RN to BSN Information Session: Co-Enrollment Program

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AGENDA

• Presentation (30 – 40 minutes)
  • Program background
  • Program information
  • Eligibility guidelines
  • Application process
  • Admissions decisions

• Q&A
WHY MASON’S BSN PROGRAM?

• **Prime location:** National Capital Area (NCA)
  • **Employment:** More than 7,000 graduates employed in the NCA and nationwide as staff nurses in clinics, hospitals, schools, community health, health department, home health, hospice settings

• **Exceptional student experience:**
  • Virginia’s largest public research university
  • High retention and low attrition rates
  • BSN program offered for more than 40 years
  • Largest BSN program in Virginia
  • One of the most diverse public universities in the country (*U.S. News & World Report*)
  • Flexible, online, part-and full-time options
  • Co-enrollment programs allow students to complete a BSN in as little as one semester after graduating from a partner community college AAS-Nursing program and earning RN license
  • Mason is designated a military friendly school by Victory Media and a “top school” by Military Advance Education & Transition

• **Cost-effective education:** Public university with in-state option
BSN PROGRAM BASICS

• Programs offer flexible, full and part-time options
• Completely online
• Admission is offered twice a year: fall and spring
• RN to BSN Program: for those who have finished an Associates degree in Nursing and hold an RN license
• Co-enrollment Program: for those in the process of earning an Associates degree in Nursing and obtaining an RN license
Program Overview

Curriculum for RN to BSN and Co-enrollment Program
(10 courses, 30 credits total):

- NURS 336 Concepts in Professional Nursing
- NURS 425 Comprehensive Health Assessment
- NURS 436 Leadership & Management in Health Care
- NURS 440 Community Health & Epidemiology
- NURS 434 Vulnerable Populations
- NURS 453 Research in Nursing
- NURS 457 Intro to Nursing Informatics
- NURS 465 Examination and Integration of Professional Health Care Issues
- ENGH 302 (if prior bachelor’s degree, this requirement is met and an additional 3 credits of electives required)
- Electives

- Most classes are offered in a 7-week format, plan accordingly
• Grade Requirements:
  • Grade of 77% (C+) or higher is passing; anything below is not passing
  • One unsatisfactory grade is allowed; second failure will lead to termination from program
• Co-enrollment Program students must
  • Submit transcripts at the end of each semester to demonstrate good standing in the partner community college AAS-Nursing program
  • Pass the NCLEX to earn an RN license after completing the partner community college AAS-Nursing program, and before they can graduate from the Mason BSN
• Participation in the program involves minimal technology requirements. For more information, visit Mason’s Office of Digital Learning website at http://masononline.gmu.edu/
APPLYING TO THE BSN PROGRAM

If applying to the RN to BSN Program, submit your application when...
   You are completing your final semester or have graduated from an AAS-Nursing program
   Have or will have earned your RN license prior to the start of the RN to BSN program

If applying to the Co-enrollment, BSN Program, submit your application when...
   Enrolled in the partner community college AAS-Nursing program
   During or after your first semester of the partner community college AAS-Nursing program
APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must submit two separate admission applications
  - Mason’s university admission application
  - BSN Application

- Each application has separate
  - Application requirements
  - Deadlines

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2 separate applications ➔ 2 separate decision letters
MASON APPLICATION

• Mason application available online: admissions.gmu.edu
• Applicants must apply as a **degree-seeking, transfer student**
  • Submit the Mason application for the same semester you plan to begin the BSN, if admitted
  • Applicants should submit the Mason application at least 10 business days in advance of starting the BSN Application to ensure you receive your Mason ID Number (G number)
• Transfer admission to Mason is competitive
• Mason Office of Admissions awards transfer credit (not BSN Admissions)
• Research and meet Mason admission requirements and deadlines
• Disclose all institutions you have attended (or plan to attend) on university application; failure to do so will jeopardize admission

• Applicants with a bachelor’s degree or coursework from outside of the U.S. must:
  • Have transcripts evaluated: www.naces.org
  • Submit proof of English language proficiency
  • For information: https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/international
ADVANCE

- Partnership between Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University
- Gives NOVA students targeted, personalized support to complete a bachelor’s degree in a timely manner and save money
- Benefits
  - Major Cost Savings
  - Make Every Credit Count
  - Dedicated Success Coaches
  - Access to Mason recreational facilities, sporting and cultural events
  - No additional Mason Application
  - Dual Enrollment
- For enrollment requirements and other considerations, please visit: www.nvcc.edu/advance/
BSN PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

