

Montgomery College offers an **Associate’s Degree in Nursing (ADN)**. Graduates of MC’s Nursing ADN degree are qualified to take the NCLEX exam to become registered nurses (RN) to work in hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care settings.

M.C. students may want to earn a **Bachelor of Science (BSN) in Nursing** from a four-year university, either after earning an associate’s degree in Nursing ADN, or they may plan to transfer directly into a BSN Nursing school. [BSN programs](#) provide more training in leadership, case and information management. BSN holders may find more job options, be eligible for promotions, and earn a higher pay rate over time. Many hospitals expect new RN’s to enroll in BSN completion programs.

**Paths to Nursing @ Montgomery College**

<p><b>Path 1 MC Nursing ADN – earn only the <a href="#">Associate’s Degree in Nursing</a></b></p> <p>Students without previous college courses may need to finish up to six required courses before applying to <b>MC’s Associate’s Degree in Nursing ADN</b>.</p> <p>It can take up to a full year to finish the Priority courses at MC before entering the MC Nursing Program; once admitted to the MC Nursing Program, students study NURS classes at the Takoma Park/ Silver Spring campus for <b>four more semesters = 2 years of NURS classes</b> to earn the ADN degree and become a Registered Nurse (RN).</p> <p><b>Time to completion: About 3 years minimum if attending college full-time.</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TRANSFER OPTION:</b> Students who finish the ADN /RN have the option to <b>transfer to an RN-to- BSN Completion Program</b>, which usually takes 2 more years of full-time attendance to finish a Bachelor’s in Nursing BSN. See Page 4 for a list of MC RN to BSN Agreements.</p> <p><i>Full-time attendance is defined as at least 4 courses/12 credits per semester (Fall &amp; Spring); MC also offers prerequisite courses in Summer Sessions.</i></p> <p><i>See Path 1 Semester Plan, P. 2.</i></p>	<p><b>Path 2 MC Nursing ADN with <a href="#">Dual Admission to UMB School of Nursing</a></b> <b>Earn BOTH the Associate’s &amp; Bachelor’s Degree.</b></p> <p>Students finish 17 prerequisite courses (typically at least 2 years of classes), then apply to <b>MC’s Nursing ADN</b>; once in the MC Nursing Program, it will take four more semesters / 2 more years of full-time attendance @ MC’s TP/ SS campus to earn the ADN.</p> <p>Students enroll in <b>UMB’s Dual Admission Program</b> at any time during the MC Nursing Program. UMB courses can be taken while completing MC NURS courses; but each semester course load is heavy, so MC recommends taking UMB Dual courses in summer breaks.</p> <p>Typical Time Frame:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two years as a full-time student at MC to finish Prerequisites *; then.</li> <li>Two years full-time at MC Nursing TP/ SS Campus to earn ADN, and</li> <li>Possibly up to one full year additional as a full-time student to complete 10 courses for the BSN/UMB unless student takes UMB courses in summer breaks during MC Nursing program.</li> </ol> <p><b>Time to completion: About 5 years if attending full-time.</b></p> <p><i>See Path 2 Semester Plan, P. 2.</i></p>	<p><b>Path 3 Traditional Transfer from MC to <a href="#">UMB School of Nursing BSN</a> or another BSN Program at a four-year school (see list of sample Traditional BSN Programs, Page 4).</b> <b>- Earn the Bachelor’s Degree only</b></p> <p>Students finish 17-18 prerequisite courses @ MC (usually at least 2 years as a full-time student under a General Studies STEM degree program and then apply directly to a <b>Traditional BSN Program</b> at UMB School of Nursing (Main Campus or Shady Grove) OR transfer to another BSN program at a four-year university.</p> <p>This path usually requires 2 more years of study after MC to take nursing courses at the junior &amp; senior level at UMB School of Nursing to finish a BSN.</p> <p>Consider earning an AA in General Studies STEM prior to transfer; discuss with an MC Advisor.</p> <p><b>Time to completion: At least 4 years minimum (MC -&gt; UMB) if full-time.</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Page 4 of this document has a List of BSN Programs at nearby colleges and shows MC Nursing Transfer Agreements.</b></p> <p><i>See Path 3 Semester Plan, P. 2.</i></p>
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**Most students work on the common courses required for all three options above while deciding which path is a best fit.**

**YOUR Time Frame will vary depending on course placements and/or prior college credits earned – discuss w/ MC Advisor.**

**All pre-nursing students** should attend a **Nursing Information Session** at both **M.C.** and at **UMB School of Nursing** or at other BSN transfer schools of interest during the first year of college to understand requirements. See Page 4 for other BSN options.

