

Nursing Application Fall 2012 Information Packet



IMPORTANT DATES

See detailed information throughout this application. Highlighted links in blue will not function starting Jan. 9th.

Please review newly posted version starting January 9th, 2012. This information is for review only.

January 9 th , 2012. **Applications forms received prior to Jan 9 th	Date of submission has no bearing on applicant ranking. If all courses listed on Form 2 appear on transcripts - Forms 1 and 2, Online Application and Official Transcripts will be accepted for review. Nursing On-line Application and Payment opens – see below.				
Application documents – do not submit prior to January 9th, 2012.	Application Forms 1 and 2 and Online Application Instructions, Online Nursing Application on the same date. Transcripts from other institutions must be received by Enrollment Services by date of application. Once processing begins if any one of these portions are missing the application will be considered incomplete.				
Feb 15, 2012 5 pm	Deadline: Final date to submit Transcripts from other institutions to Enrollment Services per instructions provided in this application.				
Feb 15, 2012 5pm	Deadline: Final date to submit Forms 1 and 2 (and documents if applicable) must be received at Health Professions Application Center by mail – see address.				
	Deadline: Final date to submit Nursing On-line Application and Payment.				
Mar 16	Notification - Essay Access by E-mail and/or posted in myLane.				
March 23 , 2012 10:00-3:00	2012 Essay Session Essay scores will not be shared with applicants per OCNE agreement.				
Apr 20, 2012 5 pm	Notification - Program Acceptance by e-mail or myLane.				
Apr. 30, 2012 5:00 -7:30pm	Mandatory Orientation for accepted and alternate students.				

LANE NURSING

Lane offers a fully accredited Associate degree program whose graduates have a history of passing the NCLEX RN with an outstanding 96% pass rate averaged over the last fifteen years. The Nursing program is both exciting and challenging; offering graduates the opportunities for employment in a variety of settings and for a lifelong career of personal fulfillment and societal benefit. Nursing is a demanding field and admission to nursing schools is a very competitive process.

THE OCNE CONSORTIUM

Lane Community College joined other community college programs and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in a unified approach to nursing education. This coalition of statewide nursing educators and programs is known as the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). All consortium nursing programs have the same prerequisites and comparable application processes for students. Go to www.ocne.org to see a list of schools and more information on OCNE. See BSN Degree Option section below.

APPLICATION AND PROGRAM COUNSELING/ADVISING

It is HIGHLY recommended that applicants work with a counselor/advisor in the Counseling Department to review program requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to be aware of program entrance and degree completion requirements.

For Counseling and Advising assistance in meeting program or application requirements, please go to Counseling and Advising in Building 30, Room 103 or E-mail NursingProgram@lanecc.edu.

An <u>Academic Advising Resource</u> is available to all students. To access this go to <u>www.lanecc.edu</u> choose "Moodle." Select "Academic Advising" and then choose "Academic Advising Resources – Nursing LPN and RN Programs."

2012 APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1. Admission to Lane.
 - If you are not currently a Lane credit student, complete <u>Lane's college credit admission process</u> and obtain a student "L" number. Make sure to complete all "Steps to Enroll in Credit Classes" including testing.
- 2. The Nursing Application has two parts an on-line application & payment, and written application forms.
 - A. Instructions for the On-line Application and Payment follow the form pages. This application will include a \$50 non-refundable application fee, therefore do not initiate until you are sure you will have the prerequisites and requirements met, submit official sealed Transcripts (if needed) and are ready to submit Forms 1 and 2.
 - B. Submit by completed <u>Nursing Application Forms 1 and 2</u> and documentation, if required. Applications must be received by deadline. If needed mail course equivalency, medical terminology syllabus or substitution forms to HP Application Center. Attn: Nursing Application Documentation 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405.

C. Notification

Notification of your status for taking the essay will arrive by E-mail or myLane portal.

