

A PRE-NURSING GUIDE – SALEM CAMPUS  
(For **FALL 2023** Admission to Chemeketa’s Nursing Education Program)

Chemeketa offers a two-year, career ladder-nursing program. Completion of the first year of the program qualifies a student to apply for the **National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)** to be licensed as a practical nurse (LPN). Students who successfully complete the year are allowed the option of continuing into the second year of the program. Students completing second year coursework are granted an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and qualify to apply for **the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)** to be licensed as a registered nurse (RN).

The Nursing Education Program is a fall term entry, limited enrollment program. Admission into Chemeketa's nursing program is competitive. A point system is used to determine who will be selected into the program. The application period for the Nursing Education Program for Fall 2023 will be **February 6-10th, 2023**. Most students enroll in pre-nursing courses for approximately 1 to 2 years prior to submitting a nursing application packet. Enrollment in pre-nursing courses is open to all students.

Steps for enrolling as a **Pre-Nursing** student:

1. Apply for Admission to Chemeketa using the steps according to your student type **applyonline.chemeketa.edu**. **NOTE:** in order to attend any of the workshops below you must either be an admitted Chemeketa student or apply for admissions stating the first term of admissions to Chemeketa as the term you wish to attend a workshop in order to pre-register.
2. Take Chemeketa's Placement Test (may be waived if a student has previously completed college-credit in reading, writing and math courses; contact Advising, Bldg. 2/115 to lift the hold).
3. **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Submit sealed, **official transcripts** from all previous colleges other than Chemeketa, along with a **Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit Form** to the Chemeketa Enrollment Center (Bldg. 2/200) or to [evaluation@chemeketa.edu](mailto:evaluation@chemeketa.edu). Previous coursework will then be evaluated against program requirements. **Request this evaluation as early as possible.** These official transcripts and the Request for Evaluation & Transfer of Previous Credit form must be received by Chemeketa’s admission office by **December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** for coursework through fall 2022. If you are also taking classes at another school during the winter term application period, a **SECOND** official transcript and request for evaluation form is required by **April 7th, 2023** to complete the academic points calculation process.
4. Contact a pre-nursing advisor, for assistance in planning pre-nursing coursework and for updates and changes to the information in this guide.

**Specific details and necessary forms are in the official Nursing Education Application Packet, which is available online at <https://www.chemeketa.edu/programs-classes/program-finder/nursing/>**

**PRE-NURSING WORKSHOPS (free but advance sign up requested)**

<b>Online Workshop</b>	October 13th, 2022 6:00 PM	<b>(Register for Fall 31072)</b>
<b>Online Workshop</b>	December 1st, 2022 6:00 PM	<b>(Register for Fall 36078)</b>
<b>Online Workshop</b>	January 16th, 2023, 6:00 PM	<b>(Register for Winter 50457)</b>

Students who are presently in the clinical nursing program at Chemeketa will often be at these workshops to answer questions and help prospective students make an informed choice about becoming a nurse.

For special accommodations contact Disabilities Services, 399-5192 (voice/TTY), at least two weeks in advance. Chemeketa Community College is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution.

## Pre-Nursing Coursework

There are FOUR PREREQUISITE COURSES a student must have completed or must have evidence of enrollment in these courses in order to have their nursing application accepted. The four courses are:

1. ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY SEQUENCE - BI231, BI232 and BI233. (See prerequisites for BI231)
2. INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA – MTH095 (or higher) with a “C” grade or better. This requirement **cannot** be waived by placement test score.

For application into the 2023 Nursing Program, submit proof of either current enrollment or completion within the last **seven** years (fall term 2016 or later, with a “C” grade or better, for BI231, BI232 and BI233) or enrollment in or completion of NUR272 to update anatomy and physiology sequence completed before fall 2016. There is no time limit for the math requirement. Prerequisites must be completed by the end of winter term 2023. Students with expired BI231, BI232 and BI233 courses should talk to an advisor regarding taking the NUR272 Pathophysiology for Nurses to refresh these courses. Students with expired A & P courses from another institution must have the official transcript evaluation **COMPLETED** in order to register for NUR272 Pathophysiology for Nurses. Please keep in mind that the evaluation process can take 6-8 weeks to complete.

## Science Flowchart

Placement test scores and previous academic background determine where a student begins in the pre-nursing science courses. **Courses are sequenced in the following way:**

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
BI112→	BI231→	BI232→	BI233

In addition to the four prerequisite courses, **pre-nursing students should complete all general education and science requirements for the nursing program in order to enhance their chance of being selected for the Nursing Program.** These are the courses that **are awarded points for selection** into the clinical nursing program. All courses must be completed with a "C" grade or better and must be completed by the end of winter term 2023 to be awarded points for fall 2023 admission.

In addition to the general education requirements for the Chemeketa Associate Degree in Nursing there are other courses that may be required for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. It is recommended to discuss all of your goals and plan in advance for those. Some additional courses include: WR122, NFM225, BI234 and MTH243.

## Healthcare Certification for Points

Healthcare certification and experience is a valuable way for applicants to learn relevant hands-on skills and improve familiarity within a clinical setting. Applicants are **required** to have **active** healthcare certifications to be considered eligible for application and will be awarded points based on their work experience hours. A copy of this certification should be submitted with their application packet at time of submission. The following certifications are considered to meet the above requirement for application.

