



RN-BSN Transfer

Program Information

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General Information

This brochure provides information for students who earn their Associate of Arts degree in Registered Nursing at Howard Community College, and are planning to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at various four-year colleges or universities in Maryland. The schools listed in this brochure represent institutions where HCC students have transferred in the past. HCC does not recommend any particular program or school over another, and this list is not inclusive of all possible options for transfer to BSN programs.

Requirements are listed for the HCC program, as well as the receiving transfer institutions. Students should be aware that courses which satisfy requirements at HCC may not necessarily satisfy requirements at four-year schools. For example, while HCC allows students to complete any college-level Math Core course for the college's RN program, certain four-year schools will only accept College Algebra (MATH-131) or higher. In this case, HCC's MATH-121 or MATH-122 courses would not be acceptable.

These four-year schools will award credit and advanced standing to Registered Nurses with an active unencumbered Maryland or compact state RN license, upon successful completion of required prerequisites. Each four-year school has its own specific set of additional course requirements that students must complete beyond HCC's RN curriculum. All nursing students interested in transferring to a BSN program are strongly encouraged to see an academic advisor in the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) for assistance in planning their transfer.

Under the Maryland Articulation Model, graduates who obtain Maryland Licensure are eligible for advanced placement in nursing courses when they progress to registered nursing programs in state public and participating private institutions. The articulation model provides that four-year colleges and universities will accept up to 60 lower-level non-nursing credits, and will award up to 30 credits for nursing coursework. Graduates with an active unencumbered Maryland or Compact state registered nursing license who wish to progress to the baccalaureate degree level are awarded advanced placement nursing credits equal to a maximum of one year of full-time nursing courses in the program they enter.

Requirements are *always* subject to change. Students are responsible for ensuring that their transfer applications are complete. For the most current information and requirements, students are **strongly** advised to contact an advisor at each individual institution to which they are considering transfer. Most schools offer information sessions throughout the year. Students can also review *Recommended Transfer Programs* at the University System of Maryland's ARTSYS website: <http://artweb.usmd.edu>.

Please note that this brochure contains requirements only for students who complete the Registered Nursing A.A. degree program at HCC. Most four-year colleges and universities have different requirements for students who wish to transfer directly into a BSN program without completing the RN degree at HCC.

Coppin State University School of Nursing

2500 West North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216
Office of Admissions: 410-951-3600
www.coppin.edu/nursing

General Admission Requirements

- Coppin State University Application of Undergraduate Admission (\$35 fee)
- Helene Fuld School of Nursing application (no fee); July 15 deadline
- Copy of current Maryland Registered Nurse License in good standing
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average from Associate or Diploma Nursing Program
- Two copies of official college transcripts from all institutions attended; courses in progress should be included
- Three letters of recommendation
- SAT scores: Students who have not taken the SAT or have had a five-year break in their education must contact the Office of Admissions.
- Take the Nurse Entrance Test (NET). This test is used only as a diagnostic tool and results are not used as part of the admissions process.

Additional Information

Although the clinical nursing program at Coppin State University only begins during the fall semester, students are encouraged to apply for general admission to Coppin for the spring semester of the year in which they plan to start the clinical program. Students should indicate on the university application that they plan to pursue nursing as their major.

Only students admitted to Coppin State University are permitted to take the Nurse Entrance Test (NET), which is offered during the spring semester (February – April). Admission to the university *does not* constitute admission to the nursing program.

Coppin State University offers an accelerated one-year RN to BSN program of study.

