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Named in honor of the inspiring student of Florence Nightingale who served as the first director of the School of Nursing, the Louisa Parsons League was established in 1981 to recognize those alumni and friends whose generous gifts reflect a substantial commitment to the continued development of the school and the tradition of excellence in education and service set by our foundress for the people of the state of Maryland. Because of Miss Parsons's success, Miss Nightingale honored the program's graduates with the use of a cap of point d'esprit of her design. Members of the Louisa Parsons League become an integral part of the School of Nursing and are involved in opportunities of mutual benefit. In addition, they may elect to enjoy simultaneous membership and recognition from the Presidents Club of the University of Maryland.

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The School
The University of Maryland School of Nursing prepares highly qualified professional nurses to meet the public's health care needs as clinicians, researchers, educators and administrators. The university awards approximately 350 baccalaureate degrees in nursing and 125 master's degrees in nursing annually, making its programs the largest in the nation. The first Ph.D. in nursing was awarded in 1984.

Within the last decade, both the undergraduate and graduate curricula have been revised to ensure that they remain responsive to the changing health care needs of society. In addition to learning the fundamentals of nursing, baccalaureate students have increased opportunities for clinical practice, selecting from among more than 100 clinical sites in Maryland, the District of Columbia and northern Virginia. At the nearby University of Maryland Medical System, students see first-hand the latest advances in such areas as neonatal care, coronary care, cancer treatment and trauma care.

The School of Nursing has been a leader in the education of nurse practitioners and was among the first to develop a master's program in primary care. The graduate program now offers opportunities for specialization in new areas such as health policy and trauma/critical care.

One of the most important contributions the school makes to the community and the profession is through the expertise of its faculty. School of Nursing faculty members hold leadership positions in national professional organizations, including the American Nurses Association and the National League for Nursing, and serve as consultants to health care agencies, institutions of higher education and government.

Educational Philosophy
The School of Nursing, an autonomous educational unit within the University of Maryland, derives the broad outlines of its purpose and functions from the philosophy and policies of the university. As an integral part of a university academic health center, the School of Nursing combines the missions of the university and the goals of a professional discipline. The mission of the school is to provide leadership in nursing through scholarship, research and evaluation. Identification and development of areas of practice and nursing care delivery systems which anticipate and are responsive to societal needs through the development of research and teaching programs are the primary focus.

The faculty of the School of Nursing is accountable for implementing the triad of university functions: teaching, research and service, and recognizes the interrelationships among teaching, research and practice in nursing. Through participation in research and utilization of valid research findings, teachers and students contribute to effective nursing practice. These functions and activities are attuned to the ever-changing needs of society in the global community.

Inherent in the practice of nursing is the shared belief that man is an integration of components and processes that cannot exist independently of each other. Internal and external environmental influences alter man's state of health along the continuum of time. When manipulation of these forces is required to enhance man's potential for health, nursing can function to bridge the gap between potential and actual health states.
The goal of professional nursing is to assist the individual, the family and the community in the development of their potential by helping each to gain, maintain or increase an optimal level of health. The nurse becomes an integral part of the environment of the client, acting with awareness of selected factors and interacting in a dynamic way within that environment. Through a mutual relationship based on trust, the nurse demonstrates respect for the client's autonomy, integrity, dignity and feelings, and recognizes rights and responsibilities. This kind of nursing is best fostered in a delivery system which is responsive to the range of internal and external forces affecting health care, strengthening the forces which contribute to higher states of health and diminishing those which lead to reduced levels of health. The goal of nursing is achieved through recognition of specific needs of consumers and the mobilization and distribution of resources to meet those needs. The effective operation of the health care system requires essential input from both consumers and professional nurses to achieve desired goals.

Education is an ongoing process which involves the teacher and the learner in pursuing and sharing knowledge in an organized setting with planned experiences resulting in desired behavioral change. Believing in democratic principles, the faculty emphasizes its faith in the individual as a being of inherent worth and dignity and as having the right and responsibility to participate in the educative process to the extent of one's capabilities. Learning is enhanced in a setting which encourages analytical evaluations of existing health practices and open communication among members of the various health services. Under the guidance of the faculty, purposeful behavior is developed and encouraged in students through the incorporation of knowledge from the humanities and the behavioral, biological and physical sciences as well as from current theory and practice in professional nursing.

The three education programs within the School of Nursing, undergraduate, graduate and continuing education, have evolved from and are in agreement with this philosophy. Elaboration of this basic philosophy will be found in sections of this bulletin dealing with the undergraduate program, the graduate program and the continuing education program.

History
The School of Nursing, one of the six professional schools on the University of Maryland's Baltimore campus, was established on December 15, 1889, by Louisa Parsons, a student of Florence Nightingale and a graduate of St. Thomas's Hospital School of London, England. Because of her keen interest in Miss Parsons's new American school, Miss Nightingale designed the cap which is still worn by graduates of the program and is known as the Nightingale cap. The original curriculum of the University of Maryland Training School required two years for completion; it was extended to three years in 1902. In 1920 the School of Nursing became a separate unit of the University Hospital. An optional five-year curriculum was instituted in 1926, combining two years of arts and sciences on the College Park campus and three years at the School of Nursing in Baltimore. Both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Diploma in Nursing were awarded upon completion of the five-year program. This sequence, as well as the three-year hospital school, were phased out in 1952 when Dr. Florence M. Gipe became dean of the new four-year program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.
In 1954 the School of Nursing began to offer a Master of Science program through the Graduate School of the University of Maryland. The University of Maryland School of Nursing was designated by the Southern Regional Board as one of six institutions to offer graduate programs in nursing.

In 1964 the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing was created through a contractual arrangement between the Department of the Army and the University of Maryland, thus extending the teaching facilities of the School of Nursing to include Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This and other military and civilian clinical centers offered the faculty of the School of Nursing the opportunity to provide learning experiences for students subsidized by the United States Army who, following graduation from the University of Maryland, served three years in the Army Nurses Corps.

In the late 1960s the school's continuing education program expanded to provide increased resources for nurses in Maryland. In 1971 the school initiated a research development project through funding from the Division of Nursing, National Institutes of Health. The project was designed to improve patient care through providing means whereby key School of Nursing faculty held joint appointments in the Department of Nursing in the University of Maryland Hospital. The project augmented the school's resources for increasing faculty and student research.

A research development grant from the Division of Nursing, Department of Health, Education and Welfare awarded to the School of Nursing from 1970 to 1975 increased faculty involvement in research and led to the creation of a Center for Research.

