



CREDIT NURSING PROGRAMS

ADMISSIONS
BOOKLET

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BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG SCREENING, CPR, AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to provide proof of immunization status, a completed health form, a criminal background check and drug screen at the students' expense. Students are also required to provide proof of health insurance and CPR certification. The American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare providers and the American Red Cross CPR for Professional Rescuers are the only accepted CPR courses.

The college will not be responsible for any tuition, fees or other costs that may be charged or paid or lost due to incomplete, untimely or unsatisfactory health records, CPR certification, background check or drug screen. The college is not responsible for the conduct of background checks and drug screenings, or decisions made by other entities as a result of the background check, drug screening requirements, and health requirements.

COLLEGE *of* SOUTHERN MARYLAND

NURSING PROGRAMS

Nursing professionals prioritize and manage care for clients with basic and complex health issues. Many job opportunities are available for beginning nurses in acute care facilities, long term care facilities, and a variety of community based settings.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) offers courses that prepare a student for a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Registered Nurse (RN) through one of the following: Practical Nursing (PN) certificate, or AS in Nursing degree (ADN). Students can earn the ADN through the following: Traditional Pathway or Nursing Transition Pathway. These are competitive admission programs. First consideration will be given to residents of CSM's service area (Calvert, Charles, St Mary's counties). All petitioners who have met the admission criteria are ranked and admitted according to their residency status and cumulative GPA. The cumulative GPA will be calculated for all colleges in which transfer work has been applied to the program.

Completion of the Practical Nursing program requirements or the Associate Degree Nursing program requirements entitles the individual to be considered for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). A passing score on the NCLEX examination results in licensure as either an LPN or RN, depending on exam type. By law, a state nursing board may deny licensure for a variety of reasons. Completion of a CSM Nursing Program does not guarantee the award of a nursing license by a state board of nursing.

The nursing program is comprised of both lecture and clinical/lab courses. Students must complete both the lecture and the accompanying clinical/lab course successfully in order to progress to the next level of courses. Students participate in clinical practica off campus in a variety of healthcare settings under the supervision of nursing instructors. The full-time student can complete the PN certificate in 14 months.

Full-time students can complete the AS in nursing degree in five semesters (see course sequence pages). Students attending full time are able to complete their general education requirements concurrently with their nursing courses. Part-time students may choose to extend their completion time, by taking fewer nursing or general education classes each semester.

The Nursing Transition Pathway prepares students to enter the AS in Nursing degree program with advanced standing. This program is designed as part time sequence for the working adult. Students have the option to accelerate their program completion, but must discuss their success plan with the Health Sciences Admission and Progression Coordinator, meet additional criteria, and receive approval of the Chair of Nursing.

The nursing programs are offered at the Regional Hughesville campus. Clinical experiences are scheduled at a variety of facilities in the Southern Maryland counties as well as in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to all classes and clinical experiences.

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La Plata, MD 20646-0910
www.csmd.edu/nursing

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lecture and laboratory classes are offered on campus in a face-to-face format. Clinical experiences are offered at a variety of times based on agency availability. The part-time student can choose to take only one nursing course a semester, and can limit clinical time to one day a week beginning in the second clinical semester.

For every credit hour of lecture time, there are 15 contact hours per semester. For every credit hour of lab time, there are 30 contact hours per semester. For every credit hour of clinical time, there are 45 clinical hours per semester. Students must be committed to their schedules and understand the demands of the course of study in order to successfully complete the program they select. It is critical to carefully budget time among studies, family responsibilities, and work commitments.

The current college catalog provides information regarding tuition and fees for the nursing program. Additional expenses will be incurred to purchase uniforms, shoes, supplies, books, lab supplies, and other program necessities.

Financial assistance is available through state and local scholarships, the college work-study program, basic Pell grants, and guaranteed student loans. It is important to apply early, as available money is allotted quickly. For more information on these programs, applicants should contact the Financial Assistance Department. Additional scholarships can be found on the Financial Assistance home page at www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/index.html.

