MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime is where to attend college. I am honored that you are exploring Sumner College as a possible choice to continue your academic journey. Our blueprint for student success is focused on student engagement. We support active participation in an academic environment that challenges critical thinking, provides ‘real world’ career preparation, instills deep rooted morals and strong values, while inspiring the journey of lifelong learning.

Every college has a unique approach to education. Our approach encompasses a sense of community focusing on servant leadership. This unique culture enriches the lives of our students by supporting the philosophy of student engagement that results in the sharing of ideas and respecting other points of view.

Our strongest testament is our graduates, clinical sites, and community partners who consistently acknowledge Sumner College as an excellent choice for those wishing to pursue a career in the nursing field.

We understand you have a number of options available in your pursuit of higher education. If you are seeking an environment that promotes a genuine sense of community focused on student success, I would encourage you to consider Sumner to find out if we are the right choice for you.

Joanna S. Russell

President
Sumner College
Why Sumner College?

Prerequisite coursework is not required
Program is designed to be completed in 24 months
Skills and simulation labs provide hands on practice to prepare you for clinical experiences
Cohort size is limited to 24 students
The College has been accredited since 1978 with a focus on high quality, career focused education
The College schedules all of the courses to assure course requirements can be met in 9 terms
Graduates will be prepared to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse

Program Retention - 98%
Career Placement - 95%
2014 - 2015 CAR Reporting statistics

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The registered nursing program at Sumner College consists of 128.0 credits and 1780 clock hours of instruction. As a member of the healthcare team, registered nursing students receive classroom, laboratory, simulation, clinical, preceptor, and practicum experience at a number of local and regional facilities. Registered nursing students learn to work within the nursing process of assessing, diagnosing, planning, implementing, and evaluating. Registered nursing students learn how to think critically, make accurate healthcare related decisions, provide safe patient care, and become patient advocates.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT
The College utilizes the latest technology and advances to prepare students to serve as nursing professionals in the healthcare industry. Simulation and skills labs offer hands-on learning opportunities that utilize technology-based interactive computerized mannequins; focusing on adult health, pediatrics, maternal and newborn nursing. Students are exposed to evidence-based practice in real-life healthcare situations that encourage student participation and the development of critical thinking in a safe and controlled environment.

“The teachers are there supporting you, they are interested in your success and that makes a huge difference in motivation.” - Kristen W. Sumner Graduate
ASSOCIATES OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Our Registered Nursing program at Sumner College is a two year associate degree program designed to develop nurses who utilize evidence for practice decisions in a variety of healthcare settings, while providing them the knowledge of issues shaping nursing and today’s healthcare workforce. Field experiences include community based maternity homes, long term care, mental health facilities, medical clinics, and critical access hospitals.

Our registered nursing program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), authorized by the Office of Degree Authorization (ODA), and accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent College and Schools (ACICS).

Promoting Excellence in Nursing

We strive to create a safe and secure learning environment that fosters the development of ethical, competent, and caring nurses that will shape and lead our future nursing workforce.

It is our responsibility to provide our students with the knowledge, skills, and ability needed to become successful in their chosen field. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Individuals applying for the Registered Nursing program must meet the following requirements to be considered for admittance. Applications may be hand delivered or submitted via email, or mail; faxed applications will not be accepted. Submission of an application does not guarantee admission into the program. Previous enrollment in a program at Sumner College does not guarantee admission into the program. Work experience in the medical field is not required to be considered for acceptance into the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma or GED

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have either a:

a) High School Diploma; or

b) GED or equivalent issued from a state authority

Essays

The Registered Nursing program is a full time commitment that demands an extensive amount of time for classroom instruction, skills lab, clinical experiences, assignments, and homework. Attendance is mandatory for all parts of the program. Being late or absent is considered unprofessional behavior. The nursing program is guided by ethical and professional principles.

The purpose of essay questions is to determine an applicant’s understanding of and dedication to the nursing profession, as well as commitment and motivation toward learning.

Essays are evaluated and points are awarded on a scale of 0-4.