- VERY IMPORTANT! Set your "spam filter" system to accept mail addresses containing @lanecc.edu or your notification may be spammed! Do this even if you are currently receiving e-mails from Lane.
- You are NOT considered an applicant to the program until you meet all application requirements.

PREREQUISITE COMPETENCIES. All course work must be documented.

- 45 credits of specified prerequisite courses (listed below items 1-8 plus enough credits from 9 to meet credit total) must be earned prior to the start of the first term of the nursing program.
- All courses letter grade C or higher (C- or lower not accepted); the only exception is MTH 95.
- 30 credits (of the 45 prerequisite credits) must be completed and transcripted by the application deadline. The 30 credits must include BI231 and MTH 95 or MTH 95 competency (see below).
- Any courses completed that meet the criteria as OCNE prerequisites must be included on Petition for Points page, up to 47 credits. Applicants may repeat courses in order to raise the GPA. The most recent grade will be used for GPA calculation whether it is higher or lower than previous grades.
- Applicants with courses taken at other colleges, see Transfer Credit, Course Equivalencies section.
- 1. Anatomy & Physiology I, II, III: (12 credits) BI 231, BI 232, BI 233
 BI 112 and CH 112 are prerequisite to BI 231 at Lane. These 6 credits may be used as approved electives toward the 30 credit application or 45 credits Fall entry requirements. If course(s) not taken at Lane use the Lane Transfer Tool or request a course equivalency from the Science department. The most recent A&P course must have been completed within 7 years prior to starting the nursing program (taken Fall term 2004 or later). If all three AP courses are more than 7 years old BI 233 needs to be completed Fall 2005 or later.
- 2. MTH 095 or higher, 4-5 Credits Pass grade or grade of C- or higher. Math courses numbered 100 or higher or courses considered freshman level or above meet criteria or Competency Lane Math Placement Test into MTH 105 or MTH 111. Testing must be completed prior to the application deadline. Math placement testing is not an option if you have a taken MTH 95 or higher with a passing grade. MTH 95 competency by placement testing does not count toward the 30 prerequisite credits.
- 3. English Composition Courses WR 121 and WR 122 (6 to 8 credits) Applicants with a prior Bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution may waive this requirement. Students who have completed a U.S. Bachelor's degree and wish to waive the WR 121 & 122 requirement will need to complete additional approved electives to fulfill the 30 course credits required for admission to the program. Additional credits may come from any approved from courses listed under item 8.

For applicants without a prior Bachelors who have taken college level freshman writing courses not listed as "WR 121" or "WR 122" use the <u>Lane Transfer Tool</u> or request a course equivalency from Lane's Language, Literature & Communication Division.

- 4. Nutrition FN 225 (3 or 4 credits). If course not taken at Lane use the <u>Lane Transfer Tool</u> or request a course equivalency from the Health Professions division.
- 5. Human Development (3 credits)

The course must cover the developmental process of human life covering the full life span, (not just Child Development).

- Options at Lane include: PSY 215; or HDFS 226 + PSY 236; or PSY 235 + PSY 236.
- At Lane, the prerequisite is PSY 201 which can be used as social science credits.

If course(s) not taken at Lane use the <u>Lane Transfer Tool</u> or request a course equivalency from the Social Science department.

- 6. Human Relations course (3 credits) See <u>Lane Catalog Associate of Applied Science Human Relations</u> requirement. See course list option. If course not taken at Lane use the <u>Lane Transfer Tool</u> or request a course equivalency from the Counseling Department.
- Social Science course (3 credits). See Lane Catalog <u>Associate of Applied Science Social Science/Human Relations</u> requirement. See course subject options. If, course meets the subject criteria and is from an accredited institution numbered 100 level or higher or considered freshman level or above then no further steps are required.
- 8. Approved Electives to total of 45 to 47 credits. See Lane Catalog <u>Associate of Applied Science Discipline Studies</u> course subject options listed under Arts/Letters (excluding studio art and performance arts); Human Relations/Social Science; Science/Math/Computer Science. If, course(s) meets the subject criteria and are from an accredited institution numbered 100 level or higher or considered freshman level or above then no further steps are required.
- 9. Basic Computer Competency

Success in a nursing program requires that students be computer literate, including at least word processing, use of spreadsheets, and web searches. Students without computer experience are expected to seek out opportunities for remediation in this competency prior to entering the nursing program. Basic computer competency is assessed during the essay process and throughout the nursing courses.

