Admission FAQ

1. Should I take a class to meet the admission requirements? I did not take some of the courses mentioned in the admission requirements. For example, do I need to take Communication?

Please review the admission requirements. 
http://eecs.oregonstate.edu/online-cs-students/future-students/admission-process

We require your transcripts to represent the Bachelor degree requirements from Oregon State University, such as math, communication, writing, science, diversity requirements in your prior degree. Since this is not a first-time undergraduate degree, we expect students to meet these minimum requirements in the prior degree. We urge students not to take specific course/courses just to seek admission into the program. Please note that admission to the program is based on a comprehensive review of application that goes beyond minimum admission requirements.

Please use this checklist to verify your admissibility. Please keep in mind that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission since we have a highly competitive pool of applicants that exceed the admission requirements.

1. **Four-year Bachelor's Degree**
   - Yes
   - No

2. **Minimum accumulated GPA of 2.75 in your undergraduate degree**
   - Yes
   - No

3. **Personal statement of 150 to 200 words describing how your past academic performance meets the admission requirements, current occupation, and your motivation for pursuing the computer science degree.**
   - Yes
   - No

4. **Math Requirements: Did you complete one or more of these courses in your undergraduate or graduate degree?**
   - College Algebra with a B or above.
   - Pre-Calculus with B or above.
   - Calculus courses with a C or above.
   - AP Calculus with a minimum test score of 3 or above and visible on the transcripts.

5. **Writing Requirements for Domestic Applicants: Did you complete a writing course in your undergraduate degree? Examples of writing courses: AP/IB Credits, English Composition, Writing in Business, Writing for the Media, etc.**
   - Yes
   - No

6. **Communication Requirements for Domestic Applicants: Did you complete one of the following requirements?**
   - Public Speaking: Public communication as it relates to informative and persuasive discourse.
   - Argument and Critical Discourse that includes the examination of argumentation as a part of human interaction and investigation.
   - I took courses that could potentially count toward meeting the communication requirement. I will include this information in my personal statement.

7. **International students, US Citizens and Permanent Residents, with degrees that did not require English as the medium of instruction: Have you completed TOEFL with a passing score?**
   - Yes
   - No
2. I would like to get information about Math, English, and Communication classes to check if the courses I took are equivalent. Where I can find this information?

Please use Oregon State University (OSU) Transfer Course Search to search for an equivalent course.

3. I am currently pursuing a Bachelors’ degree and will be graduating soon. I would like to apply for admission for the next term.

Students are required to complete the degree first and have the degree completion notification articulated on their transcript before submitting their application.

Please use the information on the admissions process and deadlines and apply for a term that will ensure that your degree completion record is available on the transcripts.

4. On the application form it indicates that I have successfully applied for Pre-Computer Science. Is this the correct program name for seeking the professional computer science degree?

Yes, students are admitted to the pre-CS program first. Once they complete the lower division courses with a C or better, they will be directed to take the upper division, pro-CS courses.

5. Is the program accredited?

Accreditation occurs at several levels:

University Accreditation:
Please note, “Oregon State University has been continuously accredited since 1924 and is currently accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), one of six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.”- retrieved from http://oregonstate.edu/admin/aa/apaa/accreditation/nwccu-institutional-accreditation

ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology) Accreditation:
ABET accreditation requires science and math courses in the curriculum. This program has 60 credits of CS courses only at this time. This curriculum addresses the academic needs of students applying for jobs and graduate programs in computer science.

We have graduates who are pursuing graduate programs at prestigious universities and many of them are employed in several capacities as software engineers, web developers, systems engineers, etc. It is evident from their success that ABET accreditation has little impact on student success in graduate program admissions or employment. http://eecs.oregonstate.edu/online-cs-students/future-students/graduate-success

USPTO Accreditation Requirements:

If you plan to take patent attorney exam, please review the information on this webpage: http://eecs.oregonstate.edu/online-cs-students/patent-law-options

If you have further questions, please talk to the program coordinator, Padma Akkaraju in the School of EECS.