



2026-27 Nursing Program Admissions Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) Nursing Program.

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

Application Deadline:

Thursday, February 26, 2026, by 5:30 p.m.

Admissions Process Dates:

Proctored Essays & HSRT Exam

Wednesday, Thursday, April 15-April 16, 2026

In-person at The Dalles Campus

Contact Shayna Dahl at sdahl@cgcc.edu or (541) 506-6046 for accommodations

Admissions processing dates are subject to change

After Program Acceptance/Wait List:

Mandatory Orientation Meeting: Wednesday, Mid July (TBD), 2026

Mandatory Program Meeting: Wednesday, Mid Sept (TBD), 2026

Both meetings are in-person at The Dalles Campus

Columbia Gorge Community College

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2026-27 Nursing Admissions

CGCC's Nursing Program has joined with other community college programs and all campuses of Oregon Health and 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). OCNE schools have comparable prerequisites and application processes for students. Acceptance to the program allows for co-admission to CGCC and OHSU Nursing Programs. The program is designed to provide students the option of completing an Associate's Degree from CGCC and/or a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from OHSU. As such, the coursework is outlined in a "four-year" framework.

Year One: Prerequisite coursework

Year Two: First-year OCNE curriculum – CGCC

Year Three: Second-year OCNE curriculum – CGCC (students may earn an AAS Degree and be eligible to take the NCLEX RN Licensure Test)

Year Four (optional): Upper-division nursing coursework through OHSU with upper-division arts, letters and sciences from an accredited university. At the end of this year, students will earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.

Students who have successfully completed NRS 110 and subsequently fail or withdraw from a course later in the program are not eligible for admission to NRS 110, as that course has already been completed. These students must submit a Nursing Program Re-Entry Application.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the Nursing Program must meet the following requirements:

- Completion of prerequisite and pre-program coursework with a letter grade of "C" or better. Students must have at least 28 of the required 45 prerequisite and pre-program credits completed with final, posted grades by the application's submission, and must include Intermediate Algebra (MTH 95 or MTH 111Z or higher) and Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BI 231). The prerequisite/pre-program cumulative GPA must be 3.00.
- Submission of official, unopened transcripts from **ALL colleges and universities attended**. Courses considered in the awarding of points must demonstrate a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater. Only pre-program and prerequisite coursework will be included in the GPA calculation. An official transcript from CGCC is **not** required if you indicate CGCC on the application as one of the colleges attended. A transcript for classes taken at CGCC will be produced by Student Services and placed in your application packet. **Note:** Courses completed at CGCC prior to Fall 2013 were accredited by Portland Community College. To obtain transcripts from this period, please contact PCC.
- Completion of all required forms, including an online CGCC Application (new CGCC students only). A checklist of required documents is provided as part of the application packet.
- If you have previously attended another nursing or health occupations program, you are required to submit a letter explaining why you did not complete that program. The director of the Nursing Program will review your letter and may request a meeting to discuss your stated reason.

Note: It is very important to speak with an advisor in planning for application to the program to ensure all requirements are completed by the application deadline. Schedule an appointment with the Nursing Program advisor at <https://calendly.com/ccusack-1> or by calling Student Services at 541-506-6011 option 2.

Required Prerequisites

All program prerequisites must be completed with a letter grade of "C" or better to be considered in the application process. The required prerequisites must be completed by no later than the end of Fall term 2025. For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used.

- **BI 231: Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits):** Prerequisites for this class are BI 112 or BI 211. BI 231 must be completed with a letter grade of "C" or better within seven years prior to the application deadline and no later than Fall term 2025. The entire sequence of Anatomy and Physiology is required for the Nursing Program.
- **MTH 95: Intermediate Algebra (4 credits):** Completion of MTH 95 or a higher-level math course for which MTH 95 is a prerequisite with a letter grade of "C" or better within seven years prior to the application deadline and no later than Fall term 2025. If your math prerequisite was completed before Winter 2018, you must demonstrate current placement into MTH 111Z. CGCC accepts ACCUPLACER or ALEKS results taken within the past two years. **MTH 98 and MTH 105 do not meet the prerequisite.**

Pre-program Requirements

All pre-program requirements must be completed with a letter grade of "C" or better and taken no later than Spring term 2026. Students must complete at least **28** of the 45 required prerequisite and pre-program credits by the application deadline. Points are only calculated for credits completed at the time of application submission.

- BI 232, BI 233, and BI 234 must be completed within seven years of the application deadline in order to count for points and by the end of Spring term of 2026 to satisfy pre-program requirements.