Recommended RN to BSN Transfer Program: HCC to Coppin State University

COURSE CREDITS	COURSES REQUIRED FOR HCC NURSING PROGRAM
3	ENGL-121: College Composition I: Expository Writing
3	ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature
3	Fine Arts Core course
3	SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology
3	PSYC-101: General Psychology
4	BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> BIOL-200: Microbiology
4	CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry <i>or</i> CHEM-103: Fundamentals of General Chemistry
4	BIOL-203: Anatomy & Physiology I
4	BIOL-204: Anatomy & Physiology II
3-5	MATH-131 or higher
3	HMDV-200: Life Span Development

COURSE CREDITS	ADDITIONAL COURSES REQUIRED FOR COPPIN
3	BIOL-206 <i>or</i> HEED-211
3	ENGL-225
3	SPCH-105: Speech Communication
3	PHIL-101: Introduction to Philosophy <i>or</i> PHIL-202: Logic and Critical Thinking
3	SOCI-103: Marriage and The Family
4	MATH-138: Statistics
6	History: two courses chosen from World History, U.S. History, or African-American History

Requirements are subject to change. Always check with an academic advisor and the receiving institution.

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

525 North Wolfe Street, Suite 113
Baltimore, Maryland 21205
Office of Admissions and Student Services: 410-955-7548
www.son.jhmi.edu/academics/admissions

General Admission Requirements

- School of Nursing application (\$75 fee); no general university application required
- Application deadline: Fall - January 15 preferred; Spring – rolling admission
- Official transcripts from all schools attended, including all courses in progress
- Official high school transcript (required if applying without a bachelor's degree and if high school graduation occurred within the past five years)
- Three application essays
- Current résumé (should include work experience and/or volunteer activities)
- Three letters of recommendation (including two from instructors in current or recent courses)
- Minimum required GPA: 3.0
- Copy of Registered Nurse licensure in good standing from Maryland or a Compact State (by the time of matriculation)

Additional Information

Registered nurses may apply to pursue full-time or part-time study in the BSN program. Students can complete their BSN coursework in approximately one year with full-time study. Although applications are accepted for both the fall and spring semesters, students are encouraged to start in the fall due to course sequencing. Students who wish to start in the spring semester should contact the School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing will accept some credits earned by challenge exams through Excelsior College.

Recommended RN to BSN Transfer Program: HCC to Johns Hopkins University

COURSE CREDITS	COURSES REQUIRED FOR HCC NURSING PROGRAM
3	ENGL-121: College Composition I: Expository Writing
3	ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature
3	Fine Arts Core course
3	SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology
3	PSYC-101: General Psychology
4	BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> BIOL-200: Microbiology
4	CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry (recommended for JHU) <i>or</i> CHEM-103: Fundamentals of General Chemistry
4	BIOL-203: Anatomy & Physiology I
4	BIOL-204: Anatomy & Physiology II
3-5	MATH 121, 122, 131 or higher *
3	HMDV-200: Life Span Development

COURSE CREDITS	ADDITIONAL COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO JHU
3	BIOL-206: Nutrition for Health Services <i>or</i> HEED-211: Nutrition
4	MATH-138*
4	Additional Chemistry course – CHEM-102 or CHEM-201 will be accepted
6	Social Science Electives: Choose two courses from Anthropology, Economics, Family/Community, Sociology, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology
10-16	General Education Electives: Choose courses from any academic discipline except studio and performing arts. Only one LFIT (physical education) course is acceptable

Requirements are subject to change. Always check with an academic advisor and the receiving institution.

* Johns Hopkins University's only math requirement for RN to BSN applicants is MATH-138 (Statistics). HCC students may choose to take this course to satisfy the math requirement at HCC as well as the transfer requirement for Johns Hopkins.

Anatomy & Physiology courses cannot be over five years old. Students may submit with their applications a letter requesting a waiver of the time limit. If the waiver is not granted, students have the option of retaking the courses or challenging them through Excelsior College.

Salisbury University School of Nursing

1101 Camden Avenue, Devilbiss Hall 235
Salisbury, MD 21801
Office of Admissions and Student Affairs: 410-543-6161
www.salisbury.edu/admissions

General Admission Requirements

- Salisbury University admissions application (rolling deadline for transfer students; \$45 fee)
- Nursing Request to Enroll Form must be submitted to the nursing department by February 15 indicating interest in beginning the upper division nursing courses in the fall semester. The Request to Enroll form is available from the Nursing Department website and Nursing Division Office.
- Official transcripts from previously attended institutions must be sent to the Admissions Office. Transcripts for **all** previous colleges attended (two-year and four-year institutions) are required whether or not credit was earned or desired.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA required
- Copy of Registered Nurse licensure in good standing from Maryland or a Compact State.