An outreach program for community-bound nurses in Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore was initiated in 1975 in order to enlarge the pool of baccalaureate-prepared nurses in the state of Maryland. The first outreach baccalaureate nurse graduated in June, 1978, and in the fall of 1980, the master's degree program began classes in these areas of Maryland.

The graduate school approved a new master's curriculum in 1976. The revision allowed the creation of a new Department of Primary Health Care. In 1978, the specialization of gerontological nursing was added to the master's curriculum, and in 1979, a concentration in nursing health policy was developed.
A separate baccalaureate curriculum of the School of Nursing is open to registered nurses who wish to pursue further study. In recent years increased effort has been directed toward elimination of duplication and extension of opportunity for credit by examination for this important group of nurses. In the fall of 1983 the RN to BSN program relocated to the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus as part of the School of Nursing expansion program.

During the administration of the second dean of nursing, Dr. Marion I. Murphy, a proposal for a doctoral program in nursing was approved. In the fall of 1979 the program began and in May, 1984, the first Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing degree was awarded.

Nurses Alumni Association
Organized in 1895, the Nurses Alumni Association provided early leadership in the organization of the Maryland Nurses Association and in passage of the Nurses Licensing Act of 1903. Over the years alumni have demonstrated not only their strong support of the school but also awareness of changes taking place in nursing.

The historic pin, designed by Tiffany's for the class of 1894, bore the inscription Nurses Alumni Association until 1970 when, by action of the association, the lettering for future graduates was changed to School of Nursing, University of Maryland. The Nightingale cap, bestowed by the school's founder, Louisa Parsons, remains the property of the Nurses Alumni Association. Since 1968, all baccalaureate graduates of the School of Nursing are eligible to purchase the cap.

Accreditation and Membership
The University of Maryland is a member of the Association of American Colleges and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The undergraduate and graduate programs of the School of Nursing are accredited by the National League for Nursing; the school also maintains membership in the Council of Member Agencies of the Department of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs of the National League for Nursing. The baccalaureate program is approved by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses. The school is represented in the Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing of the Southern Regional Education Board by the dean, associate deans for undergraduate and graduate studies and the assistant dean for continuing education. The school also is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Center for Research
As nursing moves forward in the establishment of its own theoretical base and explores its relationship to other human services, research has assumed new dimensions. The School of Nursing provides introductory courses in research methods for undergraduate students and more advanced offerings for master's and doctoral students. The faculty of the Center for Research, in addition to teaching, are available to assist faculty and graduate students with research design, sampling procedures, techniques of measurement, data collection and analysis, preparation of proposals and reports and grantsmanship. The center has a research reading room with a collection of 200 books primarily devoted to aspects of research methods, selected journals, an extensive file of 600 measurement instruments relevant to nursing research and a data analysis laboratory that houses a variety of mini-calculators and mini-computers for
faculty and student use. Instruction in utilization of hardware in the laboratory is available. Computer service facilities on both the Baltimore and College Park campuses also are utilized extensively.

School of Nursing faculty and students participate in national as well as local research consortiums. Research of a multi-disciplinary nature is increasingly possible as nursing and other health disciplines have identified common problems. The center provides research consultation to clinical agencies, conducts research days, provides regularly scheduled seminars and hosts regional research conferences as part of its faculty development and community service program. A newsletter, RSVP, is distributed biannually to 800 schools of nursing and hospitals throughout the country.

Nursing Media Center
The School of Nursing offers opportunities for both individual and group learning activities in the Nursing Media Center.

Self-Instruction: The rationale for this approach is that the knowledge and skills needed by individual nursing students vary at any given time. Availability of appropriate materials in self-instructional format provides for this diversity of needs. As the result of a special project, a group of faculty and technicians developed and produced a large number of multimedia self-instructional study units. In addition, commercially prepared materials have been purchased as appropriate to meet students’ needs. The environment for self-study is an Instructional Media Laboratory with 68 carrels containing a variety of equipment. Undergraduate students may be required to study specific units as course requirements and may pursue other self-instructional materials relevant to their individual learning needs. Graduate students utilize the laboratory on a selective basis.

Skills Practice: Undergraduate students who wish to practice certain nursing skills and procedures may do so in Skills Laboratories adjoining the Nursing Media Center. The laboratories contain typical clinical equipment which enables students to simulate direct care situations. In addition to faculty guidance, a skills nurse is available to assist students. Both the Instructional Media Laboratory and Skills Laboratories are open during the early morning and some evenings.

Group Instruction: Classroom instruction at the School of Nursing is supported through a variety of media services. Sixteen millimeter projectors, overhead projectors, audio tape recorders, videotape recorders and other equipment are available for use in classes or seminars.

A library of film and other media catalogs is maintained to help faculty locate desired films, tapes and other resources. Materials for and assistance in the production of slides and overhead projector transparencies are available to faculty members who wish to make use of those techniques as well as to students on a cost recovery basis. The school also has a closed circuit television studio where live or taped programs can be produced and transmitted. A portable videotape system and production assistance are available for faculty and students who wish to videotape projects on their own. The University of Maryland Medical System Media Center
on the eleventh floor, as well as other campus media centers, are also open to students.

Consultation: Consultation on the use and production of audiovisual materials is provided by Nursing Media Center faculty and staff. This consultation not only entails classroom applications of media, but grant proposal, research, outside presentations and all other applications as well.

The University of Maryland at Baltimore

The School of Nursing is part of one of the country’s first centers for professional education. Located on 36 acres in downtown Baltimore, the university’s professional schools campus began in 1807 with the founding of the School of Medicine. The School of Nursing now shares the campus with the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Social Work and Community Planning, the Graduate School and the University of Maryland Medical System. The medical system complex, which includes a 785-bed hospital, cancer center and shock trauma center, is a primary training site for many students in the professional schools as well as a comprehensive health care facility for the community and the state.

Opportunities abound for faculty and students to join with other human service professionals in interdisciplinary study, informal exchange of ideas and interprofessional clinical practice and research. The Baltimore campus is located in the midst of one of the greatest concentrations of health care institutions, research facilities, government agencies and professional associations in the nation—offering students a wide selection of clinical field experiences.

The Health Sciences Library

The Health Sciences Library of the University of Maryland at Baltimore serves the Dental School, the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Community Planning, the University of Maryland Medical System, the Graduate School and other affiliated institutions. Currently the library has over 240,000 volumes and over 3,100 periodical subscriptions. The collection size ranks the library among the 15 largest health sciences libraries in the United States.

To enhance services the library has computerized many of its operations, including circulation and cataloging. The online catalog, which offers more searching options than the card catalog, can be accessed via library terminals, on-campus terminals linked to the computer center and home or office terminals with dial-up capabilities. The Health Sciences Library also provides Computerized Reference and Bibliographic Services (CRABS), an automated literature retrieval system for journal articles which includes MEDLINE, PSYCHINFO, ERIC and TOXLINE as well as 30 other information data bases.

