

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

ODEGAARD SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING STUDENTS



Financial Report

Jan 1st 2023- Jan 18th 2026
9 Nursing Students

Tuition (tuition, fees, textbooks)
Total: \$74,490.00

Stipend (living expenses)
Total: \$246,086.00

Other - NCLEX study prep,
Tutors, and Resume Writing
Total: \$6,186.00

TOTAL to date: \$326,763.00

Clackamas Community College partnership with the Odegaard scholarship started in 2023 with the first cohort of Nursing students.

Image: cohort 1 graduation 2025



Odegaard Scholarship Mission: Improve the health and healthcare experiences of Oregonians by developing a professional nursing workforce that mirrors the ethnic composition of the individuals and communities being served.

Odeggaard Scholarship – Nursing Student Recipients

Cohort 1: 2023-2025



Viviana Zurita Daniel Peraza Garzon Tania Mendoza

Cohort 2: 2024-2026



Elza Hart LaShonda Bradley Candace Pugh

Cohort 3: 2025-2027



Maryana Lazurko Kalsang Choedhan Ellie Cao

Cohort 4: TBA

Fund Raising Events and Support

Local and state leaders support efforts to diversify Nursing education and public health



Nursing Team 2025 Full-time Faculty



Kristen Richards, RN, MSN

With over 16 years of experience in nursing, she has a solid background in trauma and intermediate care nursing, as well as a passion for nursing education and professional development as well as the care of traumatic brain injuries.



Christina Burt, RN, BSN, MSN

She spent the majority of her 16 year bedside nursing career in the birth center of a local hospital which included Labor and Delivery, Post-Birth and NICU. She loves everything about birth and enjoys teaching these topics



Tami Vanderwerf, RN-CPN

She earned her BSN while raising her 3 teenage children, and graduated Cum Laude from University of Portland in 2008. Tami's worked in the nursing specialty field of pediatric surgery, and is a certified Pediatric Nurse.



Amy Drouin, RN, MSN, CCRN

She worked for 14 years in acute care bedside nursing, including 4 years medical-surgical nursing, 4 years critical care nursing, and 6 years in interventional radiology nursing, all at Providence Portland Medical Center.



Christina Leese, RN, BS, MN

A nurse for twenty years, she has practiced primarily in cardiac nursing with 8 years at the bedside in the intermediate care unit and 10 years as a heart transplant coordinator.



Kim Kabat, RN, BSN, MSN in progress

She worked as an inpatient psychiatric nurse and also became a certified SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner) in Oregon. In addition to bedside nursing she became an adjunct clinical instructor at Clark College in 2021 during student's mental health rotation.

Advisory Board

Interested in participating in the Nursing Program Advisory Committee?
Contact: healthsciences@clackamas.edu

Accreditation information

The Nursing Associate of Applied Science program at Clackamas Community College is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
<https://www.acenursing.org/>

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