

What the B.S. degree in nursing does for you:

1. **Extends and deepens your knowledge, skill, and competence in nursing practice.** The additional coursework and guided clinical experiences will extend and deepen your knowledge, skill, and competence in nursing practice. You will become better prepared to succeed in your first nursing position, no less in subsequent ones throughout your career life.
2. **Increases your employment and career opportunities for many more options:** leadership positions; positions in community-based care, and preparation for advanced study leading to nurse practitioner, clinical specialist, nursing faculty member, and/or nurse researcher positions. You will never know how many more doors will open to you professionally if you do not have a BS in Nursing.
 - o **Consider now how many years you intend to work as an RN** Think ahead to the time when you may no longer wish to work shifts, weekends, holidays, the physically rigorous work of acute care. This educational asset can be the difference in receiving employment offers beyond those parameters.
3. **Increases your earning power now, and in the future.** This program allows you to earn a baccalaureate degree while only paying university tuition for only one of the four years.
4. **Provides experiences in leadership and advancing the quality of care** for you to assist patients and families in traditional settings move through healthcare delivery systems more effectively.
5. **Provides in-depth study in new competencies deemed essential for 21st century nursing practice,** including public health and population-focused care, case management, leadership, and engaging in additional clinical experience to further strengthen your transition to practice.

Why continue on in the near future?

1. At the completion of the AAS degree you have already completed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the nursing courses for the Bachelors, and you are well on your way to completing the general education credits required by the State of Oregon for all BS degrees.
2. As you continue now, student loans can be continued through Dual Enrollment, and the loans you created for the first years will continue in deferment and the grace period (with no interest added) will not begin until after completion of the BS.
3. Once away from the routine of taking classes, it becomes more difficult to gear up again. Experience has shown that students are more successful in completing the BS degree if they continue on, rather than taking an extended break in education.
4. If you delay more than 3 years from completion of OCNE AAS, you may well have to take more classes before you begin the Bachelors program as the OCNE curriculum changes. (Entry within 3 years has been guaranteed to be without additional courses)
5. An additional term of immersion practicum will give you an opportunity to increase and focus your skills in your preferred clinical setting and/or population and their specific health care needs.
6. You are automatically admitted to the BS program at OHSU. No additional application is needed. All you need to do is stay in good academic standing and select a pathway that fits your needs.
7. Continuing now will provide you the peer support you have learned to count on as you completed your AAS nursing degree.

Why OHSU?

For the eleventh consecutive year the OHSU School of Nursing has been ranked in the top 10 of nursing schools nationwide by U.S. News and World report and offers state of the art facilities, top faculty researchers, and a variety of course delivery options at 5 campuses throughout Oregon.