The library is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Monday-Friday), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturday), and 12 noon to 8 p.m. (Sunday). Special holiday and summer hours are posted. Borrowers must show a UMAB ID badge validated for the current year.
Computer Center

Computers located on both the UMAB and College Park campuses are available to enrolled students on the UMAB campus through the facilities of the Instructional and Research Computing Unit. The system has capabilities to use Basic, Fortran, Pascal and PL-1 languages; and to program statistical analysis packages SPSS, SAS and BMDP. To gain access to this unit, a student must open an account with the computer center. Credit and non-credit courses on programming and computer applications are offered to help students use the center to full advantage.

The City

Baltimore is the largest city in Maryland, the ninth most populous in the nation and the site of the country's fourth largest foreign-commerce seaport. The Baltimore region has much to offer, from the sophistication and culture of a large, metropolitan city to the beauty and leisure of the waterfront and rural areas that surround it. Less than an hour's drive away is Washington, D.C., with its many attractions.

Having been an important city in our nation's history, Baltimore maintains a strong feeling for the past, typified by the many charming neighborhoods of restored houses and an abundance of historic buildings. In the last decade the downtown area has undergone a dramatic revitalization. Several blocks from campus is the nationally acclaimed Inner Harbor area, where Harborplace, a complex of businesses, shops and restaurants, shares the harbor with sloops, renovated federal-style townhouses and the architecturally striking National Aquarium. The new Baltimore Metro, the first leg of an anticipated city-wide subway system, connects the downtown area to the outskirts of the city.

Baltimore's cultural offerings will please the most discriminating tastes. An excellent symphony orchestra performs in a spectacular new symphony hall, opened in 1982 as the centerpiece of the Arts District. The district also features a renovated Lyric Opera House and the Maryland Institute College of Art. The city boasts many fine museums, libraries and professional theater groups.

For the sports fan, Baltimore has the Orioles as well as excellent lacrosse, indoor soccer, ice hockey and horse racing. Nearby the Chesapeake Bay awaits, offering unparalleled water sports and the seafood for which the region is famous.
Registration

Registration is conducted by the UMAB Division of Admissions and Registrations. Students receive instructions concerning dates and registration procedures. The initial registration at the School of Nursing must be done in person. Returning students may preregister for subsequent semesters through the School of Nursing's Office of Admissions and Academic Progressions and pay their bill by mail. After classes begin, students who wish to terminate their registration must follow withdrawal procedures and are liable for charges applicable at the time of withdrawal.

Students who fail to register during official registration periods must utilize late registration dates published by the Division of Admissions and Registrations and pay a late fee of $25 together with a $10 fee for each program change. Students must obtain appropriate approvals to late register. Registration is completed with the payment of the required fees. Privileges of the university are available only after registration has been completed.

All students must receive health clearance from Campus Health Services in order to begin their respective programs and remain in clinical courses. This includes passing the physical examination at a satisfactory level. At any time during the program students may be required to return to Campus Health for further physical or psychological evaluation. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the school.

The Office of Admissions and Academic Progressions determines the plan of study for undergraduate students. Faculty academic advisors guide graduate students in their plans of study.

Each matriculated graduate student in the School of Nursing must obtain official approval from an advisor for all courses in which enrollment is sought outside the School of Nursing. Credit is granted only if such courses have had prior approval and are successfully completed. Students must file a list of these courses with the registrar on a registration card signed by the advisor. Registration at one University of Maryland campus permits a student to register for courses (space available) offered by another campus within the University of Maryland system. Graduate students are not permitted to enroll for courses on a pass/fail basis.

Students admitted to the Graduate School pay tuition and fees whether or not the credit will be used to satisfy program requirements. Graduate credit will not be given unless the student has been admitted to the Graduate School. The admission of a new student is validated when the student registers for and completes at least one course during the semester for which entrance was authorized.

Graduate students are expected to participate in a program of graduate study every semester after entry into an M.S. or Ph.D. program. To maintain full-time status graduate students must register for 48 units each semester (full-time graduate assistants, 24 units). To maintain part-time status graduate students must register for at least one credit each semester. Any graduate student making any demand upon the academic or support services of the university—whether taking regular lecture, seminar or independent study courses, using university libraries, laboratories, computer facilities, office space, consulting with faculty advisors or taking comprehensive or final oral examinations—must register for the number of graduate credits which, in the judgment of the faculty and advisor, accurately reflect the student’s involvement in graduate study and use of university resources.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the dean of the Graduate School upon written request of the program director. Failure to register for one credit will result in students being dropped from the rolls of the Graduate School.
Graduate Unit System

In order to accurately reflect the involvement of graduate students in their programs of study and research, and the use of university resources in those programs, the graduate councils use the graduate unit system in making calculations to determine full- or part-time graduate student status, in the administration of minimum registration requirements described below, and in responding to student requests for certification of full-time status. The number of graduate units per semester credit hour is calculated in the following manner:

Courses in the 001-399 series carry 2 units/credit hour.
Courses in the 400-499 series carry 4 units/credit hour.
Courses in the 500-599 series carry 5 units/credit hour.
Courses in the 600-798 and 800-898 series carry 6 units/credit hour.
Master's thesis research (799) carries 12 units/credit hour.
Doctoral dissertation research (899) carries 18 units/credit hour.

To be certified a full-time student, a graduate student must be officially registered for a combination of courses equivalent to 48 units per semester. A graduate assistant holding a regular appointment is a full-time student if registered for 24 units in addition to the service appointment.

Determination of In-State Status

An initial determination of in-state status for admission, tuition and charge-differential purposes will be made by the university at the time a student's application for admission is under consideration. The determination made at that time, and any determination made thereafter, shall prevail in each semester until the determination is successfully challenged.

Students classified as in-state for admission, tuition and charge-differential purposes are responsible for notifying the Division of Admissions and Registrations, in writing, within 15 days of any change in their circumstances which might in any way affect their classification at UMAB.

The determination of in-state status for admission, tuition and charge-differential purposes is the responsibility of the Division of Admissions and Registrations. Copies of the university's policy are available in the admissions office and in the dean's office.

Records

Disclosure of Student Information

In accordance with "The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" (PL93-380), popularly referred to as the "Buckley Amendment," privacy of student records is assured. Specifically, the act provides for the student's access to educational records maintained by the school, challenge to content of the records and control of disclosure of the records. A full policy statement may be found in the current UMAB Student Handbook.

