Blue Mountain Community College Nursing Program
Selection Points for 2025

Program selection for BMCC's Nursing program is a two-part process. Phase 1 is based on a point system worth up to 70 points, as detailed below. Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the following point system (for all applicable courses completed by the end of fall term 2024 with official transcripts and other requested evidence submitted to BMCC by **February 18, 2025**).

Based on the **70 points**, approximately 35 of the top applicants are selected to participate in the second step of the process. Phase 2 consists of an interview and/or a proctored essay. The interview and/or essay will be worth up to **30 points**. The total points out of 100 will determine up to 24 students and up to 12 alternates selected for BMCC's Nursing program.

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better, with a **cumulative minimum 3.0 GPA on at least 28 credits of prerequisites.** Failure to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA on prerequisite courses through winter, spring, and summer terms 2025 will disqualify students from admission to the program.

Information is subject to change. Visit www.bluecc.edu/academics/programs/nursing

Phase 1 Points

1. Prerequisite GPA: A maximum of **25 points** will be awarded. The applicant must provide official transcript(s) from all previously attended regionally accredited colleges or universities and must have a minimum of 28 prerequisite credits completed (including MTH 95 or higher and BI 231) with a prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher before the February 17 application deadline to be considered eligible. All transcripted courses identified on the nursing graduation guide as prerequisites/preparatory courses completed before February will be calculated in the GPA for assignment of points in the selection/admission process. GPA points will be rounded to hundredths and assigned using the following range table:

> 3.67 – 4.00 = 25 points
> 3.33 – 3.66 = 23 points
> 3.20 – 3.32 = 20 points
> 3.15 – 3.19 = 17 points
> 3.0 – 3.14 = 15 points

2. Local Criteria Academic Metrics Points: A maximum of **15 points** will be awarded for the following:

Completion of Anatomy and Physiology

- 2 points will be awarded if the entire A&P sequence (I, II, and III) is completed by the end of fall term (prior to application deadline) with a grade of B or better.
- 1 point will be awarded if two of the three A&P courses have been completed with a grade of B or better by the end of fall term (prior to application deadline).

Non-repeat of Anatomy and Physiology

- 3 points will be awarded if all three A&P courses are completed and there is no evidence of having repeated any of the prerequisite A&P courses.
- 2 points will be awarded if two A&P courses are completed and there is no evidence of having repeated any of the prerequisite A&P courses.
- 1 point will be awarded if only one course is completed and there is no evidence of having repeated the prerequisite A&P course.

  Note that any transcript showing a withdrawal for any of the anatomy and physiology courses will be considered as repeating anatomy and physiology. Applicants who do not submit transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges or universities previously attended will not receive non-repeat points.

Completion of Microbiology

- 2 points will be awarded if applicant has completed the microbiology course with a grade of B or better by the end of fall term (prior to application deadline).

Completion of Prerequisites

- 1 point will be awarded if applicant has completed all prerequisite courses with passing grades.

Completion of Medical Terminology Course

- 3 points will be awarded if applicant has completed BT 252 Medical Terminology with a grade of B or better by the end of fall term (prior to application deadline).
- 2 points will be awarded if applicant has completed BT 251 Medical Terminology with a grade of B or better by the end of fall term (prior to application deadline).

  NOTE: If both Medical Terminology courses are taken, points will not be combined.

Prior Degree

- 4 points (even if multiple degrees) will be awarded to applicants who provide an official transcript as proof of a prior bachelor's degree or above from a regionally accredited college or university.

3. Local Criteria Experiences and Attributes Points: A maximum of **30 points** will be awarded for the following:

BMCC Prerequisite Credits

- 7 points will be awarded if 24 or more prerequisite credits are completed at BMCC by the end of fall term 2024.
- 6 points will be awarded if 15 to 23 prerequisite credits are completed at BMCC by the end of fall term 2024.

Veteran Status

- 2 points will be awarded to military veterans with proof of honorable discharge (DD-214) or to those actively serving (e.g., National Guard) with appropriate documents attached to application.

Foreign Language

- 4 points will be awarded if the applicant submits an official college/university transcript confirming completion of the second year (or higher) foreign language, besides English, with a grade of C or better.

On the application form, if seeking these points, the applicant must describe what the transcript specialists should be looking for as evidence for the language points.

Volunteerism and Community Service

A maximum of 5 points will be awarded to applicants who provide evidence of volunteering at least 25 hours in a nonprofit organization that directly serves a community (does not just serve to benefit a for-profit company) and where the applicant was supervised (directly or indirectly). Hours must be verified on the document attached to the Nursing Program application. Examples of volunteerism and community service could include serving in a volunteer fire department, volunteering in a hospital, going on a mission trip in the U.S. or other country, or volunteering for a nonprofit organization that provides social services for underserved communities. Travel time cannot be counted as volunteer time. Points will be awarded under the following conditions:

- Volunteer experience must have been completed in the last 5 years (since February 1, 2020).
- Paid experience is not considered "volunteer experience" so would receive no points.
- A relative cannot serve as a supervisor, verify hours or provide the required reference letter.
- Points will be awarded as follows:

- ≥ 75 hours = 5 points
- 25 to 74 hours = 4 points

- Applicant must provide the application form for community service/volunteer to the supervisor or HR at the organization.
- The supervisor or HR must verify dates/hours of service and the name of the applicant's supervisor (and contact information) for the nonprofit community service/volunteer hours.
- The form must include the supervisor's description of the activity and how it serves a nonprofit organization and the larger community.

Work Experience in Healthcare Field

A maximum of 5 points will be awarded to applicants who provide evidence of at least 400 hours of **work experience caring for human patients** since February 1, 2020, with unencumbered licensure or certification:

- Licensed Practical Nurse (per Oregon State Board of Nursing registry or other states' equivalence)
- Certified Nursing Assistant or Certified Medication Aide (per Oregon State Board of Nursing registry or other states' equivalence)
- Paramedic
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Respiratory Therapist
- Medical Assistant (national certification required)
- Armed Services Medic or Corpsman

Points for work experience in the above roles (role must be in a position that requires the certification, licensure or national certification as indicated above) will be awarded as follows:

- ≥ 800 hours = 5 points
- ≥ 400 hours = 4 points

- Applicant must attach an appropriate application form completed by employer, supervisor, HR manager or commanding officer with attestation of role and dates worked.
- Applicant must attach state or national licensure or certification to their application.

NOTE: If you would like other healthcare work experience to be considered, please attach the form completed by employer, supervisor, HR manager or commanding officer and licensure or national certification information to the above-described application form.

Leadership

A maximum of 7 points will be awarded to applicants who provide evidence of leadership, supervisory, or managerial role in paid or unpaid activity or positions in school, community, work, or other organizations in the past 5 years (since February 1, 2020). Applicants cannot receive both volunteerism and leadership points for the same activity or role. To qualify for points, the applicant/leader must have been responsible for guiding/directing no fewer than 3 adults in a group and must describe on the appropriate application form their leadership activity. Points will be awarded as follows:

- ≥ 400 hours = 7 points
- ≥ 200 hours = 6 points

- Application form requires applicant to describe the leadership role and setting and claim the number of hours in that role.
- The applicant must also include the completed portion of the form from someone who worked with them and can attest to their leadership role.