

All applicants for the 2018 Nursing Program must submit answers to the questions below, regardless if you have applied and submitted answers in the past. The score/points received on the below set of questions will be used towards the applicant's total points for the 2018 application process.

At COCC, we're interested in learning more about you: your perspectives, background, challenges, successes. Students will be asked to address their experience in each category keeping in mind how you would contribute to our program.

Oregon State University developed the process we are using, which is based on research by Dr. William Sedlacek (University of Maryland) and his eight non-cognitive variables: Positive Self-Concept, Realistic Self-Appraisal, Successfully Handling the System (racism), Preference for Long-term Goals, Availability of Strong Support Person, Leadership Experience, Community Involvement, and Knowledge Acquired in a Field. Questions will be individually scored by three trained readers from COCC's faculty and staff, both connected to and unrelated to the Nursing program. Questions will be reviewed anonymously, meaning that student names or other identifying information will not be provided to the reader. Students interested in reapplying to the Nursing program will be allowed to see their overall average score, but specific scores by individual readers or for individual questions will not be released.

Short answers are submitted online along with the application and are worth up to 30 points towards the total application. The questions are listed below and applicants are limited to 100 words or less for each answer provided. Please be sure to verify that each of your answers is 100 words or less before submitting each answer into your application.

1. Describe how you have or have not achieved your personal goals over time. What successes or difficulties have you experienced? Do you have a mentor, coach, or someone who has been pivotal in helping you reach your goals?
2. Describe a situation where you feel you were not treated fairly and why. What action(s) did you take at the time and why, has it impacted or changed you, did you turn to anyone for help, what role did that person play, what have you learned?
3. Describe a career plan or goal of yours. Briefly state what it is, has anyone been a significant influence for you and why, and what background and/or steps have you taken to develop or pursue this plan?
4. Describe an example of a significant contribution you made as a team member and/or as a leader. What role did you play, how did you lead or contribute to the goals of the group, influence others, influence the decision(s) made?
5. What have you done to make your community a better place? Describe an example of a project or event you've been involved in, how long you've been involved, and why?