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 the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, Md.

UMSON is the largest nursing school in Maryland and one of the largest in the nation, enrolling nearly 1,700 students. It is ranked 6th among all nursing schools nationally by U.S. News & World Report and is ranked 20th in receipt of funding for 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 300 faculty associates and clinical preceptors oversee student clinical experiences.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Counsel Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), 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 or V of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
• Essay
• Résumé
• Two academic letters of recommendation
• A completed Prerequisite Course List
• 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)

DEADLINES
• Fall admission: February 1
• Spring admission: September 1

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 the BSN program page on the UMSON website: http://nursing.umaryland.edu/academic-programs

PROGRAM OPTIONS
Full-time and part-time matriculation plans are available.

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION
For financial aid information, visit the University of Maryland, Baltimore Office of Student Assistance and Education's website: http://umaryland.edu/fin. UMSON offers a number of merit scholarships for incoming students. For more information about scholarships, tuition, and fees, visit http://nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/fin-aid-scholarships.

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# PREREQUISITE COURSES

For applicants to the BSN program

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<td>English Composition</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>General Chemistry *</td>
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<td>Must include lab Must be general chemistry or higher (example: organic) Preparatory or introductory chemistry is not accepted</td>
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<td>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I and II*</td>
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<td>Human Growth and Development</td>
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<td>Must be a life-span psychology course covering conception through death Child/adolescent psychology is not acceptable</td>
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<td>Social Science Elective</td>
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<td>Any course from one of the following disciplines: psychology, sociology, history, economics, political science, social work, criminal justice, anthropology, women's studies, or geography</td>
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<td>College Algebra</td>
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<td>College algebra or higher, such as pre-calculus or calculus Intermediate/preparatory algebra is not accepted but can be counted toward a humanities elective if above the 100 level</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
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<td>Any theory course out of the history, art, music, theatre, dance, communications, philosophy, literature, religion (if completed at a public or private non-religiously affiliated college) language, speech, math, or women's studies departments Must include courses from at least two different disciplines Performance classes are not accepted</td>
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<td>General Electives</td>
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<td>Any additional courses that are academic in nature No course below the 100-level will be accepted Internships and college orientation credit are not accepted English as a second language is not accepted</td>
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**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.
- 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.