TRANSCRIPTS

Submit Transcripts (if required) to Enrollment Services. All courses used for points must be recorded on your transcript.

- <u>Do not</u> submit transcripts from Lane Community College to Enrollment Services or the HP Application Center.
- <u>Sealed, official, transcripts from schools other than Lane must be received</u> by same date as Forms 1 and 2
 Lane Enrollment Services, ATTN: HP Transcript
 4000 East 30th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405
- For schools other than Lane, submit UNOFFICAL transcripts (web or photocopy) with your application point sheet.
- If official transcripts are received at the Health Professions Application Center, they will NOT be forwarded to Enrollment Services.

TRANSFER CREDITS, COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

Courses taken at other colleges may be eligible for use in the application process. Use the following steps and make sure to consult with a program advisor/counselor.

DO NOT DELAY. It is <u>your responsibility</u> to initiate the process early and make sure it has been completed by the application deadline.

IMPORTANT. Equivalencies must meet both Core Program and AAS degree requirements. See program advisor for program requirements.

- 1. For colleges other than Lane, submit an official, sealed transcript to Enrollment Services. College transcripts received by Lane's Enrollment Services may be verified in *myLane*.
- 2. Go to the Enrollment Services website Lane Transfer Tool.
- 3. Review "General Information for Transferring Credits."

- 4. Select "Look up Transferable Credits" to check on transferable classes for items 1-6 above. If your course(s) are listed as equivalent to course numbers and titles as listed above no further action is needed.
- 5. If the college/course is not shown see instructions provided above in items 1-9 (pages 2-3)
 - If you obtain course equivalencies or substitutions request copy of the approval in-person or by email.
 - Course equivalencies must be approved and received in Enrollment Services by your date of application.

Courses from Non-accredited colleges will not be considered in the initial evaluation of your application nor can they be considered toward any degree requirements.

Transfer coursework from Foreign Institutions

Must be evaluated by the application deadline by an outside credential evaluation service. The evaluation company must be either AACRAO Foreign Education Credential Service (www.aacrao.org) or a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For a list of NACES memberships, please refer to their web site at www.naces.org. The evaluation must be a course-by-course detailed evaluation with an official copy submitted to Enrollment Services. The coursework must be considered to be at a post-secondary level, have comparable LANE accreditation status and be parallel in content to LANE coursework. The outside evaluation must also be completed for secondary level education for any evaluation of that coursework toward LANE admission requirements. The outside evaluation must also be completed for post-secondary level education for any evaluation of that coursework toward LANE admission requirements

LANE NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM - after prerequisites