Transcripts

All financial obligations to the university must be satisfied before a transcript of a student's record will be furnished any student or alumnus. There is a charge of $2.00 for each transcript. Checks should be made payable to the University of Maryland. Transcripts may be obtained by writing:
Division of Admissions and Registrations
University of Maryland
621 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Review of Records

All records, including academic records from other institutions, become part of the official file and can neither be returned nor duplicated. Provisions are made for students to review their records if they desire. A request to review one's record should be made a week in advance through the Office of Admissions and Progressions.
Undergraduate Academic Regulations

Degree Requirements for the Baccalaureate Program

It is the responsibility of faculty of the school to establish and publish degree requirements. Responsibility for knowing and successfully meeting these requirements rests with the student. Requirements are set forth in this catalogue and updated annually in the Academic Handbook given to enrolled students at the beginning of each academic year. Current requirements are as follows:

1. Certain lower division coursework is required for admission to the junior year of the undergraduate program in nursing. Official transcripts of this coursework must be submitted to the Director of Admissions and Registrations by the published deadline date.

2. A minimum of 120 credits (122 for generic students and 121 for R.N. students) in certain coursework is required. The lower division courses required for admission to the junior year and the required courses of the upper division major in nursing completed at the University of Maryland comprise the required credits. At least the senior year must be completed at the University of Maryland. This does not negate outreach students from completing their courses at outreach sites.

3. Upper division major in nursing; required courses appear elsewhere in the catalogue.

4. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is expected each semester of the junior and senior years, as well as a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for graduation.

5. A grade of C or better is required in both the didactic and clinical portions of Nursing Concepts courses, NURS 314, 315, 324, 325, 326, 334 and 335. Also a C or better is required in NURS 311, 312, 313 and 333, and failure to obtain this grade prohibits students from moving to the next level concepts course. In sequential courses such as NURS 311, 312, 314, 315, 324, 325, 334 and 335 a C must be earned in the initial course before registering for the next one. If a D or F is received in these courses, the course must be repeated, with permission of the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions, and a C grade or higher earned the next time it is offered.

6. A diploma application must be filed with the Director of Admissions and Registrations, University of Maryland at Baltimore, before the stated deadline in order to receive the degree.

Grading System

The following grades are used to report the quality of upper division coursework on grade reports and transcripts:

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NOTE: Only grades of A, B, C, D and F are computed in the grade point average on the
grade reports published and maintained by
the Division of Admissions and Registrations.
A grade of P is given only for specified
courses that are graded Pass/Fail when per-
formance is at a C level or above.
A grade of D or F is unsatisfactory for
Nursing Concepts courses and the courses
 titles Pathophysiological Concepts and
Clinical Implications, Pharmacologic Agents
and Clinical Applications, Introduction to
Nursing Process and Client Assessment. These
courses require a C grade or higher for the
fulfillment of degree requirements. A grade
of I is given at the discretion of the instructor
only when extenuating circumstances beyond
the student’s control prevent the completion
of a minor portion of work in a course.
Students receiving a grade of I are respon-
sible for arranging with the instructor the
exact work required to remove the in-
complete. If an I grade is not removed by the
end of the following semester, the grade
automatically converts to F except with Nurs-
ing Concepts courses, for which the time of
completion is determined by the instructor.
Any I grade may preclude normal progres-
sion in the program as determined by Under-
graduate Program Committee policies.

Computation of Grade Point Average for a
Semester: Grade points are given for the
courses attempted in a given semester in the
upper division major and multiplied by the
number of credits attempted. The sum of the
grade points, divided by the total credits for
the courses, equals the grade point average.

Computation of the Cumulative Grade Point
Average: The total grade points for all courses
(including upper division course work, chal-
lenge examination grades for the R.N. and
courses accepted for admission) are added
and calculated as above. Only the most recent
attempt of a repeated course will be calcu-
lated into the grade point average.

Withdrawal Policy
A student may withdraw from the School of
Nursing at any time. A “WD” will be recorded
on the transcript. If the student withdraws
after the beginning of the eighth week, a
summary statement is placed in the student’s
record with a form noting whether the stu-
dent was passing or failing. Students who
withdraw from the school after the twelfth
week of the semester who are failing will
receive the grade they have earned on their
transcript, not a “WD.”

Dropping a Course
Students are not permitted to drop courses.
Exceptions to this rule may be made by the
Director of Admissions and Academic Pro-
gressions when extenuating circumstances
warrant it. Dropped courses are not recorded
on the transcript.

Students who fail or drop a Nursing
Concepts course and maintain enrollment in
nonclinical nursing courses are eligible to
retake the concepts course the next time
there is space available. The Director of
Admissions and Academic Progressions deter-
mines which nonclinical courses a student
can take while waiting to retake concepts
courses.

Students repeating a concepts course as
a result of a failure or drop may not take
additional nonclinical courses at the time of
the repeat without permission of the Director
of Admissions and Academic Progressions.

Progression and Reinstatement
It is the student’s responsibility to monitor his
or her academic progression toward the com-
pletion of degree requirements, as well as to
maintain good academic standing. Students
receive from faculty a mid-semester warning
if in jeopardy of failing a course. At the end
of each semester, students receive from the
Director of Admissions and Registrations
grade reports on coursework completed.
These reports of official grades (and their
entry on the official transcript) and the
grades for courses accepted for admission are
used by faculty to certify academic standing.
and to determine honors, academic warning and dismissal and the completion of degree requirements.

The Undergraduate Program Committee meets regularly to establish and implement policies on progression and, through the Office of the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions, formally notifies students in poor academic standing who are placed on academic warning or are academically dismissed. Students are notified in writing when they are removed from academic warning.

**Academic Standing and Reinstatement**

**Good Academic Standing** is defined as satisfactory academic progress of a registered degree candidate in coursework and toward degree requirements.

**Poor Academic Standing** is defined as academic performance that is temporarily below the expected level of achievement in a professional nursing course(s). However, such students are making progress toward the degree. Such students are normally placed on academic warning and may be subject to academic dismissal.

