

How to Complete Your Application File for Graduate Studies at OSU in Nuclear Engineering & Radiation Health Physics

1. Fill out the **OSU application** online. This application includes a section for your personal statement, which should include the following:
 - a. Your educational/professional background related to your desired area of study;
 - b. Your specific areas of interest (e.g. ecology, thermal hydraulics, detection, etc);
 - c. Any related research/projects you've worked on (academically or professionally);
 - d. Any software you are familiar with related to the program (e.g. MatLab, MCNP, operating a reactor/detector (what type?), licenses held, etc); and
 - e. Anything else you would like the admissions committee to know.

NOTE: Medical Physics and Radiation Health Physics are two different programs and the titles should not be used interchangeably because that may lead to confusion as to which degree you intend to pursue.

2. Submit the **application fee** online (credit card required). This is the last step to #1.
3. Submit the **department application** (for the **3 letters of recommendation**). You will receive a link to this application after completing #2.
 - a. In this application, list the e-mail addresses of your three references (professional and/or academic).
 - b. Ask your references to type their recommendation letter in Word before filling out the recommendation form. The link to the form will be sent to them via e-mail after you submit #3. When filling out the form, your reference can copy and paste their letter from Word into the electronic form instead of creating a letter on the spot.
 - c. As soon as your reference submits the form, your letter is automatically received by the department. There's no need for letterhead paper, signatures, or the postal service. And you can check the status of your letters online at anytime.
4. Send ONE **official transcript** from each school to the OSU Graduate School.
5. Take the **GRE General Exam** and have your scores sent to the OSU Graduate School. The code for OSU is 4586. The GRE scores must be less than 5 years old at the time you start the program. If the scores have expired, then you will need to retake the exam. **The GRE is required of every applicant** despite educational or professional background, degree interest, or campus location (on-campus or online).
6. Take the **TOEFL** or IELTS exam (if applicable, i.e., INTERNATIONAL applicants) and have scores sent to the OSU Graduate School. The code for OSU is 4586 (same as GRE). Scores must be less than 2 years old at the time you begin the program.
7. Fulfill any other requirements of the university if you are a non US citizen / international applicant. For more details, visit the Admissions website at <http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/international/requirements.html>