The total of all nursing textbooks runs ~ \$700 but the purchases are staggered through the first year so you do not need to buy all of the textbooks at once. The program has made the commitment to its students that no textbooks will be changed after recommendations have been accepted. If new editions come up during the two years of the program, students are not expected to buy updated editions.

How can I get my CPR certification?

The nursing program will be offering two sessions for CPR certification at the Astoria campus. Contact the Director of Health Occupations at 503-338-2436 for information.

What do I need to start my clinical rotations?

You will need a watch with a sweep second hand or a digital read out to count pulse rate. You will also need a stethoscope. The nursing club will be providing a stethoscope scale at orientation so you can wait until then to purchase one. You can expect to spend about \$65.

What is the dress code for clinicals?

The dress code is to ensure professional appearance at all times. The student is to wear a plain (not patterned) navy blue scrub top or polo shirt with navy blue or white pants or skirt. The pants or skirt should be uniform attire and not denim or street clothes. White shoes and white or neutral hose (for both males and females) are to be worn with the uniform. White leather athletic shoes are acceptable. A white lab jacket may be worn over the uniform. All uniforms and shoes must be clean and neat. The college nametag and the college patch must be worn and visible at all times. You will be able to obtain a college nametag at new student orientation. The college patch is placed on the upper left sleeve (about two finger-widths from the top seam) of the uniform top and lab jacket. Whenever a student is in a clinical facility as a nursing student a uniform or appropriate street clothes and lab jacket with nametag must be worn.

Nails should be clean and trimmed; clear or neutral nail polish is permitted. No acrylic or false fingernails. No heavy make-up, perfume, or heavily scented aftershave is allowed. Hair and beards must be neat and clean, and not present a safety hazard. Jewelry worn during clinical should be minimal and appropriate. Neither hair nor jewelry should present a safety hazard to the student or the client. Appearance should be professional at all times.

Who is my academic advisor?

If you do not currently have a nursing faculty member for an academic advisor, you will be assigned one by the admissions office.

How do I locate my advisor?

All nursing faculty have offices in the Auto 2 building. When you enter the suite, you will be able to locate your advisor.

When can I register for classes?

If you only need to take nursing classes, you do not need to register for classes until the new student orientation in the fall. If you need to take other classes contact your advisor as soon as possible.

How do I know what lab group to register for?

You will be assigned to a lab group and can register during new student orientation.

Do I need to have a criminal background check?

Yes. You will receive information about it in your letter of acceptance to the nursing program.

All information is subject to change.