**Academic Warning** is written notice to a student in poor academic standing from the Undergraduate Program Committee, the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions or the Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Program. In the written notification of academic warning and unsatisfactory academic achievement, the student will be informed of the length of the warning and any specific conditions that must be satisfied to be removed from warning. Specific conditions warranting academic warning include:

1. A D or F in a nursing course
2. A cumulative grade point average of 1.960 to 1.999
3. A grade point average of less than 2.0 for any given semester
4. Academic dishonesty
5. An academic record reflecting other unsatisfactory progress in meeting degree requirements

**Academic Dismissal** is dismissal from the undergraduate program by the Undergraduate Program Committee, Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions or Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Program for continued evidence of unsatisfactory progress toward meeting course or degree requirements as usually evidenced by repeated courses or academic warnings as specified below:

1. Two D or F grades earned in Nursing Concepts courses
2. A cumulative grade point average of 1.959 or lower
3. Being placed on academic warning more than twice
4. Academic dishonesty
5. An academic record reflecting other unsatisfactory progress in meeting degree requirements
6. Failure to complete the required junior year courses satisfactorily in two academic years of continuous enrollment

**Dismissal of Delinquent Students**

The school reserves the right to request the withdrawal of students who do not maintain the required standing of scholarship, or whose continuance in the school would be detrimental to their health, or to the health of others, or whose conduct is not satisfactory to the authorities of the school. It is a general expectation that students will abide by rules and regulations established by the university. Violation of university regulations may result in disciplinary measures being imposed.
Withdrawal from the School: A student who withdraws from the school at any time must:
1. Write a brief letter to the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions explaining the reason for withdrawal;
2. Secure a withdrawal form with appropriate signatures from the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions;
3. Submit the signed withdrawal form to the Division of Admissions and Registrations

The staff of the Office of Admissions and Academic Progressions will notify the instructors of the withdrawal. The date used in computing refunds is the date the application for withdrawal is filed with the registrar, Division of Admissions and Registrations.

Reinstatement is granted through the Undergraduate Program Committee to students who withdrew in good academic standing, who were academically dismissed, or who withdrew in poor academic standing. Such written requests are made to the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions. Although such requests are considered individually, these guidelines are followed:

1. General admission policies of the university and the school prevail (e.g., space available, university rules and regulations).
2. Students may be reinstated only once.
3. A current physical examination by the Campus Health Services is required, indicating that the student's health status is acceptable.
4. The student's academic record and academic standing upon dismissal are considered.
5. Academic requirements for reinstatement will be specified and will include, if appropriate, a mastery examination in mathematics.
6. The student's potential for successful completion of the program is evaluated.
7. Appropriate malpractice insurance is required at the time of reinstatement.

Deadlines for requesting reinstatement are: first Monday of November for winter session and spring semester, first Monday of April for summer and fall semesters.

Notification of the decision as to reinstatement may be delayed until information on space constraints is available.

Plagiarism, Cheating and Other Academic Irregularities

In cases involving charges of academic irregularities or dishonesty in an examination, classwork or course requirements by a student, a faculty member or another student shall report to the appropriate chairperson any information received and the facts within his or her knowledge. Examples of academic irregularities or dishonesty include acts such as plagiarism, cheating, misrepresenting someone else's work as one's own work, falsification of credentials, revealing contents of an examination to anyone who has not yet taken the exam, failure to report infractions
and any other academic-related behaviors that are disrespectful of the rights of individuals, the policies of the School of Nursing and the university or the professional standards of conduct.

After having considered evidence submitted by student and faculty, if the chairperson determines that an infraction has occurred, he or she shall determine the appropriate disciplinary action. A student who is dissatisfied with the decision may appeal to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and, if necessary, to the Dean, School of Nursing.

Possible penalties for violations of this policy include: being placed on academic warning, receiving a failing grade for the course, suspension, expulsion.

**Graduate Academic Regulations**

**Degree Requirements**

Requirements for graduation from the master's degree program include: completion of the planned program within a five-year period, achieving a cumulative grade point average of B or 3.0 and completion of a minimum of one year of full-time study or its equivalent. Requirements for graduation from the doctoral program include: completion of the planned program within a nine-year period (a maximum of five years between matriculation and admission to candidacy and a maximum of four years following admission to candidacy); admission to candidacy for the doctoral degree; achieving a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; successful completion of preliminary, comprehensive and final oral examinations; completion of a satisfactory dissertation; and completion of a minimum of two consecutive semesters of full-time study.

The student must be registered for at least one credit in the semester in which she/he wishes to graduate.

Application for the diploma must be filed with the registrar within the first three weeks of the semester in which the candidate expects to obtain a degree except during the summer session. During the summer session, the application must be filed in the office of the registrar during the first week of classes.

A student who does not graduate at the end of the semester in which he or she applies for the diploma must reapply for it in the semester in which he or she expects to graduate.

**Plan of Study**

Upon admission to the graduate program each student is assigned an academic advisor from the area of concentration. The master's students are also assigned an advisor in the second track area. Nondegree students are assigned advisors in their area of interest. The advisor assignments are subject to change as additional interests of the student are determined or upon request of the advisor or advisee. The advisor is available for academic counseling and guides the student in a plan of study, determination of research interests and selection of thesis/dissertation chairman or readers for the seminar papers (for master's students).

All graduate students must complete a Plan of Study form, which outlines the student's expected progression through the degree requirements. One copy of this Plan of Study must be filed with the Graduate School by the beginning of the second semester of study for master's or third semester of study for doctoral students. A second copy of the Plan of Study remains in the student's nursing program file. Any major alteration of the plan necessitates filing an amended plan. It is suggested that students retain a copy of this plan for their own files.
The entire course of study constitutes a unified program approved by the student's major advisor and by the Graduate School. Faculty in each department provide individualized guidance in the selection of courses based upon guidelines and policies approved by the nursing program and the Graduate School. Considerable flexibility is possible within a student's area of interest and specific career goals.

Statute of Limitations
Starting on the first day of matriculation (or with the first transfer course) a maximum five years is allowed for the completion of master's degree requirements. This applies to part-time and full-time students. Doctoral students must be admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree within five years after admission to the doctoral program and at least one academic year before the date on which the degree is to be conferred. The student must complete all program requirements within four years following admission to candidacy.

Scholastic Requirements
It is the responsibility of each student to remain informed of and adhere to all Graduate School, nursing program and university regulations and requirements. Additional policies and procedures are found in the Graduate School catalogue, the Nursing Program Faculty Advisor/Student Handbook and in Important Dates for Advisors and Students, issued each year by the Graduate School.

The Graduate School requires that all students achieve a B or 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the third semester of study. No grade below a C is acceptable toward the graduate degree. The master's degree nursing program requires that a student receive a B or higher in the core and required nursing courses in her/his area of concentration. Any course with a grade below B in the area of concentration must be repeated.

Since graduate students must maintain an overall B average, every credit hour of C in coursework must be balanced by a credit hour of A. A course in which a grade of less than B is received may be repeated. The grade on the repeated course, whether it is higher or lower than the original grade, replaces the original grade. Courses in the degree program which are completed with a D or F must be repeated. Grades earned for thesis or dissertation research and grades earned from courses which are transferred for degree credit from other schools and/or previous study are also not included in the computation of the GPA.