Instructions:

- Place name at the top of each essay;
- Essays should be typed, double-spaced, in 12 pt. Times New Roman font;
- Title each essay with the question;
- Begin each essay on a separate page;
- Essays must be a minimum of one page;

Essay Questions:

1. Why are you pursuing a career as a nurse?
2. Explain in detail how you will commit to the demands and responsibilities of a nursing program;
3. When reflecting on your academic and professional work experience, explain how this will benefit you in the field of nursing;
TEAS Exam
Applicants must submit a Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam request form prior to taking the exam. There is a $75.00 non-refundable testing fee due at the time you reserve your testing date. Applicants must obtain an overall score of 63% or higher on the TEAS to be considered for admittance into the program. Applicants must provide a form of Government ID (ex: driver’s license) to sit for the TEAS exam.

A TEAS Study Manual can be purchased through the college for $58.00; a $7.00 additional fee is charged if the manual is mailed to an applicant.

The exam is a multiple choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants. The college strongly recommends applicants purchase a study manual and commit to a minimum of three weeks to prepare for the test.

Points are awarded as a result of the overall TEAS score based on the following rubric:
1. Overall score of 63% - 66% - 1
2. Overall score of 67% - 70% - 2
3. Overall score of 71% - 74% - 3
4. Overall score of 75% - 78% - 4
5. Overall score of 79% - 82% - 5
6. Overall score above 83% - 6

If an applicant’s overall score is 62.9% or lower, the applicant can retake the test after 14 days. After the second attempt, the applicant must wait 12 months before being allowed to retake the test. A testing fee is charged for each attempt.

Letters of Recommendation
Applicants must submit a minimum of one letter of recommendation. The college strongly recommends that the letter is submitted on professional letterhead and includes contact information. Acceptable letters of recommendation may include current or previous supervisors, hiring managers, or academic instructors. Please contact the admissions department with additional questions.

Application
Applications can be submitted to the front desk at the Cascade Station campus, via email, or standard mail.

Mail:  
Sumner College  
Attn: RN Application  
8338 NE Alderwood Road Ste.100  
Portland, OR 97220

Email:  
RNadmissions@sumnercollege.edu
Information Session
All applicants are required to attend a mandatory information session. This session focuses on admissions and program requirements, curriculum and credit hours, class schedules, clinical experiences and travel required for these experiences, and NCLEX preparation. This session concludes with an open forum Q&A session.

Selection Process
If an applicant achieves an overall score of 55% or higher on the TEAS exam, 1-6 points are awarded based on the overall test percentage. Essays are reviewed and evaluated for all applicants who receive a minimum of 1 point on their exam. Evaluated essays are awarded 0-4 points. Applicants who are selected to continue in the process are required to complete a panel interview.

Panel Interview
A panel interview is conducted by a panel of administrators employed at the college and in the community, as well as the Director of Education and the College President. Applicants considered for this interview will receive additional information prior to the interview. Applicants are awarded 0-5 points based on the panel interview.

Final Selection
Applicants who complete the panel interview will be eligible for the maximum award of 15 points which are based on the TEAS exam, essays, and the panel interview. Students with the highest points awarded will be accepted into the program. Students will be required to attend a mandatory orientation and a professional development seminar prior to the start of the program.

PROGRAM POLICIES
Health Forms
All Students are screened for immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Tuberculosis in accordance with Sumner College policies. All students are required to submit proof of immunization for the following, prior to their initial clinical practice site visit: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, and Tuberculosis; Tetanus-Dephtheria-Pertussis Toxoid (within the last 10 years), and Hepatitis B or titer. The Hepatitis B series must be started by the stated deadline, and can be completed during the first term of the program.

Students must possess certain abilities and skills necessary to provide and maintain safe and effective care. Students must be able to perform the physical requirements necessary for the Registered Nursing Program. An immunization form must be completed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and be submitted before the beginning of the program.

Drug Screening
A drug screen is required for admittance into the Registered Nursing Program. Any evidence of drug use or a positive drug screen may result in an automatic dismissal from the program. The drug screen must be completed prior to the start of clinical. This date is determined by the college. Random drug screens may be conducted during the 9 terms of the program.

