



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) prepares graduates for nursing careers across a broad spectrum of acute, chronic, and community-based settings. The BSN program has a rigorous curriculum and is offered at the University of Maryland, Baltimore and at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland.

UMSON is the largest nursing school in Maryland and one of the largest in the nation, enrolling nearly 2,000 students. Its Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs are top ranked nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*, and UMSON is ranked ninth in receipt of funding for public schools of nursing from the National Institutes of Health. The School's location in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., corridor offers myriad opportunities for clinical instruction in acute care and community-based settings. More than 650 faculty associates and clinical preceptors oversee student clinical experiences at more than 300 sites.

Graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam, qualifying them for positions in a variety of health care settings. The pass rate for UMSON BSN graduates taking the NCLEX exam for the first time is consistently higher than the state average.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

The ideal applicant will have:

- an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- a science GPA of 3.0 in the required sciences (chemistry, anatomy and physiology I, anatomy and physiology II, and microbiology)

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- online application
- application fee
- official transcripts from every institution attended
- official scores of version IV, V, or VI of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- essay
- resume
- one academic letter of recommendation
- a completed Prerequisite Course List
- official AP or CLEP scores, if 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 (required of international applicants and applicants without a degree from a U.S. secondary or post-secondary institution)

For application deadlines, visit [nursing.umaryland.edu/apply](http://nursing.umaryland.edu/apply).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registered nurses with a BSN have greater educational and practice opportunities to advance their careers in health care. Many management, administrative, and teaching positions require at least a BSN. BSN-prepared nurses are also prepared to enter graduate programs, including advanced practice (nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, etc.) and administrative and education-focused programs. Many graduates have job commitments well before their graduation date; some enter graduate programs.

## CURRICULUM

- Before matriculating, students must complete 59 credits in general education and prerequisite courses
- 61 program credits are required
- For sample plans of study, visit [nursing.umaryland.edu/bsn](http://nursing.umaryland.edu/bsn).

## PROGRAM OPTIONS

Full-time and part-time plans are available.

## FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

For financial aid information, visit [www.umaryland.edu/fin](http://www.umaryland.edu/fin). UMSON offers a number of merit scholarships for incoming students. For more information about scholarships, visit [nursing.umaryland.edu/financialaid](http://nursing.umaryland.edu/financialaid).

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“We have a group of stellar faculty members who are committed to maintaining the academic rigor of our entry-level curriculum, meeting the unique needs of our diverse student body, and contributing to the broader educational experiences of our future bachelor’s-prepared nurses.”

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## PREREQUISITE COURSES



for applicants to the BSN program

PREREQUISITE COURSE	CREDITS	HELPFUL COURSE TIPS
<b>General Chemistry *</b>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must include lab</li> <li>• Must be general chemistry or higher (example: organic)</li> <li>• Preparatory or introductory chemistry is not accepted</li> </ul>
<b>Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II*</b>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must include lab</li> <li>• Must be human anatomy &amp; physiology</li> </ul>
<b>Microbiology*</b>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must include lab</li> </ul>
<b>Human Growth and Development</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a life-span course covering conception through death</li> <li>• Child/adolescent psychology is not acceptable</li> </ul>
<b>Statistics</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a 100-level or higher statistics course</li> </ul>
<b>Nutrition</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a human nutrition course</li> </ul>
English Composition	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English courses must be taken in the U.S., U.K., or Canada</li> <li>• Introductory-level English and one higher-level course fulfills this requirement</li> <li>• English as a second language is not accepted</li> </ul>
Psychology	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any course from the psychology department</li> </ul>
Sociology	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any course from the sociology department</li> </ul>
College Algebra	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College algebra or higher, such as pre-calculus or calculus</li> </ul>
Social Sciences	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, criminal justice, women's studies, additional psychology, sociology</li> <li>• Intermediate/preparatory algebra is not accepted</li> </ul>
Arts and Humanities	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
General Electives	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any additional courses, academic in nature, that are not below the 100 level</li> <li>• English as a second language and orientation courses are not accepted</li> </ul>

### PLEASE NOTE:

- An asterisk (\*) denotes courses that must have been taken in the past 10 years.
- Applicants who have not earned a bachelor's degree are required to complete all 59 prerequisites. Courses may be taken online.
- Applicants who have already earned a bachelor's degree are required to complete only the prerequisite courses that are in bold.
- No course can be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
- Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment at UMSON.

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