

BECOME A
MARYLAND

NURSE

**Bachelor of Science
in Nursing**

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UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Top-Tier Students.

At the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON), you'll graduate ready to enter the nursing workforce and prepared to make an impact on patient care.

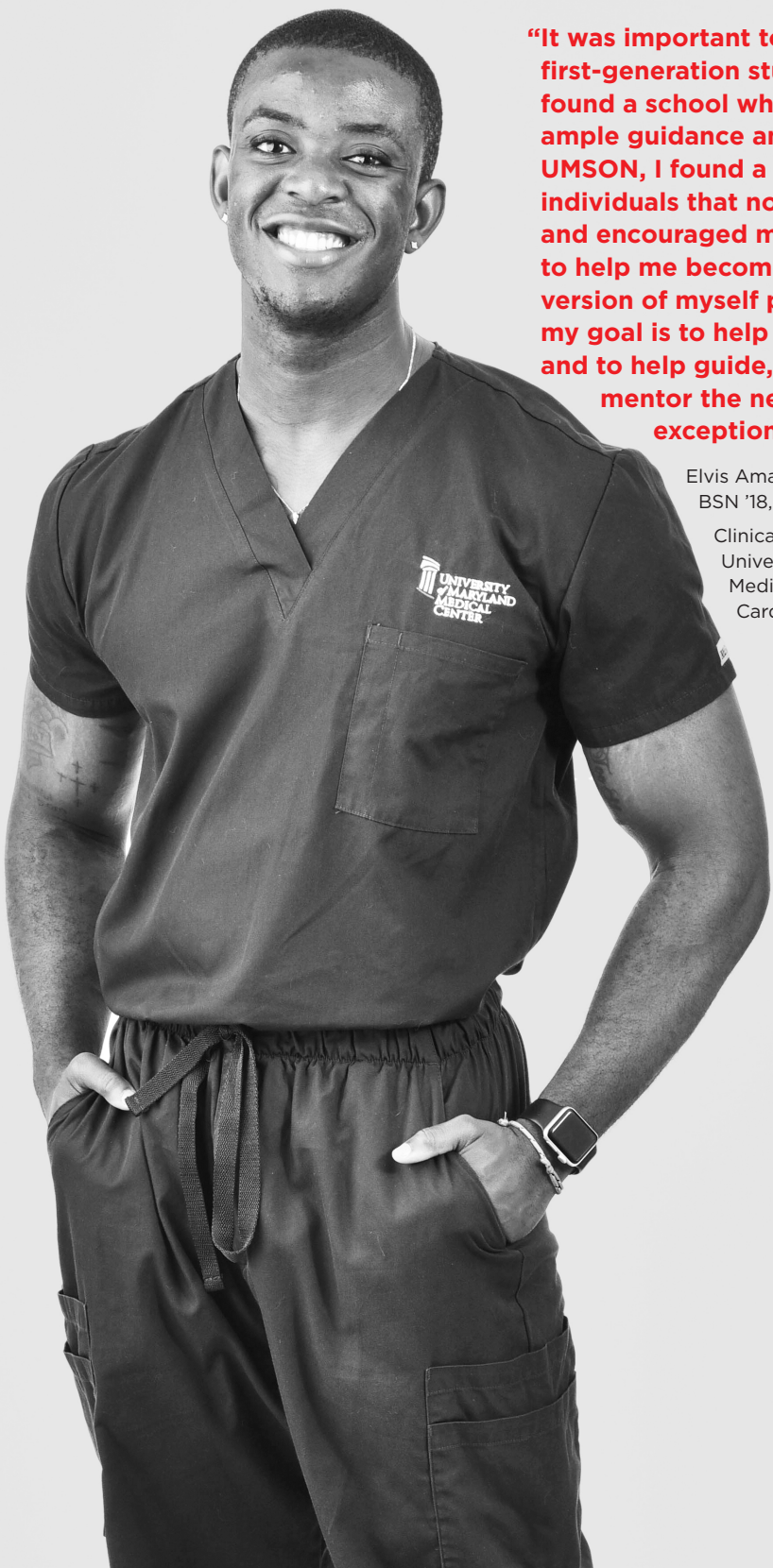
We develop leaders who:

- solve complex, persistent, and significant health problems
- are armed with crucial clinical, critical thinking, and discovery skills
- understand how to deliver care that meets the social, cultural, and language needs of patients
- work across a broad spectrum of health care settings, including hospitals, primary care, schools, community clinics, and more.