Additional Information

Decisions regarding acceptance to begin the upper division nursing courses are made according to the cumulative GPA from all institutions attended and with consideration of the overall academic record. To be considered for admission to the upper division nursing courses, current and prospective students must successfully complete, or have a plan to complete, all curricular requirements prior to the fall semester in which students plan to begin the upper division coursework.

Due to course sequencing students may begin the upper division nursing courses in the fall semester only. The clinical coursework can be completed at Salisbury in approximately one year of full-time study.

All nursing prerequisite coursework must be completed with no more than one grade lower than a C and no more than one repeated course. There are no time limits on the science courses for RN to BSN applicants.

Because Pathophysiology is a 300-level course (BIOL-334 at Salisbury), students interested in transferring to Salisbury's BSN program must complete this course either at Salisbury or another accredited four-year institution. This course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Recommended RN to BSN Transfer Program: HCC to Salisbury University

COURSE CREDITS	COURSES REQUIRED FOR HCC NURSING PROGRAM
3	ENGL-121: College Composition I: Expository Writing
3	ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature
3	Fine Arts Core course
3	SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology
3	PSYC-101: General Psychology
4	BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> BIOL-200: Microbiology
4	CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry (SU <i>does not</i> accept CHEM-103)
4	BIOL-203: Anatomy & Physiology I
4	BIOL-204: Anatomy & Physiology II
3-5	MATH 121, 122, 131 or higher*
3	HMDV-200: Life Span Development

COURSE CREDITS	ADDITIONAL COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO SU
3	BIOL-206: Nutrition for Health Services <i>or</i> HEED-211: Nutrition
3	Literature Core Course
3	Social Science: one additional course from Anthropology, Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution Economics, History, Human Geography, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology
3	Humanities Core <i>Choose one course from</i> the following disciplines, in a subject different from your Fine Arts Core course: Art, Dance, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Speech, Theater
3	Personalized Health/Fitness (PHEC-106 at Salisbury)
4	MATH-138: Statistics*
4	Pathophysiology (BIOL-334 at Salisbury)
4	CHEM-102: General Inorganic Chemistry II
6	World Civilizations: HIST-121 required; choice of HIST-122 <i>or</i> HIST-123

Requirements are subject to change. Always check with an academic advisor and the receiving institution.

* Salisbury University's only math requirement for RN to BSN applicants is MATH-138 (Statistics). HCC students may choose to take this course to satisfy the math requirement at HCC as well as the transfer requirement for Salisbury.

Towson University School of Nursing

8000 York Road
Towson, Maryland 21252
Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services: 410-704-2113
wwwnew.towson.edu/main/admissions

General Admission Requirements

- Towson University application (\$40 fee)
- Department of Nursing application (no fee)
- Application deadlines: Fall: January 15; Spring: August 15
- Official transcripts from all schools attended (including all courses currently in progress.)
- Completed Towson University nursing application prerequisite form (listing all previous and courses in progress)
- Minimum 2.5 GPA required
- Copy of Registered Nurse licensure in good standing from Maryland or a Compact State

Additional Information

Admission to Towson University does not guarantee entrance into the Nursing Program. Selection is competitive and based upon several factors, including GPA. Although a minimum 2.5 GPA is required for admission consideration, most applicants maintain higher grade point averages.

Only one grade below a C is permitted in prerequisites or general education courses. No more than two courses may be repeated. According to university policy, a course may be repeated only once. *Admission is competitive* and contingent upon the student being screened and admission being offered to the applicant by both the university and the nursing department.

RN to BSN coursework is offered both at Towson's main campus and at the University System of Maryland – Hagerstown campus. Students may pursue either full-time or part-time study, and are required to complete 30 credits at Towson. Due to the sequencing of courses, the clinical coursework can be completed in approximately three semesters of full-time study.

