



**An innovative nursing education system promoting compassionate, quality health care for all**

## Student Profiles

### Maricela Kelly

Maricela will graduate from Oregon Health and Science University's Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) program at Blue Mountain Community College this summer. She completed her Associate Degree in Nursing (AND) in June of 2016, then obtained her Registered Nurse licensure. OCNE allowed Maricela to pursue a practical placement in her home community – a project focused on hypertension at Umatilla County Community Corrections. Maricela, the mother of three, has appreciated the ability to obtain a BSN in her home community, where she has a strong extended family support network.

Maricela is a first generation college graduate and will be the first in her family to receive a Bachelor's degree. Maricela was inspired to become a nurse after delivering premature twins 11 weeks early and spending nearly two months in a neonatal intensive care unit.



Maricela will remain in Eastern Oregon after completing her degree and will work locally to provide quality and competent care to the Eastern Oregon community.

- Blue Mountain Community College
- Clackamas Community College
- Clatsop Community College
- Columbia Gorge Community College
- Lane Community College
- Mt. Hood Community College
- OHSU School of Nursing Ashland Campus
- OHSU School of Nursing Klamath Falls Campus
- OHSU School of Nursing La Grande Campus
- OHSU School of Nursing Monmouth Campus
- OHSU School of Nursing Portland Campus
- Portland Community College
- Rogue Valley Community College
- Southwestern Oregon Community College
- Treasure Valley Community College

### Jocelene Thomas

In 2014, Jocelene completed her ADN at Clatsop Community College in Astoria. She is a Medical-Surgical RN employed at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton while also taking upper division classes to complete her BSN through OCNE.

Jocelene is originally from Haiti, and plans to pursue a career in Emergency Medicine after obtaining her BSN.