Top-Tier School.

As an UMSON student, you'll be part of a diverse community, learning from experienced faculty and clinical instructors in the classroom, in our simulation labs, and across multiple clinical sites. In these environments, nursing isn't simply learned; here, knowledge is created and shared, and compassion and empathy are amplified. A passion for discovery permeates every corner of both UMSON locations — at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) in Rockville, Maryland — driving exploration and fueling the use of evidence throughout your nursing practice.

If you're committed to improving health outcomes for individuals and their communities, **Become a Maryland Nurse** and distinguish yourself as a top-tier practitioner who can have an immediate and lasting impact.



“It was important to me, as a first-generation student, that I found a school where there was ample guidance and support. At UMSON, I found a home full of individuals that not only guided and encouraged me but sought to help me become the best version of myself possible. Now, my goal is to help pay it forward and to help guide, develop, and mentor the next group of exceptional nurses.”

Elvis Amardi-Frimpong,
BSN '18, RN

Clinical Nurse I,
University of Maryland
Medical Center,
Cardiac Surgery ICU

Why Choose Nursing?

Are you compassionate and understanding? Calm under stress? A problem-solver, or maybe a bit of a detective? In nursing, you can apply your best skills, abilities, and interests in one of the most ethical, valued, and trusted professions. (For nearly 20 years running, nursing has been ranked *the* most trusted profession, according to the annual Gallup poll on honesty and ethics.)

There's never been a better time to **Become a Maryland Nurse**, as Maryland is one of four states predicted to have a shortage of 10,000 registered nurses or more by 2025. Surrounded by excellent health care organizations, you'll have endless opportunities to make a difference immediately upon graduation; in fact, 91% of our Bachelor of Science in Nursing, or BSN, students are employed full time in nursing within a year of graduating.

Plus:

- It's a versatile career, with flexible options for when and where you work and what you specialize in.
- It offers countless opportunities for career advancement and additional education.
- You can earn a median annual salary of \$71,730 per year as a BSN-prepared nurse (and more with advanced degrees), according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

At UMSON, nursing students become nursing leaders.

Founded in 1889, we're one of the oldest and largest nursing schools in the nation, consistently ranked among the top 10 nursing schools nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*. We develop our nearly 2,000 students (across our undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs) into top-tier nurse leaders who shape the nursing profession and health care in general.

To help you better balance school and life outside of school, we offer the BSN program at both UMB and USG. No matter which you choose, you'll take the same classes taught by the same experienced faculty and delivered in the same order. You'll also have access to the same or similar resources and support systems. Note that you must apply to the program at your chosen location, so be sure to make your location decision before you apply.



“I chose the UMSON BSN program because it is ranked among the best in the country. The convenience of a Rockville campus at the Universities at Shady Grove made commuting easy for me, and my clinical rotations gave me the experience and exposure to get a job after graduation in an oncology med-surg unit.”

Onyinyechi Ozoji, BSN '18, RN
Nurse, Adventist HealthCare
Shady Grove Medical Center,
Oncology Medical Surgical Unit

Why Earn Your BSN at UMSON?

UMSON students are driven to be empathetic advocates who deliver the outstanding care and support patients and communities need. Our students benefit from a curriculum that includes everything from appreciating the history of nursing and the importance of using evidence-based strategies to navigating the research process and evaluating the outcomes of investigation and exploration.

As a BSN student, you'll learn from:

- faculty who are leaders in their fields
- scientists on the cutting edge of nursing research
- expert clinicians with decades of experience.

During your coursework, you will:

- build your nursing capabilities in state-of-the-art facilities
- develop relationships with other bright, driven students
- participate in engaging clinical experiences that help you develop your decision-making skills and challenge you to succeed.

Once you've completed your degree, you will:

- be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) exam, necessary for licensure; the pass rate for UMSON BSN graduates taking the NCLEX for the first time is consistently higher than the state average
- be prepared to succeed in a wide range of health care environments
- have the qualifications you need to pursue graduate studies.