BSN applicants must complete the following basic eligibility requirements:

• Apply to Mason as degree-seeking transfer student
• Complete Nursing Prerequisites, Mason Core, and Electives with a grade of C or better
• Submit online BSN Application, upload required materials, and pay the $60 non-refundable BSN Application fee
• Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.85
• RN to BSN Program only: Completion of Associates Degree in Nursing and current U.S.-based RN license
• Co-enrollment Program only: Admission to and current enrollment in a partner community college Nursing program
Nursing Prerequisite Courses

Anatomy and Physiology (8 credits)
  • Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
  • Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
Microbiology (4 credits)
Statistics (3 credits)
Biomedical Ethics (3 credits)

• 18 credits total
• Complete Nursing Prerequisite with a grade of C or better
  • **RN to BSN Program**: Nursing prerequisites must be complete before the start of the Mason BSN program
  • **Co-enrollment Program**: Nursing prerequisites must be complete prior to graduating from the AAS-Nursing program at the partner community college
**BSN PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY (CONTINUED)**

## Mason Core and Elective Courses

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- 42 credits total
- A previous U.S.-based, 4-year bachelor’s degree will satisfy the Mason Core and Elective course requirements
- An international bachelor’s degree evaluated as equivalent to a 4-year U.S.-based bachelor’s degree student **MAY** meet the Mason Core and Elective course requirements
Mason Core and Elective Courses Completion

- We recommend students have these Mason Core and Electives complete prior to entering one of these programs. However, students may complete the Mason Core and elective courses after admission.

  - **RN to BSN Program:** Students must complete any unfinished Mason Core and elective courses at Mason while enrolled in the RN to BSN program.

  - **Co-enrollment Program:** Students may complete any unfinished Mason Core and elective courses at the partner community college while enrolled in the AAS-Nursing program. Once the AAS degree is complete, students must complete any unfinished Mason Core and Electives at Mason.
Students with a prior bachelor’s degree

- Students are **required to complete at least 30 hours at Mason beyond their first degree** (satisfied by BSN program coursework)
  - If previous credits earned at Mason have been used for a degree here or at any other university, they cannot be used as electives for the 30 credits in the RN to BSN degree
  - Students who have previously completed NURS courses at Mason will not be able to use these courses toward their BSN degree if the courses are more than three years old at the time of BSN enrollment
- If ENGH 302 met with prior bachelor’s degree students will need to complete an additional 3 elective credits (total of 6 elective credits)
Transfer Courses

• All transfer course equivalencies are determined by the Mason Office of Admissions after a student has been admitted to Mason and paid the enrollment deposit.

• To determine whether your course matches the Mason course needed for the BSN Application, you can do the following:
  • Refer to the Prerequisite Worksheet: https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu/bbcswedav/orgs/AU_CHHS_CHHSWebDocs/NURS/Admissions/prereq-transfer-equiv-rn-co-enroll.pdf
  • Use Mason’s Transfer Credit Matrix: http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/
  • If course is not in the Matrix, compare your course description with the description of the Mason course: catalog.gmu.edu

• If you have exhausted the above resources and you are still unable to determine if your course is equivalent, please send the course description to BSNapps@gmu.edu
BSN APPLICATION PROCESS

• BSN Application becomes available through the CHHS website
  • Spring admission - early September
  • Fall admission - mid-December

• BSN Application process
  • Create your online BSN Application Account
  • Complete the online BSN Application
  • Upload supporting materials
  • Pay the $60 non-refundable BSN Application Fee
  • Finalize and submit your BSN Application

Incomplete BSN Applications will not be reviewed.
To create your BSN Application Account you will need to obtain your Mason ID number (G Number)

- You will receive your Mason ID Number once you submit your Mason Admission Application
  - Apply to Mason early, may take 10 business days to receive ID
  - Without a G number you cannot create a BSN Application Account
- Current Mason Students: Login using your Mason Net ID and password
- You may repeatedly login and return to your BSN Application, until your “submit” your BSN Application.
To complete the online BSN Application, you will need to refer to and upload (in PDF format) copies of the following:

- Unofficial transcripts from each institution attended
  - Students with international background must submit a copy of evaluation of transcripts (NACES.org)
  - Current Mason students must submit transcripts from each institution attended, including Mason

