All applicants for the 2017 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 2017 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 a challenging situation you’ve faced. Briefly state the situation, how you responded and why, would you have done anything differently, has it affected or shaped who you are today?

2. Describe an incident or experience where you were able to effect a positive change or outcome for yourself and/or someone else. Briefly describe the incident. How did you respond, what did you learn, did you turn to anyone for help?

3. Describe a time when you faced or witnessed unfair treatment or discrimination. How did you respond or not, what did you learn, did you turn to anyone for help and what role did that person play, what would you now do differently and why?

4. Describe a particular interest of yours and what your involvement has been over time. What knowledge have you gained and how, has it expanded your ability to be creative, open to new ideas and ways of thinking?

5. Describe a group or activity that you have been involved in overtime where you have demonstrated leadership. What is/was your role, responsibilities, how did you influence others, and contribute to the mission, goals of the group or activity?