Our diversity drives learning and patient outcomes.

As part of a student body that's diverse in thought, life experiences, and cultural background, you'll learn from each other in and out of the classroom, and you'll work together to ensure you have the understanding necessary to deliver effective care to diverse populations.

BSN or ADN?

Increasingly, hospitals are seeking to hire only nurses with four-year BSN degrees instead of two-year Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) degrees, and nationwide, there is a significant effort to increase the percentage of nurses

who hold a BSN. Research shows that BSN-prepared nurses' skills produce better patient outcomes. Nurses with BSN degrees can also more easily pursue advanced degrees, including those that lead to the nurse practitioner role.



“UMSON’s special relationship with the University of Maryland Medical Center uniquely positions students both academically and for future employment. I have had many wonderful learning opportunities through my student nursing position and my summer externship.”

Alexandra Huntress Reeve, CNA
Student, BSN Program
Student Nurse,
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit,
University of Maryland
Medical Center

START COLLEGE AT ANY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION, COMPLETE YOUR PREREQUISITES, AND

Transfer to UMSON.

Here, you take only nursing classes. You’ll begin the BSN program at UMSON after completing your first two years of college and the required prerequisites at another accredited institution.

Our program has full-time and part-time options to meet the needs of your schedule; it requires:

- 4 semesters
- 61 credits
- 810 clinical/practicum hours.

Admission Requirements

Before you begin the admissions process, you can submit copies of your unofficial transcript(s) for review, and an admissions counselor will give you advice on the requirements you need for admission. All applicants are required to submit the following:

- an online application and application fee
- official transcripts from every institution you’ve attended
- official scores from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- an essay
- a resume or CV
- one letter of recommendation
- a completed Prerequisite Course List.

You may also need to submit:

- your official AP or CLEP scores, if they’re being used for prerequisite credit
- official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores taken within two years of application (for international applicants and applicants without a degree from a U.S. secondary or post-secondary institution)

- a residency classification if you are applying for in-state (Maryland) status.

For application deadlines, visit nursing.umaryland.edu/apply.

Our Partnerships

We have partnerships with several colleges and universities in Maryland that guarantee you admission to UMSON.

Through these partnerships and depending on the school, you can:

- start in a pre-nursing track and take your prerequisite courses before transferring to UMSON to earn your BSN
- OR
- earn an undergraduate degree in a different field and a BSN in as little as five years of full-time study.

Do you already have a bachelor’s degree in another field?

UMSON offers an entry-into-nursing Master of Science in Nursing Clinical Nurse Leader option designed for you.

Learn more at nursing.umaryland.edu/cnl.

WE OFFER THE SUPPORT YOU NEED TO BECOME

The Best Nurse You Can Be.

Simulation Labs and Clinical Placements

During your experiences in our advanced clinical simulation labs, through our Standardized Patient Program, and in clinical rotations, you'll experience real-world situations under close faculty supervision. You'll:

- build your competencies and confidence, clinical and communication skills, and decision-making abilities
- get a feel for various clinical settings and practice environments
- have an opportunity to learn without the potential for compromising patient safety
- experience rare and critical events you may not see during your nursing education but could experience in your career.

These simulated experiences are critical to your development as a confident, skilled nurse and to improving patient outcomes.

Clinical Simulation Labs

Approximately **10%** of your pre-licensure clinical hours take place in our simulation labs. Our **28** labs replicate realistic hospital, operating room, neonatal and pediatric (with the world's most advanced infant robot), maternity, home care, and health assessment settings.

Student Success Center

Our Student Success Center (SSC) staff helps you reach your academic, social, and professional development goals through services including advising, coaching, tutoring, writing support, career services, and more. SSC services are available to all UMSON students, including those at USG. USG students can also take advantage of other services available to them at that location.

Standardized Patient Program

Working with standardized patients, who are actors trained to portray patients, in spaces made to look like real health care environments, you'll practice taking patient histories, performing assessments, and having difficult conversations, like end-of-life discussions and breaking bad news, for example.

Clinical Placements

We partner with health care providers at more than **300** clinical sites. Due to our strong relationships with these clinical partners, you'll benefit from individual and group placements that provide optimal learning experiences. Through these placements, you'll work in real nursing situations and under constraints such as time pressure and case complexity.