- Resume
To complete the online BSN Application, you will need to refer to and upload (in PDF format) copies of the following, if applicable:

- Copy of class registration for currently enrolled courses
- Copy of active military ID
- Copy of unofficial AP/IB/CLEP scores
- Copy of any Certifications and Licensures
- Copy of email correspondence with BSN Admissions Office ([BSNapps@gmu.edu](mailto:BSNapps@gmu.edu))

You cannot submit your BSN application until you upload all supporting materials
BSN APPLICATION PROCESS (CONTINUED)

Finalizing and submitting the BSN Application

• Pay the non-refundable $60 BSN Application Fee (VISA or Mastercard accepted)
• Carefully read and understand the Terms and Conditions
  • You will be required to check a box accompanying each statement
  • You will not be able to submit your application until each statement has been read and each box checked
• Submit your BSN Application
  • You can only submit ONE application
  • You must complete each section and upload all supporting materials before you may submit
  • After submission, you cannot return to the application
  • Once submitted, you will receive an e-mail confirmation
BSN ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

BSN Admissions decisions are **sent via email**

- **Spring Admission Decisions** by mid-December
- **Fall Admissions Decision:** by late April

**Decisions are holistic** and based on an array of factors:

- Completion of all nursing prerequisite courses
  - Must earn grade of “C” or better in EACH course, including Nursing Prerequisites, Mason Core Requirements, and Elective courses
- OVERALL academic history and performance
- History of repeating courses
- Résumé
BSN ADMISSIONS DECISIONS (CONTINUED)

If not admitted...

- **Common reasons for denial:**
  - Incomplete application
  - Failure to meet eligibility guidelines
  - Below 2.85 overall career GPA (including all institutions)
  - Below a C in any of the Mason Core Requirements, Nursing Prerequisites, or elective courses
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

BSN program admission offer will be **provisional**:  

- Must submit transcripts for currently enrolled courses by deadline specified in BSN admission offer
- Must achieve grade of “C” or better in nursing prerequisite courses
- **Co-enrollment Program students**: Must remain in good standing with their AAS-Nursing program
- Must respond to the offer of admission, indicating intent to enroll by deadline specified in offer email
- Must pay Mason Enrollment Deposit by deadline specified in BSN admission offer
PROGRAM COSTS

Approximate cost based on spring 2020 tuition rates (excluding books and BSN fees):

- **In-state**: approximately $15,700 for entire program
- **Out-of-state**: approximately $45,000 for entire program
- For further information regarding tuition and fees refer to the Student Accounts Office website at [https://studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition-fees/](https://studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition-fees/)


- Federal financial aid is limited to students who have completed less than 150% of credits required for a degree (180 credits). Students with more than 180 credits of undergraduate coursework **do not** qualify for federal financial aid.
- **Co-enrollment Students**: The VCCS partner community college serves as the primary institution for financial aid purposes until completion of the AAS degree. After earning the AAS degree, Mason will be the primary institution.
Admissions Recap

• Mason offer letter is sent by the Office of Admissions
  • Decisions made on a rolling basis after all required application materials are received
  • Contact Office of Admissions directly for more information: admissions.gmu.edu or 703-993-2400

• BSN program admission decisions are sent via email from BSNapps@gmu.edu by the School of Nursing:
  • Fall Admission: Sent in late May
  • Spring Admission: Sent in late December
FINAL REMINDERS

- Applicants with international background have additional application requirements
  - Evaluation of transcripts
  - English language proficiency
- The following resources are available to assist you in answering transfer course equivalency questions:
  - Transfer Credit Matrix ([http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/](http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/))
  - Course Catalog ([catalog.gmu.edu](catalog.gmu.edu))
FINAL REMINDERS

• Follow us on social media and check our website for reminders and updates:
  • Website (http://chhs.gmu.edu/)
  • Facebook (@GMUCHHS)
  • Twitter (@MasonCHHS)
  • LinkedIn (linkedin.com/school/masonchhs/)
  • Instagram (@masonchhs)
  • YouTube (youtube.com/c/MasonCollegeofHealthandHumanServices)

• Questions?
  • Email bsnapps@gmu.edu for nursing application questions and allow 10-14 days for response
QUESTIONS

Q & A
• General questions and clarifications on information presented

Advising Opportunities
• Prospective Student Walk-in hours: First Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
• If you have specific questions, please email them to BSNapps@gmu.edu

Thank you for your time today.