The Nursing Department staff is available for consultation about academic, financial, or other personal needs related to nursing program success.

ACCREDITATION

The College of Southern Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Maryland Department of Education.

The Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs have the approval of the Maryland Board of Nursing and are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Accreditation information regarding the nursing programs may be obtained from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing:

3390 Peachtree Road NE Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-975-5000
www.acenursing.org

REQUIRED COURSES: PN CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The following charts detail the required courses for the PN Certificate program. All required courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. All nursing courses have prerequisites, and some of the General Education courses have prerequisites. Please refer to the College of Southern Maryland Catalog for specific course requirements.

COURSE SEQUENCE: CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL NURSING

The following is a recommended sequence for completion of the Practical Nursing program.

PRE-CLINICAL

BIO 2170*	4 credits
COM 1350*	3 credits
ENG 1010*	3 credits
NUR 1050**	2 credits
PSY 1010*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 1

NUR 1175***	4 credits
NUR 1175L***	3 credits
BIO 2180*	4 credits
PSY 2050*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 2

BIO 1650*	1 credit
NUR 1250*	2 credits
NUR 1250L*	1 credit
NUR 1275*	4 credits
NUR 1275L*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 3

NUR 1375****	3 credits
NUR 1375L****	2 credits

* Courses requiring a prerequisite

+ Students do not need to be admitted to the Nursing Program to take this courses.

++ Admission to the Nursing Program is required before taking these courses.

+++ NUR-1375 and NUR-1375L must be taken in the same semester.

Note: College placement test score at MTH-1120 required to meet admissions requirements for PN and ADN clinical programs.

REQUIRED COURSES: ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM

The following charts detail the required courses for the Nursing Associate of Science Degree program. All required courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. All nursing courses have prerequisites, and some of the General Education courses have prerequisites. Please refer to the College of Southern Maryland Catalog for specific course requirements.

COURSE SEQUENCE: ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

The following is a recommended sequence for completion of the ADN program in five semesters.

PRE-CLINICAL SEMESTER

BIO-2170*	4 credits
ENG-1010*	3 credits
MTH-1120*	3 credits
NUR-1050*+	2 credit
PSY-1010*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 1

BIO-2180*	4 credits
NUR-1175*++	4 credits
NUR-1175L*++	3 credits
PSY-2050*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 2

BIO-2010*	3 credits
BIO-2010L*	1 credit
NUR-1250*	2 credits
NUR-1250L*	1 credit
NUR-1275*	4 credits
NUR-1275L*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 3

NUR-2350*	2 credits
NUR-2350L*	1 credit
NUR-2375*	4 credits
NUR-2375L*	3 credits
COM-1350*	3 credits

CLINICAL SEMESTER 4

NUR-2450*	2 credits
NUR-2450L*	1 credit
NUR-2475*	3 credits
NUR-2475L*	2 credits
MTH-1015*	3 credits
PHL-1410	3 credits

* Courses requiring a prerequisite
 + Students do not need to be admitted to the Nursing Program to take this course.
 ++ Admission to the Nursing Program is required before taking these courses.

Note: College placement test score at MTH-1120 required to meet admissions requirements for PN and ADN clinical programs.

REQUIRED COURSES: NURSING TRANSITION PATHWAY

The following charts detail the required courses for the Nursing Transition Pathway. This program is designed as a part time sequence for the working adult. Students have the option to accelerate their program completion, but must discuss their success plan with the Health Sciences Admission and Progression Coordinator, meet additional criteria, and receive approval of the Chair of Nursing. All required courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. All nursing courses have prerequisites, and some of the General Education courses have prerequisites. Please refer to the College of Southern Maryland Catalog for specific course requirements

COURSE SEQUENCE: NURSING TRANSITION PATHWAY

The following is a recommended sequence for completion of the Nursing Transition Pathway.