- **Previous college credits?** If you have credits earned at another college, have those credits reviewed by **both** Montgomery College **AND** any transfer school of interest **before you start taking classes at MC**. Discuss this with an MC counselor.
- **See Prerequisite Course Semester Plans for Paths** on the next page and use these links to gather information about:
  - Montgomery College Nursing Program [montgomerycollege.edu/nursing](http://montgomerycollege.edu/nursing)
  - MC [Nursing Information Sessions](#)
  - [U of MD Baltimore School of Nursing Information Page](#)
  - [UMB SON Information Sessions](#)

## Typical Minimum Necessary Courses/Prerequisites for Each Path to Nursing

### PATH 1 – A Semester Plan to apply for [MC's Nursing Associate's degree ADN to become a Registered Nurse.](#)

These courses are needed to apply to MC Nursing Associate's Degree ONLY *without entering into the [Dual Enrollment in UMB Bachelor's Degree](#)*. **Red = required Priority Courses** that must be finished **before** applying to MC Nursing. **YOUR Plan may vary depending on course placements and/or prior college credits earned.**

Summer or Term 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<p><b>MATH 117 Elements of Statistics or a higher-level math must be completed before taking BIOL 150 Principles of Biology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MATH 117 Elements of Statistics or higher-level math (Math Foundation)</b> 3 credits</li> <li>ENGL 101 Intro to Writing* 3 credits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIOL 150 Principles of Biology * 4 credits</li> <li><b>ENGL 102 Research Writing</b> 3 credits</li> </ul> <p>Add other courses if needed for full-time attendance.</p> <p>ATTEND an <a href="#">MC Nursing Program Information Session</a> in this first term.</p>	<p>4. <b>BIOL 212 Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology %</b> 4 credits</p> <p>Add other courses if needed for full-time.</p> <p>During this semester, review the <b>MC Nursing Program Points System</b> to see how students are ranked for admission – <a href="#">MC Health Sciences Points Chart</a></p> <p><b>Begin study for the required TEAS Test – <a href="#">MC TEAS Resources Page</a></b></p>	<p>6. <b>BIOL 213 Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II %</b> 4 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remaining classes – Add if you need to be full- or part-time for Financial Aid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Distribution,</li> <li>Humanities Distr.</li> <li>PSYC 100 (formerly 102),</li> <li>SOCY 100 or 105 or 240</li> </ul> </li> <li>Continue to STUDY for and <b>TAKE the TEAS Test before a Deadline shown below.</b></li> <li><b>APPLY to the MC Nursing Program by one of these deadlines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 1 for Fall Entry or</li> <li>August 1 for Spring Entry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

\*Some students with test scores and/or previous college credits or AP credits may not need BIOL 150 and/or ENGL 101

% Students who have completed Anatomy & Phys. college courses more than 5 years ago should consult with MC Nursing.

### PATH 2 & PATH 3 Suggested Semester Plans – prepare to apply for [MC – UMB Dual Admission](#) or prepare for a [Direct Admission to a Traditional BSN \(U of MD, Baltimore School of Nursing\)](#) or check other BSN schools for requirements.

Term 1 (Summer if possible)	Term 2 - Fall	Term 3 - Winter	Term 3 Spring	Term 4 – Summer	Term 4 – Fall
<p>1. <b>MATH 117 Elements of Statistics</b> needed for BIOL 150)</p> <p>2. GEIR # 1 Arts or Hum</p> <p>Look into <a href="#">MC TEAS Test Resources to prepare for this admissions test.</a> Check TEAS or HESI 2 test info for other BSN schools.</p>	<p>3. Arts Distribution</p> <p>4. ENGL 101 Intro Writing</p> <p>5. SOCY 100 Intro Sociology</p> <p>6. <b>BIOL 150 Principles of Biology %</b> requires completion of a college-level math first.</p> <p>In the semester before registering for CHEM 131 Prin. of Chemistry, either complete ALEKS Chemistry Modules [12 weeks long] OR discuss enrolling concurrently in CHEM 031 Chemistry Support, 2 hours, along w/ CHEM 131. <a href="#">See Remote Chemistry Placement Options</a></p>	<p>7. NUTR 101</p>	<p>8. BIOL 212 Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</p> <p>9. ENGL 102 Research Writing</p> <p>10. PSYC 100 Gen Psych.</p> <p>11. CHEM 131</p> <p>Work with an MC Counselor each semester to determine a semester plan that works best for you.</p>	<p>Summer I</p> <p>12. BIOL 213</p> <p>Summer II</p> <p>13. BIOL 210 Micro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAKE the TEAS Test during this term before the <b>MC Nursing Program deadlines</b> of either April 1 for Fall Entry or August 1 for Spring Entry.</li> </ul>	<p>14. MATH 120 (needed if applying directly to BSN)</p> <p>15. PSYC 203 Human Growth &amp; Dev.</p> <p>16. Humanities \$</p> <p>17. GEIR #2 Additional Social Science or <b>can be one from BSSD HLTH 131, 160, 170, 212, 225.</b></p> <p><b>\$ Humanities</b> – if you speak and write Spanish or French fluently, consider taking a CLEP Exam to earn college credit which will fulfill a Humanities for both MC and UMB.</p> <p><b>UMB School of Nursing allows only 4 courses in progress during the semester that you are applying for admission to the BSN program, deadlines are Sept 1 for Spring and March 1 for Fall.</b></p>