Transfer Credits
A maximum of six credits of acceptable graduate level coursework may be applied toward the master's degree as transfer credits from another school or from the coursework only status. In the doctoral program, transfer credits are individually assessed to determine relevance to the student's program of study; a variable number of credits is permissible. Permission must be given by the major advisor and the Graduate School before any credits are transferred. In order to be eligible for transfer, the transfer course must have been taken within the statute of limitations for the degree and may not have been used to satisfy requirements for any other degree or admission into the graduate program. Transfer credits are not calculated in the final grade point average.

Credit by Examination
A graduate student may receive credit by examination only for a course for which she/he is otherwise eligible to receive graduate degree credit. In the master's program a maximum of six (nine in Primary Care) credits is possible through credit by examination. A graduate student seeking to utilize this option must obtain the consent of the advisor and of the instructor currently responsible for the course. The Graduate School maintains a list of courses for which examinations are available or will be prepared. A fee is
paid upon application for the examination and is not refundable regardless of whether or not the student completes the examination. The grade received for a course accepted through credit by examination is computed in the grade point average.

Withdrawal from a Course

A withdrawal is noted on the student’s transcript by a WD. In cases of excessive absences from courses, an F is given unless the student officially withdraws from a course. The semester credits for the F grade are computed in the grade point average.

Temporary and Final Grades

Temporary Grade of “Incomplete” may be given, on occasion, to graduate students unable to complete all the requirements of a course in the semester in which it is taken. An “Incomplete” grade must be changed to a final letter grade (A, B, C, D, F) within one full academic year of the time at which the course ended. Failure to report a final letter grade within this one-year time period will automatically result in the student being awarded a grade of F.

In calculating the GPA, I = 0; therefore, a grade of I constitutes a penalty until the I grade is removed. A course with an incomplete grade should not be repeated. Students with provisional admission or on academic probation may not register for additional coursework until the I grade is removed. These policies do not apply to 799 or 899 research grades, which should be removed when the applicable research has been certified by the appropriate oral examination committee.

Temporary Grade of “No Mark” may be given, on occasion, when faculty members are unable to complete the grading process within the semester in which the course is given even though the student has completed all requirements. A grade of NM must be changed to a letter grade (A, B, C, D, F) by the beginning of the next semester after the course was given.

Academic Progress—Unsatisfactory Achievement

At the end of each semester, the record of every student is reviewed by the Master’s Degree or Doctoral Program Committee. A student’s registration in the graduate program may be discontinued at any time if work or progress is deemed unsatisfactory.

Provisional Admission: Any student admitted provisionally will be granted unconditional status when the provision(s) have been satisfied. The Graduate School will be responsible for notifying the department if a student fails to meet the provisions of admission. The Graduate School will dismiss those provisional students who fail to meet the provisions.

Academic Jeopardy—Unconditional Admission: Unconditionally admitted full-time students who have not maintained a B average during the first semester (9 credits) are to be placed on probation and will be dismissed if B minimum grades in every course (9 credits) are not achieved during the next semester. Unconditionally admitted part-time students who have not maintained a B average for the first 12 credits are to be placed on probation and must achieve B minimum grades in every course during the next 12 credit hours or they too will be dismissed. If the semester’s grade point average is below 2.75 the student will be requested to withdraw.

Academic Progress at the End of the Third Semester: A cumulative GPA of 3.0 must be attained by all graduate students (M.S. and Ph.D. students) by the end of the third semester and thereafter. Failure to achieve and maintain the 3.0 average will result in dismissal from the program. In addition, a
satisfactory level of research performance as determined by the research advisor and Research Committee must be maintained or a dismissal from the program could result.

**Failure of Comprehensive Examinations in Master's Degree Program:** A master's student who fails one or more questions on the comprehensive examination may schedule a retake examination. If a student should have a second failure of an examination question(s), additional coursework will be required as recommended by the student's advisor. Failure on the second retake will result in dismissal of the student.

**Additional Doctoral Program Requirements:** A student will be asked to withdraw from the doctoral program upon recommendation of the Doctoral Program Committee if any of the following events occur:

a. Failure to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (as specified above)
b. Failure on preliminary examination at second attempt
c. Failure on comprehensive examination at second attempt
d. Failure to be admitted to candidacy within five years of admission into the program
e. Failure to complete degree requirements within four years following admission to candidacy
f. Failure to demonstrate a satisfactory level of research performance as determined by the research advisor and Dissertation Advisory Committee
g. Failure to maintain continuous registration

**Withdrawal, Suspension, Dismissal**

A "Graduate School Program Withdrawal Form" must be completed and submitted when a student officially withdraws from the graduate program. An application for withdrawal bearing the proper signatures must be filed in the office of the registrar. If a student leaves the university prior to the conclusion of a semester or session, the date used in computing a refund is the date the application for withdrawal is filed in the registrar's office. A student who withdraws during a semester and does not file an application for withdrawal with the registrar will receive marks of failure in all courses and will forfeit the right to any refund.

The faculty advisor and graduate student share the responsibility for the student's progress. Students are expected to comply with rules and procedures of the Graduate School as well as with specific requirements established by individual departments. In fulfilling this responsibility the student should seek the advice of a faculty advisor, department chairperson and/or the administrative officers of the School of Nursing and the staff of the dean for graduate studies.

Procedures are established to protect the institution's integrity and the individual student's interests and welfare. The University of Maryland, through its various faculties and appropriate committees, reserves the discretionary right to suspend any student from the university for failure to maintain a satisfactory academic record, acceptable personal behavior, accepted standards of practice in a clinical agency or satisfactory standard of health.

When the actions of a student are judged by competent authority using established procedure to be detrimental to the interests of the university community, that person may be required to withdraw from the university.

**Scholastic Honors for Graduates**

**Honor Societies**

**National Honor Society of Nursing:** Sigma Theta Tau, founded in 1922, is the national honor society of nursing; Pi chapter was established at the University of Maryland in 1959. The purposes of Sigma Theta Tau are to recognize superior scholarship achievement, encourage and support research activities and strengthen commitment to the ideas and purposes of the nursing profession.
Candidates for membership are selected from the graduating senior students in the generic and registered nurse programs and the graduate programs as well as from the nursing community. Selection is based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, creativity, professional standards and commitment.

A scholarship is offered by Pi chapter to a nursing student each year. Eligibility requirements are similar to those established for membership. Applications may be obtained from the counselor of Pi chapter.

Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges: Membership in this organization is open to juniors, seniors and graduate students in the School of Nursing. Both students and faculty participate in the nomination and selection of members on the basis of the following criteria: scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school and potential for future achievement.

