



COCC'S RN TO BSN INFORMATION SESSION
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Agenda

- Description of the Program
- Benefits of Getting a BSN
- Admission Process
- Cost of Program
- Curriculum
- Success in Online Programs
- COCC Supports

Description of Program

- RN to BSN Program
- Admission Criteria:
 - Completed an associate degree in Nursing
 - Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Oregon by the end of the first term of the program
- Consortium model
 - 6 community colleges in Oregon – COCC, Chemeketa, Linn Benton, Oregon Coast, Klamath, Treasure Valley
- COCC's faculty – Kristin Lambert - Program Director and faculty for two courses plus Capstone clinical

Description of Program

- Course delivery
 - Shared teaching – your course instructor will be from one of the 6 schools
 - Asynchronous, online courses (9 theory courses)
 - Laptops available to check out – limited in quantity
 - In person Capstone clinical project
 - Shared Learning Management System – Canvas
- 2 courses/term – 5 terms to complete (15 months)
- Credits
 - 180 total for a Bachelor's degree
 - 60 earned with BSN courses
- Degree Awarded from COCC

Benefits of Getting your BSN

- Increased job opportunities
 - Some healthcare settings require BSN prepared nurses
 - Increase in pay
 - Could open up opportunities to specialize
- Leadership opportunities
 - Charge nurse
 - Management
 - Ability to sit on some committees
- Opens up ability to apply for higher level graduate degrees
 - Master's of Science in Nursing
 - Doctorate

Admission Process

- Lottery
 - 7 students/school with 5 alternates
 - Prioritizing in district students first
- Choosing Explore Health Sciences major prior to admission
- Must apply to COCC first with \$25 application fee
- [Application guide](#) is posted on the website
- BSN application open June 1 – June 26
- Lottery will take place July 7, notification of admission July 15

Cost of Program

- \$250/credit for BSN courses (300 and 400 level)
- Pre-requisites of Microbiology and Stats (if needed) offered at COCC for college tuition price.
- Textbook costs
- Cost of maintaining BLS certification
- Drug screen and background check prior to Capstone clinical
- Program is approved by Federal Financial Aid
- COIC Workforce scholarships – provides student funding for CTE programs
 - Contact them to see if you qualify
- Inquire with your place of work about tuition assistance

BSN Courses

- Transitions to Professional Nursing
- Concepts of Nursing Theory
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Global Health Promotion and Community Health
- Informatics in Healthcare
- Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing
- Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Advanced Physical Assessment in Professional Nursing Practice
- Nursing Leadership
- Capstone Didactic and Clinical

Capstone Clinical

- Options for healthcare setting
 - Palliative Care
 - Underserved and Vulnerable Populations
 - Leadership and Management
- Kristin will assist you with setting up your placement location and assign you to a preceptor
- You will work on a Capstone project specific to your Capstone site
- You will work with me to keep track of your hours

Success in Online Programs

- Online flexibility is real – but you will have deadlines
 - Important to schedule time to work
 - Find a quiet place to work where you can focus
- Expect 6-10 hours of work per week per course
 - Taking 2 courses at a time
- Bachelor level work – Higher level critical thinking
 - Will be required to do research and cite sources
 - Large amount of writing assignments in lieu of exams
- Get to know your cohort
 - They can help even though you aren't in person

Is now the right time?

- Can I identify 12-20 dedicated study hours per week that I can consistently protect?
- Does my manager or employer know I am pursuing this degree, and do they support it?
- Am I comfortable asking for help — from faculty, peers, and advisors — before I fall behind?
- Do I have reliable high-speed internet and a computer that can handle video and document work?
- Am I prepared for the final-term capstone to involve coordination with my community and workplace?
- Do I have support at home (family, childcare, household responsibilities) for the added time commitment?

COCC is here to support you!

COCC is committed to the success of every student who enrolls in the BSN program. You will have access to a credentialed COCC Nursing faculty who advise and teach in the program, as well as the student support services and college resources available to all COCC students. If you are struggling — academically, technically, or personally — please reach out early. The earlier you communicate, the more options you have.



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Reach out to me with any questions!

Thank you for joining me today.

What questions do you have?

