

Did you know...

- In an impressive 20 year running streak, Americans have rated nurses as the #1 most ethical and honest profession (Gallup poll, 2022).
- RNs work in a variety of settings – hospitals, long term care, in the community – and work with a variety of populations – newborns, children, adults, and the elderly.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, RN employment is projected to grow 9 percent from 2020 to 2030. The median annual wage for RNs was \$78,530 in 2021.
- Many Maryland community colleges now partner with universities that help you earn both your Associate and BSN degrees in a timelier and cost-effective manner.
- Maryland is 4th in the nation with the number of its RNs holding a BSN degree!

Registered Nursing: A Great Profession in Great Demand

Earning an in-demand Nursing Degree in Maryland: Three Pathways

FAQs	Associate degrees (AD) Programs in MD's Community Colleges	Associate to Bachelor's (ATB) Programs with a MD Community College & University Partner (enrolled in both AD and BSN programs)	Bachelor's Degree (BSN) Programs in MD's Public & Private Universities
Who chooses this program type?	Those who wish to: - stay close to home - save \$\$/reduce student debt - begin work as an RN sooner (~ 3 yrs) - have a strong clinical focus - delay BSN until a later time (some hospital employers may require future enrollment in a BSN program)	Those who wish to: - stay close to home - save \$\$/reduce student debt - begin work as an RN sooner (~ 3 yrs) - earn the BSN earlier in their career - have potential for greater earnings/job opportunities - be positioned to apply to graduate programs in nursing	Those who wish to: - commute or live on or near campus - begin work as an RN after completion of the BSN degree (~ 4 yrs) - earn the BSN earlier in their career - have potential for greater earnings/job opportunities. - be positioned to apply to graduate programs in nursing
How many credits must I complete?	Average of 70 credits (Earn AD only)	60 AD transfer credits + 30 credits awarded for RN licensure + average of 30-34 university credits (Earn AD and BSN)*	Average of 120 credits (Earn BSN)
How can I estimate the costs to earn my degree(s)?	Research preferred schools; calculate: Tuition + fees per Cash Credit X total no. credits for AD in Nursing	Research preferred AD and BSN schools; calculate: AD in Nursing costs (see left) + 11-14 Cash Credits for additional university prerequisite courses + Tuition + fees per credit X 30-34 credits for BS in Nursing	Research preferred BSN schools; calculate: Tuition + fees per credit X total no. credits for BS in Nursing
Do I have to attend full-time, or can I attend part-time?	May attend PT while completing prerequisite courses; nursing program requires FT or near FT study	May attend PT while completing prerequisite courses; nursing program requires FT or near FT study plus summer/winter BSN courses.	Requires FT study

*In Maryland, there is a statewide articulation agreement where public universities will transfer a minimum of 60 community college credits and award 30 credits for an earned RN licensure.

Learn More: Explore Maryland's Excellent Nursing Programs

Maryland Community Colleges offering Associate Degree (AD) Programs	Maryland Community Colleges offering Dual Enrollment or Dual Admission Associate ATB Programs with University Partners	Maryland Public & Private Universities offering Entry Level Bachelor's Degree (BSN) Programs
Allegany College of Maryland Anne Arundel Community College Baltimore City Community College Carroll Community College Cecil Community College Chesapeake College College of Southern Maryland Community College of Baltimore County Frederick Community College Hagerstown Community College Harford Community College Howard Community College Montgomery College Prince George's Community College Wor-Wic Community College	Allegany College of Maryland ●★ Anne Arundel Community College ◆●★ Baltimore City Community College ★ Carroll Community College ◆◆●★ Cecil Community College ◆◆●★ Chesapeake College ◆●★ College of Southern Maryland ◆●◆★☾ Community College of Baltimore County ◆◆●♥★ Frederick Community College ◆●★ Hagerstown Community College ●◆★ Harford Community College ◆◆●★ Howard Community College ◆★ Montgomery College ★ Prince George's Community College ◆●★ Wor-Wic Community College ◆★	Bowie State University Coppin State University Frostburg State University* Hood College Loyola University Maryland McDaniel College Morgan State University Notre Dame of Maryland University* Salisbury University Stevenson University* Towson University* University of Maryland - Baltimore** Washington Adventist University * Schools also offering a Dual Enrollment ATB Program ** School offering a Dual Admission ATB Program

NOTE:

Dual Enrollment: a program where students are enrolled in **both** community college and university nursing programs simultaneously, working on earning both nursing degrees.

Dual Admission: a program where students are enrolled in a community college nursing program and have gained early university admission to earn a BSN degree upon completion of the associate degree (with an option to begin selected BSN courses during the AD program, if desired).

*** ☾ [University of Maryland Global Campus](#) (UMGC) for students interested please contact the community college that has an affiliation with them.

Dual Enrollment

- Frostburg State University
- ♥ Notre Dame of Maryland University
- ◆ Stevenson University
- ◆ Towson University

Dual Admission

- ★ University of Maryland - Baltimore

*Disclaimer: Associate degree and entry-level Bachelor's Degree programs and affiliations are subject to change

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