Phi Kappa Phi: Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society which was established at the University of Maryland in 1920. Its objective is to foster and recognize outstanding scholarship, character and social usefulness in students from all areas of instruction. Candidates for membership are selected from the basic baccalaureate, registered nurse and graduate programs in nursing.

Special Awards for Baccalaureate Graduates

The Edwin and L.M. Zimmerman Award is given by the Trustees of the Endowment Fund for the University of Maryland School of Nursing to the member of the graduating class who consistently demonstrates a high level of professional nursing practice in caring for patients.

The Frances Arnold Memorial Award is given by the Women's Auxiliary to the member of the graduating class who has shown the most interest, enthusiasm and proficiency in neurosurgical nursing.

The Award for Excellence in Neurological Nursing is given by the Department of Neurology in the School of Medicine to the member of the graduating class who excels in neurological nursing.

The Flora Hoffman Tarum Memorial Award is given from the Endowment Fund to a member of the graduating class for leadership, loyalty and school spirit.

The Elizabeth Collins Lee Award is given from the Endowment Fund to the student having the second highest average in scholarship.

The University of Maryland Alumni Association Award is given to the graduate with the highest average in scholarship.

The Nurses Alumni Association Award for Leadership in a Campus Organization is given to one member of the graduation class.

The R.N. Faculty Award is given by the R.N. faculty to one R.N. graduating student who is outstanding in professional leadership.

Other Awards

School of Nursing students are eligible for several types of awards upon completion of the undergraduate or graduate program. The awards, which are presented at an academic convocation, have been donated by the Nurses Alumni Association or other groups or individuals who wish to recognize outstanding individuals in the student body. Annually a Research Award is presented to a master's student in recognition of excellence in research, and an award is presented to the outstanding master's student in each area of concentration.
Office of Student Services
The Office of Student Services is responsible for providing activities and services which assist students with personal and academic adjustment to the School of Nursing. Among the activities coordinated by the office are student orientation, Parents Day, Student Government Association, a peer tutorial program for minority students, a writing class, test-taking and study skills classes and Honors Convocation. Additionally, counselors are available to assist students who request counseling for personal difficulties.

Student Organizations
Several student organizations are active in the School of Nursing. Those organizations which function at the undergraduate level are as follows:

- Student Government Association
- Black Student Nurse Association
- Junior Class
- Senior Class
- "Pledge" Yearbook
- Maryland Student Nurse Association

Graduate students are represented by the Graduates in Nursing Association, which is affiliated with the UMAB Graduate Student Association.

Campus Health Services
Health insurance is required of all full-time nursing students (nine or more semester hours) through either the university plan or self-procured equivalent coverage. Students with equivalent coverage must provide proof of such membership at registration and obtain an insurance waiver form.

The school provides medical care for its students through the Campus Health Services, located on the first floor of Howard Hall, 660 West Redwood Street. Emergency service is available, at night and on weekends, by calling 528-6790 and talking directly to the medical admitting officer. The office is staffed by a physician director and seven physicians in internal medicine, psychiatry and gynecology; a psychologist; three nurse practitioners and two registered nurses.

A required student health fee makes these services available and covers the physical examination required of all nursing students.

Housing
The University of Maryland at Baltimore is predominantly a commuter campus. Most students locate housing in Baltimore or commute from their homes elsewhere in the state. Two types of on-campus housing are available on a limited basis. Dormitory-style living is available for men and women in the Baltimore Student Union. Fully furnished efficiency and one- and two-bedroom apartments are available in the uniquely restored Pascault Row townhouses.

Athletic Facilities
The campus has a single-floor recreation area located atop the Pratt Street Garage. It is equipped with two squash courts, two racquetball/handball courts and two basketball courts which may also be used for tennis, badminton and volleyball. In addition, there is a weight room equipped with a 15 station Universal Gym and a sauna in each locker room.

Facilities are available for use by UMAB students, faculty, staff and alumni. A ticket service for University of Maryland College Park athletic events is housed in this facility. UMAB students with a current and valid I.D. are admitted free to the UMAB athletic facility. Faculty and staff members who want to use the gym are charged a $25 per academic year membership fee. For additional information, contact the athletic manager at 528-3902.
Undergraduate Fees and Expenses, 1984–85

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*A $50 nonrefundable deposit is required at the time of the student's acceptance for admission. This amount is applied to the fall tuition.

Registered nurse students should check the University of Maryland Baltimore County catalog for fee information.

Explanation of Fees

Tuition helps defray the cost of operating the university's programs.

Supporting facilities fee is used to support the auxiliary facilities and service provided for the convenience of all students.

Instructional resources fee represents a charge for instructional materials and/or laboratory supplies furnished for and to students.

Student health fee is charged to help defray the cost of providing a Campus Health Service. This service includes routine examinations and emergency care. Blue Cross or other acceptable medical insurance is also required.

Health insurance (the university plan or equivalent insurance) is required of all full-time students. Students with equivalent insurance coverage must provide proof of such coverage at registration.

Malpractice insurance is required of all undergraduate nursing students.

Student activities and student government fees are used at the discretion of the various student government associations to provide financial support for recreational, social and professional activities.

Diploma fee helps defray costs involved with graduation and commencement.

Late registration fee: All students are expected to complete registration, including the filing of class cards and payment of bills, on the regularly scheduled registration days. Those who do not complete registration during the prescribed days must pay a late registration fee of $25. Students receive registration instructions from the office of the registrar.
Additional expenses include the purchase of uniforms (approximate cost $130) and the recommended purchase of a stethoscope at approximately $30. No diploma, certificate or transcript will be issued to a student until all financial obligations to the university have been satisfied. The university reserves the right to make such changes in fees and other changes as may be necessary.

**Graduate Fees and Expenses, 1984-85**

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**NOTE:** All graduate nursing students are required to carry professional malpractice insurance throughout their academic program. Documentation of coverage is required at the time of every registration and must meet the amount set by the School of Nursing and clinical agencies.

**Financial Aid**

Student financial aid programs for graduate students and generic undergraduate students are centrally administered by the Student Financial Aid Office, located in the Baltimore Student Union. Financial aid for students in the baccalaureate degree program for registered nurses is administered by the Student Financial Aid Office at UMBC. The UMBC catalog provides program information.

The primary purpose of a financial aid program is to provide assistance to students who otherwise would be unable to attend the university. Financial aid is offered only after it is determined that the resources of the family are insufficient to meet educational and living expenses. Any aid then offered will not exceed the difference between the total expenses and family resources. In the case of new students, applicants do not have to be admitted in order to submit an application, but the student must be accepted before an award can be made.