Contact us. We're here to help you through your application process.

Office of Admissions

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Your nursing education is an important investment. Financial aid and scholarships can help you make your goals a reality.

We offer multiple opportunities to help you afford your undergraduate education:

- federal financial aid
- merit scholarships
- donor scholarships
- Clinical Scholars Program
- our premier Conway Scholarship.

Learn more:

[*nursing.umaryland.edu/financialaid*](https://nursing.umaryland.edu/financialaid)

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Prerequisite Courses

for applicants to the BSN program

| Prerequisite Course | Credits | Helpful Course Tips |
|---|---------|--|
| General Chemistry* | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must include lab• Must be general chemistry or higher (example: organic)• Preparatory or introductory chemistry is not accepted |
| Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II* | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must include lab• Must be human anatomy and physiology |
| Human Growth and Development | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a lifespan course covering conception through death• Child/adolescent psychology is not acceptable |
| Microbiology* | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must include lab |
| Nutrition | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a human nutrition course |
| Statistics | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a 100-level or higher statistics course |
| Arts and Humanities | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theory courses must come from at least two of these disciplines: art, music, theater, dance, communications, philosophy, literature, religious studies (if completed at a non-religiously affiliated school), language, speech, or women's studies |
| College Algebra | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• College algebra or higher, such as pre-calculus or calculus• Intermediate/preparatory algebra is not accepted |
| English Composition | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English courses must be taken in the U.S., U.K., or Canada• Introductory-level English and one higher-level course fulfills this requirement• English as a second language is not accepted |
| Psychology | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any course from the psychology department |
| Social Sciences | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, criminal justice, women's studies, additional psychology, sociology |
| Sociology | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any course from the sociology department |
| General Electives | 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any additional courses, academic in nature, that are not below the 100 level• English as a second language and orientation courses are not accepted |

Bold: Applicants who have already earned a bachelor's degree are required to complete only these prerequisite courses.

* These courses must have been taken in the past 10 years.

General Notes:

- Applicants who have not earned a bachelor's degree are required to complete all 59 prerequisites.
- Courses may be taken online.
- No course can be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
- Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment at UMSON.

BSN Full-Time Plan of Study

| Course Number/Title | Credits |
|---|-------------|
| First Semester | |
| NURS 310: Professional Role of the Registered Nurse | 3 |
| NURS 314: Physiologic and Pharmacologic Considerations for Health Promotion | 3 |
| NURS 316: Research and Evidence-Based Practice | 3 |
| NURS 317: Fundamentals of Nursing Care in the Context of Older Adults | 4 |
| NURS 319: Health Assessment | 3 |
| Total | 16** |
| Second Semester | |
| NURS 324: Pathopharmacology in Adults | 3 |
| NURS 327: Medical-Surgical Nursing in the Adult Population | 7 |
| NURS 329: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing | 5 |
| Total | 15 |
| Third Semester | |
| NURS 410: Health Care Delivery System and Informatics | 2 |
| NURS 411: Infant, Child, and Adolescent Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 414: Complex Nursing Care of Patients with Co-Morbid Conditions | 3 |
| NURS 417: Maternity, Newborn, and Women's Health Nursing | 5 |
| Total | 15 |
| Fourth Semester | |
| NURS 421: Public Health: Population-Focused Nursing Care | 5 |
| NURS 429: Leadership and Clinical Practicum | 7 |
| NURS 418: Nursing Elective | 3 |
| Total | 15 |
| Total Credits | 61 |
| General Education and Prerequisite Courses | 59 |
| TOTAL CREDITS FOR BSN | 120 |

** Upon completion of **NURS 314**, **317**, and **319**, you can apply to the Maryland Board of Nursing to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

A part-time plan of study can be individualized for you, in consultation with an advisor.

All incoming entry-into-practice students must complete a two-semester, University-wide, no-charge, non-credit, pass/fail course, **NURS 430: Foundations of Interprofessional Education and Practice**, which is required for graduation. Learn more at nursing.umaryland.edu/ipecourse.

For financial aid purposes, there are credit minimums for full-time status that may differ from the plans of study. Visit nursing.umaryland.edu/financialaid for more information.