WR 121Z may be satisfied by AP, IB, CLEP, or an earned bachelor's degree, but this type of credit is not included in the prerequisite GPA calculation.

Required pre-program coursework to be completed by the end of the **Spring 2026** term:

- BI 211: Principles of Biology (4-5 credits)
- BI 232: Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
- BI 233: Human Anatomy & Physiology III (4 credits)
- BI 234: Microbiology (4-5 credits)
- FN 225: Nutrition (3-4 credits)
- PSY 201Z: General Psychology (3-4 credits)
- PSY 215: Human Development (3-4 credits)
- WR 121Z: Composition I (4 credits)
- WR 122Z: Composition II (4 credits) or WR 227Z: Technical Writing (4 credits)

The following coursework may be completed for points and/or required for the degree but are optional pre-program requirements. **These courses are not applied to prerequisite GPA calculation.**

- MP 111: Medical Terminology (4 credits). Letter grade of "C" or better.
- Additional general education requirements as needed to complete the 45-credit minimum.

Basic Computer Literacy

The CGCC Nursing Program does not require a computer science prerequisite. However, success in a Nursing Program requires that students be computer literate, including at least word processing, use of spreadsheets and web searches. Students with no computer experience should discuss ways to remediate this competency with an advisor prior to entering the Nursing Program.

Application and Admission Process

- Applicants must submit a completed online application and all required forms no later than **Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** Official transcripts showing final grades for all prerequisite and pre-program coursework counted toward the 28-credit requirement must be received by the application deadline. Official transcripts showing final Spring 2026 grades needed to meet the 45-credit requirement and prerequisite completion requirement must be received by **Wednesday, July 1, 2026.**
- Applicants will pay a non-refundable \$50 Nursing Application Processing Fee. This fee will be added to the applicant's MyCGCC student portal within 1 business day of application submission and the fee must be paid within 3 business days.
- After the application deadline, admissions staff will evaluate each application for completeness and eligibility. Applicants will be evaluated according to the point system on page five. All applicants will be assigned a secure CGCC email account. You will receive a response in your personal email with instructions on how to access this account for future correspondence.
- The top 70-scoring applicants will be invited to schedule a proctored essay and take an HSRT exam.
- Up to 30 students will be accepted. A maximum of 30 alternates will also be chosen. In case of a tie when scoring is completed, preference will first be given to veterans or spouses of veterans. If there is still a tie, CGCC district residents will receive preference, followed by residents of Klickitat County, then residents of Washington, then prerequisite GPA, and finally lottery.
- Ten points for residency will be awarded to residents of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, or Wheeler counties in Oregon and Klickitat and Skamania counties in Washington, as well as out-of-district residents who have completed 30 or more credits at CGCC (including prerequisite courses and other supporting coursework). Applicants must reside in the above-mentioned counties for **90 days prior** to application as verified by the required Declaration of Residency and supporting documentation.
- Support services for students with disabilities are available at CGCC. Students requesting accommodations or assistance related to a disability should contact the Student Support Services Coordinator at 541-506-6046 or sdahl@cgcc.edu or visit www.cgcc.edu/disability for more information.

Upon Acceptance

Notification of final admissions status will be emailed to each applicant no later than **Thursday, May 21, 2026.** Upon notification of admission or waitlist status, students must return their acceptance form by the stated deadline or their position will be given to the next person on the waitlist. Students accepted into the CGCC Nursing Program for Fall term 2026 will be required to pay a \$100, non-refundable program deposit and submit proof of having had, at a minimum, the first Hepatitis B immunization of the series (at any time in the past) by **Thursday, June 18, 2026,** to hold their place in the program. This deposit will be applied toward Fall term 2026 tuition.

Other forms, requirements (including immunizations) and further information will be provided during a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, Mid July (TBD) 2026 for all accepted students and wait-listed students. There are costs related to required immunizations.

Admissions Point System

The following points are awarded in the application process for the Nursing Program. It is strongly advised that students preparing for application complete as many of the supporting courses as possible. This will benefit applicants in two ways: it will allow students to receive points in the application process for the completed courses and reduces the amount of credits taken each term while in the program. For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used. Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the following point system:

Type of Points	Maximum Points
Prerequisite GPA: This GPA is not your overall college GPA. It is calculated only from the specific prerequisite courses listed on the CGCC Nursing Program Course Planning Sheet. Only final, posted grades earned by the time you submit your application are included. At least 28 prerequisite/pre-program credits must be completed by the time you apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.67 - 4.0 = 25 points 3.33 - 3.66 = 23 points 3.20 - 3.32 = 20 points 3.15 - 3.19 = 17 points 3.00 - 3.14 = 15 points Courses included in the prerequisite GPA: BI 231, BI 232, BI 233, BI 234, BI 211, MTH 95 or higher, FN 225, PSY 201Z, PSY 215, WR 121Z, and WR 122Z or WR 227Z.	25
Completion of A&P series (BI 231, 232 and 233): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the full sequence by the end of Fall term = 2 points Complete two quarters of the sequence by the end of Fall term = 1 point 	2
Prior Degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-year degree or higher from regionally accredited college 	1
Completion of all prerequisite credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all prerequisite/pre-program credits by end of Fall term = 2 points Complete 28 but less than all credits by the end of Fall term = 1 point 	2
Completion of MP 111	3
Early submission of the complete application before 5:30 p.m. on January 29, 2026	2
Residency within service district	10
Veteran of US military services with honorable discharge: DD214 Member 4 copy required	5
Active C.N.A, Surgical Tech, LPN, or Paramedic unencumbered license: Submission of copy of license or printout from state licensing agency showing unencumbered license is required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C.N.A, LPN, or Paramedic = 10 points Active Certified Medical Assistant, EMT, or Surgical Tech = 7 points Other medical experience (could be a letter from provider/employer/agency) = 2 points 	10
Waitlisted from 2025-26 admissions process	5
Proctored Essay	30
Proctored HSRT Exam (\$25 fee)	5
Total Points	100

Nursing Program Curriculum

Year One:

Fall Term:

- NRS 110: Foundations of Nursing: Health Promotion 9 credits
 - NRS 234: Pathophysiological Processes for Nursing I 2 credits
 - NRS 237: Clinical Pharmacology I 2 credits
- 13 credits**

Winter Term:

- NRS 111: Foundations of Nursing in Chronic Illness I 6 credits
 - NRS 235: Pathophysiological Processes for Nursing II 2 credits
 - NRS 238: Clinical Pharmacology II 2 credits
 - General Education Elective* 4 credits
- 14 credits**

Spring Term:

- NRS 112: Foundations of Nursing in Acute Care I 6 credits
 - NRS 236: Pathophysiological Processes for Nursing III 2 credits
 - NRS 239: Clinical Pharmacology III 2 credits
 - General Education Elective* 4 credits
- 14 credits**

Year Two:

Fall Term:

- NRS 221: Nursing in Chronic Illness II & End of Life Care 9 credits
 - Nursing Program Elective* 3 credits
 - General Education Elective* 4 credits
- 16 credits**

Winter Term:

- NRS 222: Nursing in Acute Care II & End of Life Care 9 credits
 - Nursing Program Elective* 3 credits
 - General Education Elective* 4 credits
- 16 credits**

Spring Term:

- NRS 224: Integrative Practicum 9 credits
 - WR227Z: Technical and Professional Writing 4 credits
 - Nursing Program Elective* 4 credits
- 17 credits**

*See CGCC Catalog pp. 12–13 for the list of approved General Education courses used to fulfill Nursing Program elective requirements.

General Education Electives: Students must earn a minimum of 16 credits of approved General Education. The 16 credits must include at least one course with a minimum of three credits from each of the following three disciplines: Arts & Letters, Social Sciences, and Science. Students who have already completed their electives may attend some terms at less than full-time status, which can affect Financial Aid eligibility, Veterans' Benefits, and institutional tuition considerations.

Important Notices

- Clinicals may be held at the following sites or locations: The Dalles, Hood River, Goldendale, White Salmon and CGCC Rural Clinical Simulation Center. Students are responsible for transportation.
- The above sequence of courses may be adjusted. Students accepted into the Nursing Program will be notified of any changes to course sequencing in the CGCC 2026-27 Catalog.

Estimated Cost of Nursing Program

Year One

Tuition and College Fees (33 credits)	\$5,280
Tuition and College Fees for 16 additional required credits*	\$2,560
Textbooks	\$2,400
Program Fees	\$3,334
Background Check & Drug Screen (required prior to Fall term start)	\$115
Stethoscope (\$70) & Student Supplies	\$150
Uniform (2 sets of pants and tops)	\$60
Total First-Year Costs	\$13,899

Year Two:

Tuition and College Fees (28 credits)	\$4,320
Tuition and College Fees for 18 additional required credits*	\$2,880
Program Fees	\$3,261
Total Second-Year Costs	\$10,461

Combined First- and Second-Year Costs: **\$24,360**

Miscellaneous Costs: A watch with the ability to count seconds, shoes (no open heels or exposed toes), immunization status verification, etc. Detailed information to be provided at the mandatory meeting in July.

