Nurses work in hospitals, physicians’ offices, home healthcare services, nursing care facilities, or outpatient clinics. They provide and coordinate patient care and education, and can choose to work in many different areas.

There are several different pathways to becoming a registered nurse (RN). Students at the University of Maryland can choose to transfer to a nursing program after 4-6 semesters to obtain their Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN). They can also graduate from the University of Maryland and apply for an Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing Degree (Accelerated BSN) or a Clinical Nurse Leader Master’s Program (CNL). These programs generally take 1-2 years to complete.

The University of Maryland also has a Guaranteed Pathways Program for for freshmen admits in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON). For more information, see www.prehealth.umd.edu/nursing.

What do I need to do to apply?

- Complete the prerequisite courses (listed to the right) with a grade of "C" or better in each course
- Maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.5
- Take the Graduate Readiness Exam (GRE) or the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), depending on the program you are interested in applying to.
- Clinical experience is helpful, but not required

Courses with an asterisk (*) are required for applicants without a bachelor’s degree.

While these are the typical prerequisite courses required for admission to Nursing school, admission requirements vary from institution to institution. Contact programs for most current requirements/prerequisites.