**Five Points** – CNA2, Paramedic, Anesthesia Technician, LPN, Midwife

**Four Points** – Advanced EMT, Combat Medic, CNA

**Three Points** – EMT Basic, Medical Assistant

### 2023 Nursing Program Selection Procedure - Point System Worksheet

Chemeketa uses a point system to determine who will be accepted into the Nursing Program. Candidates earning the most points are offered spots in the program. **All courses must be completed by the end of winter term 2023 to be awarded points for the fall 2023 application.** BI231, BI232 and 233 must be completed within the last **seven** years. Points may be earned in the following categories:

Residency	Out of State/International	Oregon Resident		Residency Total (10)*
Subject to Verification	0 points	10 points		
Biology Courses --12 CR	C- to C+ (40 points)	B- to A+ (50 points)		Biology Courses Total (150)*
BI231				
BI232				
BI233				
General Education Courses	C- to C+ (20 points)	B- to B+ (22.5 points)	A- to A+ (25 points)	General Education Total (125)*
WR121, WR122, WR123 or WR227 – 4 CR <b>Option:</b> One 4 credit course or a combination of the above course to total 4 credits. In the case of using a combination, grades will be averaged.				
PSY201 – 4 CR <b>Option:</b> A 3 credit PSY201 may be used in combination with a 3 credits PSY202. The grades will be averaged.				
PSY237 – 4 CR				
*General Education Elective-4 CR see next page.				
*One Additional Elective - 3 CR see next page.				
Healthcare Certifications	3pt	4 pts	5pts	Healthcare Certification Total
<b>Applicants will need to submit active license with application for points to be applied. You will only receive points for one active license.</b>				
<b>5 points:</b> CNA2, Paramedic, Anesthesia Technician, LPN, Midwife				
<b>4 points:</b> Advanced EMT, Combat Medic, CNA				

3 points: EMT Basic, Medical Assistant						
<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>1 pts</b>	<b>2 pts</b>	<b>3 pt</b>	<b>4 pts</b>	<b>5 pts</b>	<b>Total (up to 5 pts)</b>
>100 (0 pts)						
100-199 (1 pts)						
200-299 (2 pts)						
300-399 (3 pts)						
400-499 (4 pts)						
500< (5 pts)						
Kaplan Pre-nursing Exam		A score out of 50 possible points				
Any course with a "P" (Pass) grade will receive points equivalent to a "C" grade.						
*Maximum points for each category			<b>Total Points (345 = Maximum)</b>			

\*See page 5

**In case of tied scores among applicants, preference will be given in the order listed below:**

- applicant's whose legal residence is in the Chemeketa Community College district
- random selection will be used

## Options for General Education Electives

Requirements	Credits	Courses which satisfy requirements
<p><b>General Education Electives</b></p> <p><i>A minimum of three credits chosen from one of these three disciplines</i></p>	4	<p><b>Arts and Letters</b> American Sign Language, Art, Communication, English, Film Arts, Foreign Language, Humanities, Journalism, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies</p> <p><b>Science/Applied Science</b> Approved program-related instruction may satisfy this requirement, or courses in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, General Engineering, General Science, Geology, Horticulture, Nutrition and Food Management, Oceanography, Physics</p> <p><b>Social Science</b> Anthropology, Chicano/Latino Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Human Development and Family Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, Women's Studies</p>
<p><b>Additional General Education</b></p> <p><i>A minimum of three additional credits from any of these areas</i></p>	3/4	<p><b>Arts and Letters</b> American Sign Language, Art, Communication, English, Film Arts, Foreign Language, Humanities, Journalism, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies</p> <p><b>English as a Non-Native Language**</b> Any course with an ENL prefix</p> <p><b>Health and Human Performance/Physical Education</b> Any course with an HE, HPE, or PE prefix</p> <p><b>Mathematics</b> Any course with a MTH prefix</p> <p><b>Reading**</b> Any course with an RD prefix</p> <p><b>Science/Applied Science</b> Approved program-related instruction may satisfy this requirement, or courses in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, General Engineering, General Science, Geology, Horticulture, Nutrition and Food Management, Oceanography, Physics</p> <p><b>Social Science</b> Anthropology, Chicano/Latino Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Human Development and Family Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, Women's Studies</p> <p><b>Study Skills**</b> Any course with an SSP prefix</p> <p><b>Writing**</b> Any course with a WR prefix</p>

**Notes:**

- 1, We recommend that you see an advisor for guidance before you enroll.
  2. Only courses numbered 050 or higher—unless otherwise indicated—apply toward the degree.
- \*Indicates a course prerequisite or requirement related to the course. For further information contact your program advisor or college advisor.
- \*\*Courses must be 100 level or higher.

ONE SHOULD **NEVER** WAIT UNTIL THE FINAL DAYS OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD TO BEGIN ACCUMULATING NECESSARY APPLICATION MATERIALS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO READ COMPLETELY AND THOROUGHLY ALL APPLICATION INFORMATION.

For Questions concerning the nursing application process, please email [mike.zunin@chemeketa.edu](mailto:mike.zunin@chemeketa.edu), or [erika.coker@chemeketa.edu](mailto:erika.coker@chemeketa.edu).