**See Nursing Curriculum above for information on additional required credits.*

CGCC reserves the right to modify/change elements of the admission selection process on an annual basis.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

Financial aid assistance is available by contacting the Financial Aid office at financialaid@cgcc.edu or calling Student Services at 541-506-6011, option 2. Tuition Scholarships specifically for nursing students are offered by the Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation. Applications are available online at www.cgcc.edu/financial-aid.scholarships.

Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

CGCC is an equal-opportunity educator and employer. It is the policy of CGCC and its Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, and any other status protected by the applicable local, state, or federal law in any education programs, activities, or employment.

Persons having questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should contact the following:

Mailing Address for All Equal Opportunity Contacts:

Columbia Gorge Community College
ATTN: (fill in appropriate name from below)
400 East Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058

Employment:

Brenda Garcia Lua, Director of Human Resources

Office: Rm 2.139

Phone: 541-506-6153

Civil Rights; Student Programs, Activities and Services

Karly Aparicio, Interim Vice President of Student Services

Office: Rm 3.224

Phone: 541-506-6232

Education Programs; Title II Coordinator:

Jarett Gilbert, Vice President of Instructional Services

Office: Rm 3.325

Phone: 541-506-6030

Title IX Coordinator

Lisa AbuAssaly George, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Phone: 541-506-6106

Section 504 Coordinator:

Shayna Dahl, Student Support Service Coordinator

Office: Rm 3.227

Phone: 541-506-6046

Accreditation Statement

CGCC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Accreditation on an institution of higher education by the NWCCU indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of an institutional quality evaluated through a peer-review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purpose through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the NWCCU is not partial, but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding an institution's accreditation status by the NWCCU should be directed to administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

8060 165th Avenue N.E. Suite 100

Redmond, WA 98502

(425) 558 – 4224

www.nwccu.org



2026-27 Nursing Program Application Checklist

Applications must be submitted **no later than 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026. Partially completed packets will not be accepted.** Each year is a new process, and resubmissions may incur additional application fees. All required documents must be submitted with the exception of official transcripts already on file. Use this checklist to indicate you have completed all the requirements for consideration into the Nursing Program.

A complete Nursing Program Application Packet consists of the following **required** items:

- ☐ CGCC Admissions Application for NEW CGCC students must be completed online at cgcc.edu/apply
- ☐ Nursing Program Application (Online Application)
- ☐ Nursing Program Application Checklist (Page 8 – Online Application)
- ☐ Nursing Program Course Planning Sheet (Page 11 - Online Application)
- ☐ **Official**, unopened paper transcripts or electronic transcripts from **ALL** accredited colleges or universities attended must be on file at CGCC by the application deadline
- ☐ \$50 non-refundable application fee

If Applicable:

- ☐ Documentation of CNA, Surgical Tech, LPN, Paramedic, EMT unencumbered license or other medical expertise (if applicable)
- ☐ Declaration of Residency and supporting evidence (if applicable)
- ☐ Documentation of veteran status or spouse of veteran (DD214 Member 4 copy) (if applicable)
- ☐ ACCUPLACER or ALEKS test scores (if applicable)

I certify that I have read and fully understand the 2026-27 CGCC Nursing Program Admissions Packet.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

For Review Only
See Application At
cgcc.edu/nursing-admissions



2026-27 Nursing Program Application

Name _____ CGCC ID# _____
Last First MI

Previous name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

County: _____ How long at current address: _____

Personal Email: _____

Phone number(s): _____
Day Evening

Are you a veteran or a spouse of a veteran? If yes, submit proof of status with the application. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously attended another Nursing or Health Occupations program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ALL colleges or universities attended including CGCC (if applicable):

Name of School	Degree Earned	Credits Completed	Enrolled Winter 2026

Application Fee

The \$50 non-refundable application fee is due within **three business days** after you submit your online application. The fee may take up to one full business day to appear in your Student Portal after submission. Payment can be made online through the MyCGCC Student Portal (<https://my.cgcc.edu>), by phone (Student Services at 541-506-6011, option 2), or in person at the Student Services office.

