Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN-to-BSN

About the Program
The University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) offers registered nurses a variety of options for completing their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Courses are offered online or in a classroom, and students can choose their preferred delivery method on a course-by-course basis. Full-time and part-time plans of study are available. Courses are offered in several convenient locations: on the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus; at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, Md.; and at the Laurel College Center in Laurel, Md., beginning in fall 2015. All courses are developed to broaden your knowledge and advance your career options.

UMSON is the largest nursing school in Maryland and one of the largest in the nation, enrolling approximately 1,700 students. It is ranked 11th among all nursing schools nationally by U.S. News & World Report, and is ranked 11th in schools of nursing receiving research funding 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.

Admission Criteria
The ideal applicant will have:
- An overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- A preferred science GPA of 2.75 in the required sciences (chemistry, anatomy and physiology I, anatomy and physiology II, and microbiology)
- Graduated from an accredited associate degree registered nursing program

Application Requirements
- Online application
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from every institution attended
- Essay
- Professional résumé
- Two letters of recommendation (from an academic instructor and/or nurse manager)
- Copy of U.S. nursing license
- 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 applicants without a degree from a U.S. institution)

Curriculum/Plan of Study
- Before matriculating, students must complete 59 credits in general education and prerequisite courses
- 30 credits are awarded for a valid nursing license
- 31 program credits are required
- Part-time and full-time sample plans of study are located on the UMSON website: http://nursing.umaryland.edu/academic-programs

Deadlines
Fall admission: Rolling admissions review begins
February 1.
Spring admission: Rolling admissions review begins
September 1.

Financing Your Education
Financial aid information can be found on the University of Maryland, Baltimore Office of Student Assistance and Education's website at: http://umaryland.edu/fin. UMSON offers a number of merit scholarships for incoming students. Information about scholarships, tuition, and fees can be found at: http://nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/fin-aid-scholarships.

Employment opportunities
Registered nurses with a BSN degree have greater opportunities to advance their careers in health care. Many management, administrative, and teaching positions require at least a BSN degree. 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.

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### Prerequisite Courses for All Applicants to the RN-to-BSN Option

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<th>Prerequisite Course</th>
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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 Check with our office if you plan to take English courses from Montgomery College or Anne Arundel Community College – requirements are different</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 Introduction to Chemistry is not accepted</td>
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<td>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I and II *</td>
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<td>Psychology</td>
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<td>Sociology</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-calc, calculus Intermediate/preparatory algebra is not accepted, but it 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 be taken 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 is 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. (This does not apply to current registered nurses.)
- 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 in the University of Maryland School of Nursing.