## Prerequisites Checklist for Paths 2 & 3

Path 2: [MC Nursing/Dual Admission to UMB School of Nursing](#) and also

Path 3: [Direct Admission to Traditional BSN - UMB School of Nursing](#)

1. BIOL 150 Principles of Biology I (NSLD): 4 Credits (requires completion of MATH 117 or higher math to enroll)
2. BIOL 212 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (NSLD): 4 Credits*
3. BIOL 213 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (GEEL): 4 Credits*
4. BIOL 210 Microbiology: 4 Credits*
5. CHEM 131 General Chemistry: 4 Credits * Prerequisite - one from: Completion of the ALEKS Chemistry Modules, or a grade of C or better in CHEM 099 within the past two years, or concurrent enrollment in CHEM 031 and CHEM 131

**ENGL Prerequisites:** 6 credits Complete **ONE** of the following two-course sequences:

- ENGL101--> ENGL 102; OR • ENGL101--> ENGL 103; OR • ENGL 102--> [ENGL 103 or ENGL Literature or ENGL Creative Writing course is also accepted) An AP score of 4 or 5 on the AP English Lang & Comp is required to transfer ENGL 101 credits to UMBSON.

6. ENGL #1 _____
7. ENGL #2 _____
8. BIOL 226 (or NUTR101) Nutrition: 3 Credits
9. MATH 117 Elements of Statistics: 3 Credits
10. PSYC100 (formerly 102) General Psychology (BSSD): 3 Credits
11. PSYC203 Human Growth and Development: 3 Credits
12. One from SOCY100 or SOCY 105 or SOCY 240 (BSSD): 3 Credits
13. Humanities Distribution: 3 Credits Choose one Humanities Distribution (HUMD) course from the <a href="#">MC General Education Program List</a> , including only one from COMM 108 or 112; ENGL Literature; HIST, or any world language including ASLP; GHUM; LING; PHIL. Course: _____
14. Arts Distribution (ARTD): 3 Credits Choose one Arts Distribution (ARTD) course from <a href="#">MC General Education Program List</a> . (ARTT, DANC, ENGL 235, 264 or 272; FILM, MUSC, THET) Course: _____
15. GEIR Humanities Elective: 3 Credits <a href="#">MC General Education List</a> Choose one more course from the MC Arts [ARTD] or Humanities [HUMD] General Education Course: _____
16. GEIR Social Sciences Elective: 3 Credits <a href="#">MC General Education Program List</a> Social Sciences Elective Choose One from ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLI, PSYC beyond 102, SOCY beyond 100, WMST or a HLTH/BSSD from: HLTH 131, HLTH 160, HLTH 170, HLTH 212, HLTH 225 Course: _____
17. General Elective: 3 Credits [Add MATH 120 Survey of College Math or higher here for Traditional Admission to UMB SON, if applying to MC UMB Dual Admission Program, a 2nd Math beyond MATH 117 is not required for MC-UMB Dual Admission]

\* **UMB School of Nursing Science Course GPA** – a separate Science GPA is calculated by UMB School of Nursing for admissions purposes – based on grades from the four courses of BIOL 212, 213, 210 and CHEM 131. The Sci GPA must average a 2.75 for the MC/UMB Dual Admissions Program, or a minimum of 3.0 for Direct Admission to the BSN.

**KNOW YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE** – If applying to a Traditional BSN program directly, UMB and most other four-year BSN Programs will calculate your overall GPA based on all grades from all attempts at courses.

Example, if you if you repeat BIOL 212 twice, both grades will be counted in your GPA, unlike at MC where your first attempted grade is excluded from your GPA. Discuss with a counselor.

### NEXT STEPS FOR NEW STUDENTS:

- **Review requirements for all three Paths.** Meet with an MC counselor to discuss your eligibility for classes.
- **Declare a major of Pre-Nursing, Code 570**, based on the General Studies STEM Degree outline and meet with a counselor each semester to discuss your goals and course planning.
- **During your first semester, attend Nursing Information Sessions** at Montgomery College and at **UMB SON** or **other transfer nursing schools of interest** (see examples of other BSN programs on Page 4).
- If you are certain that you want to apply to **UMB School of Nursing as a Direct Admit to the Traditional BSN**, see this [MC Transfer to UMB Traditional Nursing Advising Page](#).
- View the BSN Nursing Program pages at other transfer schools of interest and work with MC counselor to create a list of required / prerequisite courses.

**NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS WITHIN A 50-MILE RADIUS OF MC– ROCKVILLE or ONLINE**

- **Traditional BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)** – take general prerequisite (non-nursing) courses at MC for two years and then apply to transfer to complete a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing BSN at a four-year college.
- **Accelerated BSN** – Shorter programs for students who have completed a bachelor’s degree in another subject.
- **RN to BSN Programs** – complete the **MC Nursing Degree - Associates Degree in Nursing ADN** and then transfer to a four- year school to complete an RN (Registered Nurse) to BSN Bachelor’s degree.

MC has some specific **Nursing Transfer Agreements** with schools indicated below with the symbol ▲ **MC RN to BSN**.

Also see [MC Transfer Agreements List](#)

**Note: ONLINE Completion programs** typically do not issue F-1 Visas for International students – check with each school.

<a href="#">American Public University System – American Military University</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN to BSN Completion online only</li> <li><a href="http://www.amu.apus.edu/academic/schools/health-sciences/bachelors/nursing.html">www.amu.apus.edu/academic/schools/health-sciences/bachelors/nursing.html</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Bowie State University</a> Bowie, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Traditional (BSN) Nursing Program</b> HESI A2Exam; <b>RN to BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Catholic University of America</a> DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traditional BSN Program</b> HESI A2</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Chamberlain College of Nursing-Virginia</a> Arlington, Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>3-Year Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing</b> HESI A2; • <b>RN to BSN Option</b>; • <b>RN-BSN to MSN</b>; <b>Online ▲ M.C. Agreement RN to BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Coppin State University</a> Baltimore, Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traditional BSN</b> HESI A2 • <b>Accelerated BSN for 2nd Degree Students</b></li> <li>• <b>RN to BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Drexel University</a> , Philadelphia PA	<b>Online ▲ MC - Drexel RN to BSN Agreement</b>
<a href="#">George Mason University</a> Fairfax, VA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Traditional BSN</b> <b>RN to BSN</b> and <b>Accelerated BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">George Washington University</a> Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Traditional BSN</b> • <b>Accelerated BSN</b>; • <b>Veterans BSN</b></li> <li>• <b>Online RN to BSN</b>; ▲ <b>Montgomery College-GW RN to BSN Agreement</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Georgetown University</a> DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Nursing - Traditional</b> for freshman students only, not a transfer program; requires two years of attendance at Georgetown prior to applying to BSN.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Hood College</a> Frederick, Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traditional BSN</b> HESI A2</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Howard University</a> DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Info on all - Basic – Traditional BSN TEAS Test</b> • <b>RN to BSN</b>.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Johns Hopkins University</a> Baltimore	Johns Hopkins U. no longer offers a Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN)
<a href="#">Marymount Univ.</a> Arlington, Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See all programs: • <b>Traditional BSN</b> TEAS • <b>Accelerated BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Morgan State U.</a> Baltimore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traditional BSN</b> Nursing Admissions Test given @Morgan</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Notre Dame of MD U.</a> Baltimore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Entry Level BSN</b> TEAS • <b>RN to BSN</b> • <b>Accelerated Second Degree BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Shenandoah U.</a> Winchester VA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traditional BSN</b> TEAS; • <b>Accelerated BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Shepherd University</a> West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traditional BSN</b> [no test specified] • <b>RN to BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Southern New Hampshire Univ.</a>	▲ <b>MC Transfer Agreement SNHU Online RN to BSN</b>
<a href="#">Stevenson University</a> Baltimore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>BSN Traditional Transfer BSN</b> [TEAS optional] • <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor’s Degree</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Towson University</a> Campuses at Towson & <a href="#">Hagerstown MD</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Nursing Traditional Basic Program</b> TEAS (BSN) – requires MATH 150 or MATH 165 ; • <b>RN to BSN</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Trinity Washington University</a> Washington, District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Pre-Licensure Nursing</b> TEAS; ▲ <b>M.C. - Trinity Washington Agreement RN to BSN</b> Scholarships for MC students including international students, see agreement</li> </ul>
<a href="#">University of Maryland-Baltimore</a> Baltimore, Maryland	Baltimore Campus • <b>BSN</b> TEAS; • <b>RN-to-BSN</b> ; Universities at Shady Grove: • <b>Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing</b> ; • <b>MC to UMB 3+1 Dual Admission Program</b> , the final year @ UMB is online
<a href="#">U of Maryland, Global Campus</a>	▲ <b>Online RN to BSN</b>
<a href="#">Washington Adventist U</a> Takoma Park MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Nursing – RN to BSN</b></li> </ul>

Search for other Nursing Schools: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

Information about Testing - TEAS Test - HESI A2 Test

Link to [MC Academic Support for Health Sciences Students including TEAS Test Preparation](#)