Criminal Background
All students enrolled in the registered nursing program will be required to complete a criminal background check. The criminal background check gives permission for an agency to access all criminal case data including conviction, non-conviction, and pending data. Depending on the contents of the student’s criminal record, participation in clinical or field placement may be denied. In addition, a sex offender check may be required.

Failure to complete or participate in any required agency screening will result in the registered nursing student not being placed at that agency, which may lead to possible dismissal from the program.
Transfer Credits

Students wishing to transfer credits must complete the Sumner College Transfer Credit Request Form included in college application. Submission of this form does not guarantee approval of transfer credit. Official transcripts must be received by Sumner College for evaluation.

Students wishing to transfer credits from an accredited institution will be required to provide an official, sealed transcript that must be sent directly to Sumner College from institutions attended. When considering transfer credit, institutions must be recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Sumner College may request a college catalog or additional course information when evaluating coursework from other institutions. If these items are requested, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain this information. All transfer credit must comply with residency and curriculum requirements.

Maximum transfer credit for all applicants wishing to transfer previous coursework is 25%. Final determination is the decision of Sumner College.

Transfer credit will be evaluated by the Director of Education and submitted to the Registrar. The transferability of a course depends upon many factors, including but not limited to the scope of the course and content, date in which the course was completed, credit hours, and accreditation. If an applicant is accepted into the program and wishes to transfer credit, an official transcript must be received within 30 days of the start of their first term of study.

If an official transcript is not received by the college within 30 days from the start date of the program, the student will not be awarded transfer credit.

Students should be aware actual degree requirements vary from institution. Transferability of credit is always the decision of the school in which you wish to transfer, and is never within the control of the credit granting institution.

Retention

The College has established articulation agreements with a number of schools to support the transferability of credits from Sumner College to other institutions.

**Articulation Agreements:**
- American Sentinel University
- Western Governors University
- Chamberlain College
- Provo College
- Keiser University
- Walden University

**Additional Articulated Course by Course Agreements:**
- Walla Walla University
- University of Portland

**Letter of Understanding:**
- Linfield College
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Resources To Start Your Academic Journey...

**Academic Services:**
- LIRN Online Library
- Skills Lab Remediation
- Nursing Club
- NCLEX Prep Package
- Sumner College Grant Program
- Course Audits
- Academic Student Drive
- Study Groups
- **Refresher Courses**
- **Mentoring Program**
- **Tutoring Options**

**Student Services:**
- Part-Time Job Assistance
- Campus Events
- **Relocation Housing Connections**
- Student Appreciation Days
- **Carpool Options**
- **Student Recognition Programs**

**Career Services:**
- On Campus Hiring Events
- Assistance with Career Placement
- **Resume Workshops**
- Employer Connections
- **Networking Opportunities**
- Guest Speakers
We understand that deciding to further your education and start a new career can be both an overwhelming and exciting time. Here is some information about graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the programs and other important information that you should know and will help you make an informed decision when you decide to enroll in a particular program of study.

The Tuition amount referenced above is the cost for students who complete all 128.0 credits at Sumner College that are required for graduation. If a student is transferring credit (please see transfer credit policy) the tuition amount may be less than indicated above. Books, Supplies and Lab fees include all items required for graduation, including: the Comprehensive Assessment and Review Program (CARP), scrubs, lab supplies, textbooks, study guides, computer lab fees, library and online resources, drug screening, background checks, and administrative clinical paperwork.

Students who are accepted into the program will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding required travel to and from clinical sites. First and second year clinical experiences are offered in the Portland area, as well as outside of the Portland metro area.

RNadmissions@sumnercollege.edu
MISSION STATEMENT

Sumner College strives to provide quality education and instruction to all students. We feel it is our responsibility to provide our graduates with the knowledge, skills and ability needed to become competitive and successful in their chosen field. We are dedicated to promoting intellectual growth and development for all of our students in a safe and secure learning environment.