

## APPLYING TO THE ACCELERATED BACHELORS TO DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) PROGRAM:

The School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Bachelors to PhD program. This accelerated option allows students to pre-identify their research interest and enroll seamlessly into the PhD graduate courses directly after completing the undergraduate nursing degree. This pathway is a great option for applicants who are interested in research and seeking an advanced degree. This option is only available on the Portland campus and additional application items are required.

**Accelerated Bachelor Program (ABS):** In order to meet the growing demand for nursing education for people who have or will have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field, OHSU School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Bachelors of Science with a major in nursing degree program. The ABS portion of the program is designed to allow those students who currently have or will have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a major other than nursing to take the nursing courses required to get the B.S. with a major in nursing. This generalist nursing program is five quarters of full-time nursing coursework starting summer term and is only offered on the Portland campus for this program. This program will prepare the graduate for R.N. licensure and to transition seamlessly into the graduate coursework for one of the specialties listed below.

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

#### A Research-Focused Doctoral Degree

The OHSU School of Nursing offers an innovative mentored education program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree. The recently redesigned curriculum emphasizes seminar courses focused on individual learning to nurture students in their progression from novice to scholar.

Students usually complete PhD courses in 2 years. Although part-time study can be arranged, it is not recommended. In the first year, key courses in nursing knowledge and science are designed to be integrated, to develop scholarly thinking, and to develop each student's research focus. At the end of year 1, each student writes an integrative literature review in a focused research area. During the second year, each student acquires in-depth knowledge in either qualitative or quantitative methodology and engages in a year-long individualized mentored experience with a faculty research team. At the conclusion of year 2, students are ready to write a research proposal under the guidance of a mentor, usually the dissertation chair. Students then conduct an independent, but mentored, research study, write a dissertation, and earn the PhD degree. Two options are available for the dissertation: a traditional format or a manuscript-based integrated dissertation.

PhD coursework and mentored research opportunities are designed to provide a solid foundation in nursing science, methodology, and scholarship while focusing on the development of each student's individual abilities and research interests. Benchmarks for success in the program are as follows: 1) an integrative literature review (year 1) and 2) a research proposal (year 2)—are intended to help students learn the real-world skills they will need as future scientists, faculty members, and nursing leaders. The PhD program offers a post-baccalaureate option for those with a bachelor's degree in nursing as well as a post-master's option for those with a master's

degree in nursing. Students who enter the PhD program with a bachelor's degree must take an additional 12 credits of elective courses related to their research, usually during the third year.

## Admission Factors

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Research interest and faculty match. Start your search here. Open link below.  
<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/research/faculty-research.cfm>
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (professor, supervisor, co-worker)
- Sample of Scholarly work
- Essay responses
- Interview (for select applicants)
- TOEFL with a score of 83 or higher (for international applicants), ILTS scores will not be accepted

## Admission Requirements & Eligibility

The following are the requirements for admission into the Accelerated Bachelors to Doctor of Philosophy programs.

### In order to apply all applicants must have:

- A bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. Degree can be in progress during application cycle with degree completion prior to program start. *Individuals with an Associate's Degree in Nursing or Bachelor's Degree in Nursing are not eligible to apply for this program.*
- Completion of one term of Anatomy & Physiology by the end of fall 2018 term.

## Prerequisite Coursework

The following courses are required to be completed from a regionally accredited college or university with a "B-" or better in each course prior to matriculation. If courses have been retaken, we will use the most recent grade.

**Human Anatomy & Physiology\*** - A full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems. This sequence must be taken in its entirety. *At least one term of Anatomy and Physiology must be complete at the time of submitting the application by fall 2018 term.* A&P can only be retaken once within the last 7 years. If you have taken an A&P course more than twice, we will use your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Nutrition\***- Class should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients and the relationship of diet to health.

**Human Development** - The developmental process of human life covering the *full life span* (birth to death). Courses that cover only a part of the life span will not be accepted.

**Microbiology with lab\*** - Basic Microbiology with laboratory component.

**Intro to Human Genetics\*** - Any human biology course that includes a *human* genetics component and indicates this inclusion in the college catalog course description. This requirement cannot be met through the microbiology or anatomy and physiology courses.

**Statistics** Course needs to include both descriptive and inferential components. If there is a choice between one type and another, then take the descriptive. It is not necessary to take two courses in order to get inferential statistics. Statistics may be taken in any department (e.g. Math, Psychology, Business, etc.)

\* All science prerequisites must be taken within the last seven years which includes: Anatomy & Physiology series, Nutrition, Microbiology, Genetics and statistics.

## HOW TO APPLY TO THE ACCELERATED BACHELORS TO PHD PROGRAM:

**Step 1:** Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at [www.ohsu.edu/son](http://www.ohsu.edu/son) in the tab “Admissions & Prospective Students,” then select “**Applying**.” This Applying page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

**Step 2:** The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service for Nursing CAS. You must set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

**Step 3:** Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- ✓ **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s).  
*Mail transcripts to:* NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471 \***OHSU will not accept applicant transcripts- in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by Nursing CAS.**
- ✓ **Manually enter every college course** into your NursingCAS account.
- ✓ **Connect with Faculty for your research match** via email before the application deadline. Visit our [Faculty Research](#) page online.
- ✓ **3 Letters of Recommendation** submitted via NursingCAS.
- ✓ **Sample of scholarly work** – upload in document upload section
- ✓ **Essay responses** - essay prompts available in the Nursing CAS application.
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – upload in document upload section.



**Step 4:** Once the above steps have been completed in your NursingCAS application, you must submit your application via NursingCAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with the NursingCAS office to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts.

**Nursing CAS Support:** 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am -7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the NursingCAS system.

### **Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy**

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Laura Stadum, Title IX Coordinator, 503-494-0258, [titleix@ohsu.edu](mailto:titleix@ohsu.edu)