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CGCC Nursing Program Course Planning Sheet

Prerequisite/Pre-Program Courses	Courses Completed				
Sciences	College	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
BI 231: Anatomy & Physiology I (within 7 years)					
BI 232: Anatomy & Physiology II (within 7 years)					
BI 233: Anatomy & Physiology III (within 7 years)					
BI 234: Microbiology (within 7 years)					
BI 211: Principles of Biology*					
Intermediate Algebra: 0-5 credits	College	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
MTH 95 or MTH 111Z or higher (within 7 years) or a current placement test score of MTH 111Z or higher.					
English Composition: 8 credits	College	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
WR 121Z: Composition I					
WR 122Z: Composition II or WR 227Z: Technical Writing					
Nutrition: 4 credits	College	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
FN 225 Nutrition					
Psychology: 6-8 credits	College	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
PSY 201Z: General Psychology					
PSY 215: Human Development Psychology					
Coursework for Points Only – not included in GPA calculation					
MP 111: Medical Terminology					
General Education: Humanities, Social Science: Additional lower division collegiate credits may be needed to reach the required 45 prerequisite credits. These courses are not included in the pre-program GPA calculation or in the 28 credits required at the time of application submission. General education prerequisite electives must include at least 6 credits in Social Science.					
Electives	College	Course	Term/Year	Grade	Credits
Social Science elective					
Social Science elective (if needed)					
Other electives (from arts, humanities, social sciences, math, science, etc. if needed.)					
Other prerequisite GE elective (if needed)					
Other prerequisite GE elective (if needed)					
A minimum of 28 of the 45 credits must be completed, including BI 231 & MTH 95 (both within 7 years), by the end of Fall term prior to the application deadline. For the best point consideration, students should complete all 45 prerequisites by the end of Fall term prior to the application deadline. See the Point Distribution Sheet on page 5 of this guide for more details.			Total Prerequisite credits completed:		

**Note: BI 211 (or BI 112) is a prerequisite for BI 231 & BI 234 at CGCC and contains a required genetic component for OHSU program.*

CGCC Nursing Program Declaration of Residency Instructions

For permanent residents of Oregon and Washington who live within the CGCC service district.

In order to establish residency preference, Nursing Program applicants must have maintained permanent residence in Oregon or Washington. A resident is defined as someone who lived in Oregon or Washington for **90 continuous days** immediately prior to the application date. Permanent residence is defined as the home a person intends to return to after any absence, and in which one's dependents reside for an unlimited period of time.

Who:

- Applicants who reside in Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, or Wheeler counties in Oregon and Klickitat or Skamania counties in Washington
- Out-of-district residents who have completed 30 credits or more at CGCC including prerequisite courses and other supporting coursework.

Complete the residency information below and provide documents from **Category 1 AND Category 2** to prove your residency status. ALL documents must be dated and must contain your name and permanent address establishing your permanent residence for three consecutive months prior to submission of the nursing application. The address on these documents must agree with the permanent address on your application form or the previous addresses you list on the Declaration of Residency form. **If you have a PO Box and/or rent from parents or another individual, you must get the documentation notarized.**

Category 1: Pick one document type from the list below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide three copies of the document – one for each of the three months prior to the date you apply.• Example: If you apply in March, you must provide copies of the document for December, January, and February.	Category 2 One copy of any of the documents listed below for a total of one document in this category. Documents must list current physical address.
Rent or mortgage receipts with your resident address and date of occupancy. Handwritten rental receipts must be notarized. Rental agreements are not acceptable.	Oregon or Washington driver's license, DMV or Government-issued photo ID card (non-expired) with current resident address
Utility statements (water, power, home phone, cell phone) showing the resident address.	Oregon or Washington Vehicle Registration with your resident address
Local bank account statements showing resident address	Oregon or Washington Voter Registration
Credit card statements showing resident address	Valid Oregon or Washington Hunting/Fishing license
Documents proving you own Oregon or Washington property and that this property is your primary residence	

Note: If you are under age 20 and residing with a parent/guardian and unable to provide the required documentation from Category 1, you may submit an official high school transcript from any high school within the following counties: Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, or Wheeler counties in Oregon and Klickitat or Skamania counties in Washington.

CGCC Nursing Program Declaration of Residency

Please refer to Declaration of Residency instructions on previous page

****Please fill out this form if one of the following applies to you****

☐ Resident: I am a resident of one of the following counties: Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, or Wheeler county in Oregon and Klickitat or Skamania counties in Washington

☐ Out-of-District: I am an out-of-district resident who has completed 30 credits or more at CGCC including prerequisite courses and other supporting coursework.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please list all the addresses where you have lived in the three months before the application date.

Street City State Zip

Street City State Zip

List the types of documents you are submitting for **each** category to verify your permanent address. **Documents must be provided for both Categories 1 and 2.**

Category 1: _____
1 copy for each month ☐ Month 1 ☐ Month 2 ☐ Month 3

Category 2: _____
1 copy

I certify by my signature that the above information is a true and accurate statement of my residency.

Signature _____ Date _____