University of Maryland School of Nursing Dual Admissions Fact Sheet

Dual Admission Program Requirements

- 3.0 cum GPA in all coursework attempted at all institutions
- 2.75 cum science GPA in all coursework attempted (Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, and Microbiology)
- The GPAs are based on coursework completed at the time of review.
- The GPAs must be maintained in order for Dual Admission Program applicants to progress to the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)
- All prerequisite courses must be completed successfully prior to enrolling in the RN-to-BSN Program
- Admitted Dual Admission Program applicants may take courses as a Special Student prior to enrolling an RN-to-BSN Program.
- Admitted Dual Admission Program applicants have through the end of the first semester to obtain their nursing license.

Dual Admission Program Steps - Applicants

Applicants interested in the Dual Admissions Program are expected to go through the following steps to ensure completion of appropriate coursework to progress from HCC to UMSON.

Step 1: Consult with Harford Community College (HCC) advisor

- Determine readiness to progress to UMSON by examining successful completion of prerequisite coursework.
- Confirm graduation date from HCC.

Step 2: Submit University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) RN-to-BSN application

- Submit required documents to UMSON.
- Review admission status on UMSON website.
  - Note. Only applicants meeting the GPA requirements will be reviewed for the Dual Admissions Program; all other applicants will be undergo the regular review process and will be required to submit additional required documents.

Step 3: Communicate Special Student Process/Enrollment to UMSON (if applicable)

- Communicate interest to take classes as a Special Student to UMSON.
- Complete Approval to Register Form with HCC advisor to ensure that required prerequisite courses to take UMSON courses have been completed.
forward Approval to Register Form to UMSON dual admission counselor to ensure completion of prerequisite courses.

- UMSON’s dual admission counselor will forward Approval to Register Form to UMSON’s Registration and Clinical Placement (RCC) Office.

- UMSON’s RCC registers HCC students as Special Students in selected course, if applicable.

**Step 4: Course Completion**

- HCC student successfully completes UMSON coursework.

**Step 5: Matriculate to UMSON**

- Register for RN-to-BSN orientation and reach out to appropriate staff member.

- Obtain and submit nursing license, if the document was not submitted.

**Dual Admissions Steps – Liaison**

The HCC liaison will work with UMSON’s Dual Admission Program point of contact to ensure that UMSON is aware of HCC students participating in the program. The two representatives will work together to ensure that the appropriate paperwork has been completed.

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UMSON RN-BSN Program – Dual Admission Program

FAQ

Do I have to go full time?

You can attend either full time and complete the program in 2 semesters, or part time taking as few as one course a semester once you complete your Associate Degree in Nursing from the community college. You can also move between full time one semester and then to part time the next semester. Faculty advisors work with you to map out your plan of study. While enrolled in the community college you may be able to take a course within the UMSON program. The dual admission coordinator at your school can assist you in the process as well as determining if you are ready to take classes.

How long is the program?

A full time plan of study can be completed within 2 semesters (fall and spring or spring and fall semesters). There is a part-time option that allows a student to take one course per semester. Students have 5 years to complete all courses and graduate. The entire program is 31 credits. You are awarded 30 credits for having your nursing license and 59 credits are completed through the prerequisite course list prior to entering the UMSON program (http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/academics/undergrad/).

Can I complete the program entirely online?

The RN-BSN program can be completed online with the exception of NURS 467: Public Health Nursing Essentials for the Registered Nurse. This course includes 90 hours of practicum hours in addition to coursework. Course are offered online, face to face, and in blended formats. Blended format means some of the classes, for a particular course, are in class, and some are online. In the blended format, the in class sessions are scheduled in advance to assist with student planning of schedule.

Am I able to apply without having completed the NCLEX yet?

Yes, you are able to apply for dual admission without your RN license. Upon completion of your Associate Degree in nursing and all prerequisites, you will be enrolled in UMSON RN to BSN Program. You will have until the end of your first semester at UMSON to submit your nursing license.
Can I complete the prerequisites while enrolled at UMSON?

While you are in attendance at the community college and dually admitted to UMSON you will be completing your prerequisites prior to official enrollment at UMSON. All prerequisites must be completed prior to your official enrollment at UMSON.

I see that you require transcripts from all schools that I've attended. Do I need to submit a transcript to your office if I only took a few courses at the school and they aren't related to my degree?

Yes, you are required to submit an official transcript from every institution you attended, whether or not college credit was earned. Missing transcripts will result in an incomplete application.

When are the application deadlines?

As a dual admission applicant, you will be working with the dual admission coordinator at the community college to determine the appropriate semester for your application to UMSON. Some general guidelines are as follows:

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What is the Cumulative GPA and Science GPA requirements?

An overall GPA of 3.0 calculated on all previous attempted coursework is required. In addition, a 2.75 science GPA is required. The science GPA includes Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology 2, Microbiology and Chemistry. Repeated courses are calculated in the cumulative and the science GPAs. As a dual admission student you are required to maintain a 3.0 overall GPA to remain in the dual admission program. If you fall below the 3.0 GPA you will be dropped from the dual admission program but upon completion of your associate degree in nursing apply through our open pool RN to BSN Program.

How do I apply to the Dual Admission Program?

Once you have met with your community college dual admission coordinator, you will complete the standard RN-BSN application for UMSON. However, you will select the term in which you will start at UMSON full time. For example, if you started your community college nursing program in Fall 2017, then you will complete our application indicating a start term of Fall 2019- as that is the
semester after you will have completed your ADN.

To apply to the program, you will need to submit the following items:

1. Completed Application
2. Essay
3. Resume
4. Official transcripts from all previous schools (including your ADN institution, even though you aren’t done yet)
5. Completed pre-requisite course list
6. In-State Residency Application

Once you complete the application, please email Kelly Pawlak at kpawlak@umaryland.edu to receive an application fee waiver.

**How will I be notified of my admission to UMSON?**

Once you submit your UMSON application for admission as a dual admission student, it is reviewed by the UMSON admissions office. If you meet the admission criteria, you will receive a letter indicating that you have been accepted as a dual admission RN to BSN student. At this time you will **not** be required to submit a deposit to confirm you are accepting dual admission.

Once you graduate from your ADN program and have completed any outstanding UMSON prerequisites, you will matriculate into UMSON. At this time you will receive a second letter indicating you will be officially matriculating into UMSON. At this point, a deposit and confirmation is required.

**What are the scholarship opportunities?**

All students have access to a list of financial aids and scholarship monies located at [http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/financial-aid/](http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/financial-aid/).

RN-BSN students are eligible to apply for the Conway Scholarship which covers in-state tuition, fees, and books for the duration of their academic program. Specific requirements may be found on the following web link... [http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/financial-aid/umson-scholarships/conway/](http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/financial-aid/umson-scholarships/conway/)

**Can I complete the program if I live out of state?**

Yes, there is the opportunity to complete classes online and the public health practicum can be completed near your home. The faculty in the course assist you in locating an appropriate
practicum site and a preceptor. Please see the out of state tuition rates located at http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/tuition/.

**Am I able to choose where I complete my practicum experience?**

There is only one course where you will have practice hours. The NURS 467 faculty in the practicum course work closely with you to determine an appropriate site related to your interest and your location. 90 hours of practicum experience are associated with the NURS 467 course.

**Will I be assigned a faculty coach or advisor?**

Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who will assist you with developing your plan of study for the program.

**Will I be able to access library and other student services if I take my course on line?**

Yes, all students pay applicable fees and this enables them to have access to student services including the library and instructional technology.

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