PRE-PATHWAY SEMESTER

NUR-1975*+++	4 credits
NUR-1975L*+++	4 credits

PATHWAY SEMESTER 1

NUR-2350*	2 credits
NUR-2350L*	1 credit
COM-1350*	3 credits

PATHWAY SEMESTER 2

NUR-2375*	4 credits
NUR-2375L*	3 credits

PATHWAY SEMESTER 3

NUR-2450*	2 credits
NUR-2450L*	1 credit
MTH-1015*	3 credits

PATHWAY SEMESTER 4

NUR-2475*	3 credits
NUR-2475L*	2 credits
PHL-1410	3 credits

* Courses requiring a prerequisite

+++NUR-1975 and NUR-1975L must be taken in the same semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR PN AND ADN CLINICAL PROGRAMS

- High school diploma or GED
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in high school or in college (with at least 12 earned college credits)
- College placement test scores at the ENG-1010 and MTH-1120 levels, and placement out of Reading
- ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) composite score of 59% – The TEAS is offered at the La Plata, Leonardtown, and Prince Frederick Campus. Testing Centers. Register for the ATI TEAS (Nursing) at www.atitesting.com.
- Proof of registration for prerequisites to NUR-1175, NUR-1175L (NUR-1050 and BIO-2170).

This is a competitive admission program. First consideration will be given to residents of CSM's service area (Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's counties). All petitioners who have met the admission criteria are ranked and admitted according to their residency status, cumulative GPA, and ATI TEAS. The cumulative GPA will be calculated for all colleges in which transfer work has been applied to the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING TRANSITION PATHWAY

The Nursing Transition Pathway provides students an opportunity to enter the AS in Nursing degree program with advanced standing. This program is designed as a part time sequence for the working adult. Students have the option to accelerate their program completion, but must discuss their success plan with the Health Sciences Admission and Progression Coordinator, meet additional criteria, and receive approval of the Chair of Nursing. Students who successfully complete NUR 1975 and NUR 1975L in addition to the below criteria are qualified for admission to the Nursing Transition Pathway.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

Consistent with the Maryland Board of Nursing articulation model, Practical Nurses with an active unencumbered Maryland or compact LPN license are awarded a maximum of one year of nursing courses when articulating to the associate degree level, following successful completion of the program's transition courses.

- Be an LPN with an active unencumbered Maryland or compact state LPN license
- Meet the following requirements:
 - Have a minimum 2.0 weighted high school GPA or 12 or more college credits from an accredited college or university.
 - Complete NUR-1050, ENG-1010, MTH-1120, BIO-2170, BIO-2180, BIO-2010/L, PSY-1010, PSY-2050 with a minimum grade of "C" or better
- ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) composite score of 59% – The TEAS is offered at the La Plata, Leonardtown, and Prince Frederick Campus Testing Centers. Register for the ATI TEAS (Nursing) at www.atitesting.com.

This is a competitive admission program. First consideration will be given to residents of CSM's service area (Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's counties). All petitioners who have met the admission criteria are ranked and admitted according to their residency status and cumulative GPA. The cumulative GPA will be calculated for all colleges in which transfer work has been applied to the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY MEDIC/CORPSMAN

Military Medic/Corpsman to Nursing Transition Pathway students are awarded a maximum of one year of nursing courses based on a review of military transcript when articulating to the associate degree level, following successful completion of the program's transition courses.

- Documentation of past or present status of a Navy Corpsman (rank of HM2 and NER-HM-004 course completed), Army 91WM6, or USAF4NO skill identifier
- High school diploma or GED
- One year of experience in direct patient care within the past five years
- Have a minimum weighted GPA of 2.0 in high school or in college (with 12 or more college credits from an accredited college or university)
- Complete: NUR-1050, ENG-1010, MTH-1120, BIO-2170, BIO-2180, BIO-2010/L, PSY-1010, PSY-2050 with a minimum grade of "C" or better. Some coursework previously completed in military education may transfer - American Council on Education (ACE) approved courses; please see advisor for specific information. Courses completed via other educational institutions or entities may also transfer (ACE approved).
- ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) score of 59 or above. TEAS scores are considered current for 3 years.