Recommended RN to BSN Transfer Program: HCC to Towson University

COURSE CREDITS	COURSES REQUIRED FOR HCC NURSING PROGRAM
3	ENGL-121: College Composition I: Expository Writing
3	ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature
3	Fine Arts Core course
3	SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology
3	PSYC-101: General Psychology
4	BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> BIOL-200: Microbiology
4	CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry (recommended for Towson) <i>or</i> CHEM-103: Fundamentals of General Chemistry
4	BIOL-203: Anatomy & Physiology I
4	BIOL-204: Anatomy & Physiology II
3-5	MATH 121, 122, 131 or higher *
3	HMDV-200: Life Span Development

COURSE CREDITS	ADDITIONAL COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO TOWSON
3	BIOL-206: Nutrition for Health Services
4	MATH-138: Statistics
4	CHEM-104: Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry <i>or</i> CHEM-201: Organic Chemistry I (recommended)

Requirements are subject to change. Always check with an academic advisor and the receiving institution.

* Towson University's only math requirement for RN to BSN applicants is MATH-138 (Statistics). HCC students may choose to take this course to satisfy the math requirement at HCC as well as the transfer requirement for Towson.

University of Maryland School of Nursing

655 West Lombard Street, Suite 102
Baltimore, MD 21201
Office of Admissions and Student Affairs: 410-706-0501
www.nursing.umaryland.edu

General Admission Requirements

- School of Nursing application (\$50 fee)
- Application deadlines: Fall - April 1; Spring - September 1; Summer - April 15.
- Official transcripts from all schools previously attended must be submitted. Transcripts should show any courses in progress.
- Courses in Progress Form (download available on the school's website)
- Statement of goals and objectives (will serve as a writing sample)
- Résumé including work experience and/or volunteer activities
- Two letters of recommendation from academic sources
- Minimum 2.5 GPA required
- Copy of Registered Nurse licensure in good standing from Maryland or a Compact State

Additional Information

The RN to BSN track can be completed in one year of full-time study. UMD-B offers both on-campus and web-based RN to BSN degree options. Outreach sites afford Maryland RNs the opportunity to earn credits toward a degree while maintaining professional obligations in their local communities. Courses may be taken at the Universities of Shady Grove (Rockville), the University of Maryland System (Hagerstown), the Western Maryland Area Health Education Center (Cumberland), and the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (Cambridge).

Recommended RN to BSN Transfer Program: HCC to UMD-Baltimore

COURSE CREDITS	COURSES REQUIRED FOR HCC NURSING PROGRAM
3	ENGL-121: College Composition I: Expository Writing
3	ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature
3	Fine Arts Core course
3	SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology
3	PSYC-101: General Psychology
4	BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> BIOL-200: Microbiology
4	CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry <i>or</i> CHEM-103: Fundamentals of General Chemistry
4	BIOL-203: Anatomy & Physiology I
4	BIOL-204: Anatomy & Physiology II
3-5	MATH 121, 122, 131 or higher*
3	HMDV-200: Life Span Development

COURSE CREDITS	ADDITIONAL COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO UMB
3	BIOL-206: Nutrition for <i>Health Services</i> <i>or</i> HEED-211: Nutrition
3	Social Science Elective: <i>Choose from</i> Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work
3	MATH-131: College Algebra, or higher (MATH-133 is <i>not</i> accepted)*
4	MATH-138: Statistics
6	Humanities Core: <i>Choose three courses from at least two</i> of the following disciplines: Art, Foreign Language, History, Literature, Math, Music, Philosophy, Speech
7	General Education Electives: Choose any General Education courses

Requirements are subject to change. Always check with an academic advisor and the receiving institution.

*University of Maryland requires both College Algebra and Statistics. While students may select from a number of college-level math courses to complete HCC's program, students considering transfer to Maryland are strongly encouraged to take choose to take MATH-131 or 138 to satisfy the math requirement at HCC and part of the transfer requirement for Maryland.