	Fall 2011 credits	Winter 2012 credits		Spring 2012 credits		
Nursing YEAR1	NRS 110: Foundations of Nursing-Health	9	NRS 111:Nursing in Chronic Illness I	6	NRS 112: Nursing in Acute Care I	6
	Promotion		NRS 230:	3	NRS 231: Pharmacology II	3
	BI 234: Microbiology (taken	4	Pharmacology I		NRS 233: Pathophysiology	3
	Fall 2005 or later)			3	II Social Science or	
	Biology with genetics:	3	NRS 232:		Natural Science	3
	BI 112 + BI 233 or		Pathophysiology I			
	BI 112 + BI 102G or	40	WR 123 or 227 (If WR 121	4		15
2	BI 101F + BI 233 or	16	and/or WR 122 were taken	16		
	BI 211 + BI 233 or BI 101K + BI 233 or		Spring 2010 or before).			
	BI 101K + BI 102G					
	Fall 2012 credits		Winter 2013 credits		Spring 2013 credits	
YEAR 2					NRS 224/424: Integrated 9	
	NRS 221: Nursing in Chronic Illness II & End-of-Life	9	NRS 222: Nursing in Acute Care II & End-of-Life	9	Practicum (ADN completion)	9
	Humanities, Social or	0-6	Humanities, Social		`	
	Natural Science		or Natural Science	0-6	Electives	0-6
		9-15		9-15		9-15
	Fall 2013 credits		Winter 2014 credits		Spring 2014 credits	
opt BSN	NRS 410:Population -based chronic illness & health	10	NRS: 412 Leadership, outcome	10	NRS 425: Immersion II	10
	promotion		management in Nursing		Humanities, Social, or Natural Science (upper	6
opt	Epidemiology	3	Humanities, Social, or Natural		division)	
က	Mth 243 Statistics (prereq: Mth 111)	3	Science (upper division)	6		
YEAR	Humanities (upper division)	3		46		4.0
		19		16		16

Note: Course numbers listed here are for courses at Lane Community College. Classes taken at other colleges can only be deemed equivalent by Lane's Faculty and Degree/Transcript Evaluators based on curriculum content. Classes with the same course title and/or number may not transfer in as equivalent.

APPLICATION POINT SYSTEM

PER OCNE RULES, APPLICATION & ESSAY POINTS WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS. Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the following point system. The majority of this point system is uniform in all OCNE programs with each school having up to 12 discretionary points.

- Prerequisite GPA: A maximum of 40 points will be awarded.
 The applicant must detail the meeting of these prerequisites on the Point Petition Sheet and submit official transcript(s) from accredited colleges or universities for all prerequisites. See Transcripts and Transfer Credits, Course Equivalency sections. Only the prerequisite courses will be counted in the application GPA.
- 2. Grades in Anatomy and Physiology: Ten additional points are possible: Applicants who received a grade of A or B in A&P 1 (BI 231) will receive 5 additional points. (Lane is using 2 of its discretionary points to reduce the number of students retaking BI 231 which has previously filled these classes making them unavailable to other students. If all three A&P courses (BI 231,232 & 233) are successfully completed by application and documented an additional 5 points will be awarded. If two courses in A&P (I and II or I and III) are completed 3 additional points will be awarded.

3. Prior Degree

Applicants who hold a prior degree and have degree documented on their transcripts will receive the following points. These are the OCNE standard points for prior degrees.

- Prior Associate Degree 1 point
- Prior Bachelors Degree 2 points
- Prior Masters Degree of higher 3 points
- 4. Completion of all prerequisite requirements by date of application see pages 2-3
 - Earn 3 points for 37 credits from courses listed items 1-7.
 - 3 Point option: For BA/BS students if WR 121 and or WR122 are not listed can add additional total number of waived credits not to exceed 8 from item 8.
 - Earn 5 points for 45 credits that include prerequisites items 1-7 plus 7 to 9 more credits from item 8 (for a total of 45-47 credits).
 - 5 Point option: For BA/BS students if WR 121 and or WR122 are not listed can add additional total number of Section 1 credits to waived credits (4 to 8 credits) not to exceed 8 to total 37 credits. If this criteria is met can add additional credits for a total of 45 to 47 credits to earn 5 points.

5. 2012 Discretionary points at Lane:

- 4 points Lane County residency for 90 days prior to applying, choose this link for a list of <u>acceptable towns</u>.
 Residency will be assessed by the street address of the applicant. No PO Boxes. Make sure address is also listed in *myLane*. No other documentation is required.
- 2 points for completing a course in Diversity 3 credits, graded focus on health care preferred. See <u>Lane Catalog Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer</u> Degree courses marked with an asterisk *. Additional course options include HO 102 Diversity Issues in Health Care or HE 255 Global Health. If course not taken at Lane use the <u>Lane Transfer Tool</u> or email <u>NursingProgram@lanecc.edu</u> for assistance.
- 2 points for completing a college level course in Medical Terminology minimum of two credits. Pass or grade of C or higher. If course not taken at Lane use the <u>Lane Transfer Tool</u> or submit course syllabus to HP Application Center. Attn: Nursing Application Documentation 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405.
- 2 points for prerequisite credits taken at LCC. See pages 2-3 items 1-8.
 24-35 prerequisite credits
 1 point for courses listed items 1-7
 36 or more prerequisite credits
 2 points for courses listed items 1-7 (24-35 credits) plus additional credits from item to total 36 or more prerequisite credits.

****** Discretionary points are subject to change each year. *******

6. Proctored Essay

150% of available Fall 2011 nursing program positions (from the top qualified applicants) will be invited to the essay. (e.g., 105 students accepted to essay if 70 students are accepted into program.) Essay responses will be completed on computer. Details will be sent with the notification of Essay Acceptance.

Essay questions may include situations of:

Diversity – The applicant expresses understanding, respect for and/or experience with varied backgrounds, cultures, ethnic groups, and lifestyles.

Personal Values – The applicant responds to written situations demonstrating integrity and values compatible with nursing core values and code of ethics.

Communication – The applicant conveys information, feelings, and opinions to other in writing. Written information is organized and clear with appropriate grammar and punctuation.

Motivational Fitness – The applicant identifies expectations about nursing role and responsibilities that are congruent with reality, demonstrates professionalism

Tolerance for stress – The applicant describes strategies/behaviors that would enable maintaining stable performance under pressure.

Transferable skills – The applicant responds to situation questions in a manner that demonstrates problem solving, curiosity, leadership and critical thinking.

Essay responses are evaluated by separate nursing faculty – each faculty rates all responses to one question so that inter-rater reliability is optimized. Raters score responses on evidence of how comprehensively the questions are answered, and reflect attributes stated above. An established scoring criteria will be used. Applicants will not have access to their essays or evaluation scoring criteria afterwards per OCNE guidelines.

DEMANDS OF THE PROGRAM

It is important to understand the mental and physical demands of the nursing program and the career of the nurse. 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 be able to 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 up to 25 pounds, hear heart and breath sounds, read fine print and identify skin tones such as pale, ashen, gray or bluish.

Established academic and clinical requirements essential to the program of instruction apply to all students and cannot be waived. Attempts will be made to accommodate and retain qualified applicants with disabilities unless results of evaluations indicate that given reasonable accommodation an individual will still be unable to perform the essential functions required by the program.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

If you need assistance because of a disability, you may be eligible for academic accommodations through Disability Services. For more information contact Disability Services at 463-5150, or TDD 463-3079, Building 1, Room 218.

BSN DEGREE OPTION

Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Baccalaureate Nursing program. This allows Lane nursing students' eligibility to complete a BS degree in Nursing from OHSU without an additional competitive application process. Options available for Baccalaureate completion can be found at Oregon Health Sciences University.

NEW OHSU Requirement for Transition from Lane to OHSU.

From OHSU: "Students should understand that although co-admitted to the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing, those who choose to transition from the Lane Community College Nursing Program to OHSU will

have to undergo a Criminal Background Check for OHSU at the <u>time of transition</u> and ability to enroll in OHSU courses may be negatively impacted by any criminal history in their background."

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, COURSES & COMPETENCIES FOR BS DEGREE:

- 1. Completion of additional courses including Statistics (MTH 243), Epidemiology, and 15 credits of upper division Humanities, Social or Natural Sciences.
- 2. Foreign Language Proficiency Language proficiency is a requirement for graduation with the bachelor's degree. This requirement can be met by:
 - a) Two years of the same high school language
 - b) A language proficiency examination
 - c) Two terms (quarters or semesters) of the same college level language. These credits could count toward the 45 prerequisite credits as well as the AAS and BS degree credits.
 - d) American Sign Language is an accepted language to meet the requirement.