

How is the BSN program designed?

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree offers a hybrid learning environment which consists of 52 general education credits and 68 nursing credits, equaling 120 credits total. The nursing courses consist of lecture, lab, and clinical classes. Clinicals are held in-person at Richmond-area Bon Secours hospitals or other carefully selected settings.

How long will it take to complete the program?

The program takes 2.5 years (5 semesters) to complete after prerequisites. See sample plan of study.

How much time will I spend weekly on class/homework?

Successful students will spend at least 40 hours per week on school/homework. Students should expect to be in-person (classroom or clinical) 2 days per week as they begin their studies. Once students reach their senior year, they can expect to be in-person up to 4 days per week for clinical immersion.

When are the deadlines for applications?

The deadlines to apply for admission are listed on the Admissions page of our website:

www.bsmcon.edu/admissions.

What is the grade point average (GPA) requirement?

A minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required. The college GPA will be calculated from all college coursework taken, not only those that pertain to our program.

How do I get started?

It's ideal to first attend an Information Session (www.bsmcon.edu/events). Carefully review the Admissions Requirements page of the website (www.bsmcon.edu/bachelor-science-nursing) before applying to ensure that you have met all requirements. When you're ready, you can apply online at www.bsmcon.edu/apply-now.

Can I work while in the program?

We highly recommend that students expect to work part-time or less while in the program. Most students attempting to work a full-time schedule find they must reduce the number of work hours to be successful.

If I have a bachelor's degree, do you still need my high school transcript?

Yes, all BSN applicants are required to provide a high school transcript or copy of their diploma.

Do you accept transfer credit from other colleges?

Yes, we accept transfer credit for the prerequisites, but nursing classes will not transfer. All prerequisites must be taken at an accredited institution. A grade of "C" or better is required. Our admissions team will complete an unofficial review of your transcripts upon request.

When will I know if I've been accepted?

Applicants are notified by email of the Admission Committee's decisions approximately eight weeks after the deadline.

Can I apply with prerequisite courses in-progress?

Yes, you must be at least registered for any remaining prerequisite courses by the application deadline and we must receive proof of enrollment by that deadline. If accepted, an official transcript showing successful completion of any outstanding courses will be required prior to the start of classes.