



Umpqua Community College Registered Nursing Program Application 2019-2021



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. How do I get an application and when do I apply?** Applications are available at UCC's web site, www.umpqua.edu. Applications are accepted from early December (2018) through mid-February (2019) – See box with important dates. The applications must be postmarked by the application deadline or received by 5 p.m. at the UCC Nursing office. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 2. When does UCC accept students into the program?** Entrance is fall term. Letters of acceptance are sent around end of April or early May.
- 3. How do I get accepted to the UCC nursing program?** Please refer to the Admissions Point System for more information.
- 4. Is there a waiting List?** Qualified student should have all background check, CPR and titers/immunizations completed in case the student receives a call to offer them a position in the program. Spaces may become available one month after the initial acceptance/decline letters go out. Please do not call the Nursing Department regarding where you sit on the wait list. You will not be informed of where you "stand" on the wait list.
- 4. What are my chances of being accepted into the program once I've completed the minimum requirements?** Because admission is competitive and based on a point scale, it is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework as that is where a bulk of the admission points is awarded. Please refer to the Admissions Point System for a breakdown of how applicants are assessed.
- 5. What if I'm not accepted into the program when I apply?** Students not admitted to the program must reapply the following year to be reconsidered for admission. Previous application materials including transcripts will not be forwarded or duplicated for a new application.
- 6. If there is a nursing shortage, why doesn't UCC admit more applicants?** Currently we are also in a nursing faculty and clinical site shortage. There are many nursing schools in the state of Oregon and limited clinical sites. UCC is exploring ways to expand its programs to educate more nurses. Our policy is to admit students based upon our funding and resources.
- 7. What kind of time commitment can I expect the program to involve?** The nursing program demands a great deal of time. In addition to classroom time, students will spend an average of 10-12 hours per week in the nursing skills and simulation center and at clinical practice sites (in hospitals, long-term care, and community health settings). It is anticipated that students will require 3 hours of study/coursework per credit hour (ex: 12 hours of study/course work for a 4 credit course). Clinical hours are scheduled during times that nurses typically work which could be morning, evening, or swing shift. As you can imagine, this schedule requires a lot of flexibility by you, your family, your employer, and your childcare provider.
- 8. Can I work when I am enrolled in the nursing program?** The nursing program is an intense program with classes and clinical placements. Students may find working even part time difficult. For many students, employment while attending school is necessary. Jobs with flexible schedules are desirable in these circumstances. Students must adjust work hours to accommodate their school schedule.
- 9. Can students complete the program part time or is it offered on-line?**
The nursing program is a full-time program of study. UCC's nursing courses are not offered online due to the required clinical and lab hours. However, all nursing courses are enhanced with a Learning Management System (CANVAS).
- 10. How do I get information about financial aid?** Visit UCC's Financial Aid website, <http://www.umpqua.edu/financial-aid> or call them at 541-440-4602.
- 11. What if I have additional questions?**
Applicants are expected to attend a nursing program information meeting prior to seeking academic advising. Information meetings are held at UCC's main campus. The meetings generally last about an hour and include time for individual questions. Students that need assistance filling out a planning sheet may visit the UCC's Nursing Advisor, Michael Olson, by appointment: michael.olson@umpqua.edu