CRITERIA FOR ACCELERATED PROGRAM COMPLETION

Students have the option to accelerate their program completion, but must discuss their success plan with the Health Sciences Admission and Progression Coordinator, meet additional criteria, and receive approval of the Chair of Nursing.

Students who are seeking approval for the accelerated option must meet the following criteria:

- Work 20 hours or less during the week verified by supporting documentation from the employer
- Minimum composite score of 78 on TEAS
- GPA of 3.0 in math and science courses
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The steps in the application procedure are as follows:

1. Complete CSM Admissions process:
 - a) apply at www.csmd.edu/apply
 - b) send college transcripts
 - c) take placement tests
 - d) schedule an appointment to meet with an academic advisor
2. Complete online nursing program petition at www.csmd.edu/nursing.
3. PN and ADN applicants must submit proof of registration for prerequisites to NUR-1175, NUR-1175L (NUR-1050, and BIO-2170) with the online petition.
4. LPN applying for the Nursing Transition Pathway must submit proof of active, unencumbered licensure as an LPN in Maryland or a compact state with the online petition.
5. Petitions to enter the PN or ADN programs for the following fall semester must be submitted by January 15. Petitions to enter the ADN program for the spring semester must be submitted by June 15 of the prior year. Petitions to enter the Nursing Transition Pathway for the summer session must be submitted by January 15. A new petition is required for each admission cycle.
6. Qualified applicants who are not initially offered admission due to program enrollment limits may be offered admission as space becomes available during that petition cycle.
7. All TEAS scores and official transcripts must be sent as official documents. See www.csmd.edu/transfer services for direction. If the official documents are not on file by the petition deadline date, the petition will be considered incomplete and not reviewed.

ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING IN THE NURSING PROGRAMS

Advanced standing in the nursing programs may be awarded on an individual basis. Students seeking advanced standing must complete the nursing program online petition process and meet all admissions requirements at time of petition. Once admitted to the program students will meet with the Health Sciences Admission and Progression Coordinator and Nursing Program Chair to determine eligibility for advanced standing. Students may be required to take departmental exams.

STUDENT REQUESTING ADVANCED STANDING	ADVANCED STANDING ELIGIBILITY
High school CTE programs	Based on CSM and county articulation agreement
Credits from other nursing programs or credits from other health career programs (EMS, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapist Assistant, etc.)	Transcripts and course syllabi will be reviewed on an individual basis. Credit may be available. Departmental Exams may be required.

Students are responsible for meeting all admissions, progression, and graduation requirements. Advisors may assist in planning programs, but the final and ultimate responsibility for fulfilling all requirements rests with student.

READERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT:

This booklet is intended to be a fair summary of matters of interest to students and should be used in conjunction with the College of Southern Maryland Catalog.

1. This booklet is not intended to be a complete statement of all procedures, policies, rules, or regulations;
2. The college reserves the right to change, without notice, any academic or other requirements, course offerings, course contents, programs, procedures, policies, rules, and regulations that may be contained in this booklet; and
3. Other division procedures, policies, rules, and regulations, whether or not contained in this booklet, may be applicable to students in this division.

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NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The College of Southern Maryland does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion, or marital status in its programs or activities. The ADA/504 Coordinator—La Plata Campus, Learning Resource Center (LR Building), Room 123, 301-934-7614—has been designated to handle inquiries regarding discrimination on the basis of disabilities. The executive director of Student Affairs—La Plata Campus, Administration (AD) Building, Room 220A, 301-539-4746—should be contacted for student discrimination inquiries. Human Resources—La Plata Campus, Campus Center (CC Building), Room 212, 301-934-7700—should be contacted to handle all other discrimination inquiries.