There are no time limits on courses for students who have an active unencumbered RN license.

Villa Julie College

1525 Greenspring Valley Road
Stevenson, Maryland 21153
Office of Admissions: 410-486-7001
www.vjc.edu/admissions

General Admission Requirements

- Villa Julie College application (declaring RN to BSN nursing as major); no separate nursing application
- Application fee is waived for RN to BSN applicants
- Application deadlines: rolling, with multiple entry points into the program
- Official transcripts from all schools attended; transcripts should include all courses in progress.
- Two professional recommendations
- Current CPR certification, health insurance, and liability insurance
- Interview with an RN to BSN admissions counselor
- Minimum 2.8 GPA required (courses with grades lower than C will not be transferred)
- Copy of Registered Nurse licensure in good standing from Maryland or a Compact State

Additional Information

Villa Julie's only prerequisite for this program is an active, unencumbered Maryland Registered Nursing license. There are a number of corequisite courses required to earn the degree; students are *encouraged but not required* to complete those courses prior to taking the nursing courses.

The BSN may be obtained through a variety of options, including an accelerated program. Villa Julie's academic sessions are five and ten weeks in length, allowing multiple entry points for entrance into the program: two entry points in the spring, one entry point in the summer, and two to three entry points in the fall. There are 8 required RN to BS nursing courses, which may be completed in about two years with part-time attendance.

All RN-BSN courses have online, web-enhanced portions. Villa Julie's on-campus nursing courses are currently offered at a variety of sites, including Villa Julie College, Howard Community College, Anne Arundel Community College, Carroll Community College, Chesapeake College, College of Southern Maryland – Leonardtown, Harford Community College, and Prince George's Community College.

Articulated RN to BSN Transfer Program: HCC to Villa Julie College

COURSE CREDITS	COURSES APPROVED FOR HCC NURSING PROGRAM
3	ENGL-121: College Composition I: Expository Writing
3	ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature
3	Fine Arts Core course
3	SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology
3	PSYC-101: General Psychology
4	BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> BIOL-200: Microbiology
4	CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry <i>or</i> CHEM-103: Fundamentals of General Chemistry
4	BIOL-203: Anatomy & Physiology I
4	BIOL-204: Anatomy & Physiology II
3-5	MATH-121, 122, 131 or higher *
3	HMDV-200: Life Span Development

COURSE CREDITS	ADDITIONAL CO-REQUISITE COURSES REQUIRED FOR VJC (Required for BSN degree, but not for admission to VJC's nursing courses)
1	Life Fitness: Any 1-credit LFIT (physical education) course
3	BIOL-206: Nutrition for Health Services <i>or</i> HEED-211: Nutrition
3	ENGL-215: Advanced Creative Writing <i>or</i> ENGL-230: Technical Writing
3	SPCH-105 :Fundamentals of Public Speaking <i>or</i> SPCH-110: Interpersonal Communication
3	PHIL-103: Introduction to Ethics <i>or</i> HEED-125: Ethics in Professional Practice
4	MATH-138: Statistics
9	Humanities—Choose one course from each of the following humanities areas: 1. PHIL-101, 201, or 202 2. Any English <i>core</i> course 3. Any History core or elective course

Requirements are subject to change. Always check with an academic advisor and the receiving institution.

* Villa Julie College's only math requirement for RN to BSN students is MATH-138 (Statistics). HCC students may choose to take this course to satisfy the math requirement at HCC as well as the transfer requirement for Villa Julie.

Websites for selected nursing programs in Maryland

Howard Community College

<http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions /apply /alliedhealth>

Coppin State University

<http://www.coppin.edu/undernursing>

Johns Hopkins University

www.son.jhmi.edu/academics/academic_programs/undergrad

Salisbury University

<http://www.salisbury.edu/nursing/RNtoBS.html>

Towson University

wwwnew.towson.edu/nursing/undergraduate.html

Villa Julie College

www.vjc.edu/academics/index.aspx?id=1600

University of Maryland, Baltimore

nursing.umaryland.edu/admissions/index.htm