Specific requirements and terms for all grants, scholarships and loans are listed in the student financial aid brochure. Requests for information and financial aid applications should be addressed to the Student Financial Aid Office, University of Maryland at Baltimore, 621 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Priority date for submitting applications for the following academic year is February 15.

**University Grants**

In an attempt to meet the ever-increasing needs of students, the Maryland legislature each year allocates to the university funds earmarked for student assistance. As a result, university grants are available to Maryland residents who demonstrate a financial need. After careful review of the student's current financial situation, awards are made on an individual basis in the form of Dean's Scholarships, Desegregation Grants, Other Race Grants, Maryland State Scholarship Board Funds and/or tuition waivers.
Federal Grants
Under provisions established by the federal government, limited grants are available to encourage students of exceptional financial need to continue their postsecondary school education. A recipient must be a United States citizen enrolled as a full-time student. Such grants include: the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Work-Study and Pell Grant.

Through the Health Professional Scholarship Program, the Veterans Administration will pay undergraduate nursing students and graduate students in certain specialty areas a monthly stipend in addition to tuition and fees and other reasonable education expenses during their enrollment in nursing school in exchange for two years of service in a Veterans Administration Medical Center. Further information may be obtained by writing the Health Professional Scholarship Program (14N), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Other Aid Sources for Baccalaureate Students
Private organizations and donations have established various scholarship and loan accounts. Certain hospitals have special plans for financial aid if the student agrees to work for the agency upon graduation. Students are routinely notified of their availability.

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) two-year nursing scholarships are awarded to applicants accepted into the ROTC program and the upper division nursing program. Students must enroll in the ROTC course concurrently with the nursing program. The scholarship includes tuition, fees and a stipend.

Additional Aid Sources for Graduate Students
Graduate Assistantships: The School of Nursing provides a limited number of graduate research and teaching assistantships to doctoral students on a competitive basis. These assistantships provide remission of tuition (10 credits per semester) and fees in addition to a modest salary.

The graduate assistant is generally expected to make a work commitment of approximately 20 hours per week. Assigned duties are consistent with the aims and objectives of the teaching and research missions of the university. In addition to the above, some research assistantships are available through grant or contract funds. Depending on the qualifications required for a particular position, master’s and doctoral students may be eligible to apply.

Prospective students interested in being considered for graduate assistantships should make application to the School of Nursing. No action is taken by faculty until eligibility for admission has been established.

Traineeships: Students who meet admission requirements and are U.S. citizens are eligible to apply to the School of Nursing for federal funds for full-time study. Professional nurse traineeships available from the Division of Nursing, Health and Human Services provide tuition and fees (and a monthly stipend if money is available).

Students in selected specialty areas may also be eligible for support under specialized grants obtained by the School of Nursing or available through application to a specific foundation or funding source. Since there are limitations on the number of traineeships available, applicants are ranked according to total professional background. In the case of all traineeships, prospective students make application to the School of Nursing. No action is taken by faculty until eligibility for admission has been established.

Recipients of financial aid are expected to make satisfactory progress toward attainment of a degree and to abide by all academic and nonacademic regulations of the university. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for financial aid.
Overview
The University of Maryland School of Nursing offers one undergraduate program which leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (B.S.N.). Two types of students are admitted to the upper division program: registered nurses and generic students.

The program in professional nursing, leading to the degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing, is available to men and women who establish eligibility for admission. The first two years of preprofessional study (lower division course requirements) are available at University of Maryland campuses and at other accredited colleges or universities. On these campuses, the student pursues a program geared to providing fundamentals of a liberal education and subjects which are supportive to the study of nursing. The junior and senior years are devoted to completing the nursing major on the Baltimore City campus.

Registered nurses who desire to bring their previous preparation for nursing in line with requirements for the baccalaureate degree are encouraged to establish eligibility for admission. Credits previously earned at an accredited two- or four-year college or university are assessed according to University of Maryland and School of Nursing policies governing transfer of credit. Opportunity to establish credit for certain foundational and nursing courses is provided. The program for registered nurses is offered at the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus. RN students receive their degrees from UMBC.

Objectives of the Undergraduate Program
The baccalaureate graduate of the University of Maryland School of Nursing is committed to the total well-being of people and demonstrates respect for their dignity, worth, autonomy and uniqueness. In ambulatory, community and inpatient settings, the graduate provides effective nursing care that assists individuals, families and other groups at any point on the health continuum to attain, regain or maintain their maximum level of health and functioning.

The baccalaureate program provides a learning environment which fosters purposeful self-direction and implementation of nursing care based on a deep grasp of nursing knowledge and skill, analytical thinking and discriminative judgment. As a result of the educative process, the graduate is able to assume beginning leadership in the practice of nursing. Awareness of nursing's effectiveness on the improvement of health care services to people gives impetus to the graduate's continuing search for knowledge which supports practice. To achieve these ends the graduate:
1. Synthesizes selected concepts from the affective, cognitive and psychomotor domains in formulating a philosophy of nursing;
2. Uses affective, cognitive and psychomotor behaviors in applying the nursing process to individuals and small groups;
3. Demonstrates personal and professional growth with increasing self-direction;
4. Demonstrates leadership in nursing practice;
5. Demonstrates responsible organizational behaviors in meeting professional goals within health care agencies;
6. Collaborates in the assessment of and planning for meeting the health care needs of individuals and small groups;
7. Improves nursing practice through the evaluation and application of selected research.
Lower Division Requirements

Professional, upper division education in nursing requires a foundation of learning provided by required lower division college courses. Prior to fall matriculation in the undergraduate program, all students must have completed the lower division course requirements listed below at an accredited college or university.

Each of the other campuses of the University of Maryland and all of the Maryland community colleges have designed special articulation programs which facilitate a student’s admission to the School of Nursing. In addition, Frostburg State College, Morgan State University and Villa Julie College have articulation programs with the School of Nursing. A list of the course numbers and titles of the lower division courses offered at the particular institution that meet the lower division requirements is available at the counseling center of the college.

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*Must include at least one course in sociology and one course in psychology

**Must include courses selected from at least three disciplines within the humanities area, including three credits of college-level mathematics

The following policies govern the transfer of lower division college credits to the School of Nursing:

1. Human anatomy and physiology, chemistry and microbiology must be courses for students who plan to or could use them as credits toward a major in these areas. In other words, they cannot be terminal courses for nonmajors.
2. Required natural science courses (chemistry, microbiology and human anatomy and physiology) must include laboratory experience.
3. Courses in religion will be accepted in transfer when they have been taught within a framework which oversteps specific sectarian concerns and/or dogma.
4. Basic nutrition must be a course with prerequisites of organic chemistry and anatomy. Applicants should contact the Office of Admissions and Academic Progressions for the course numbers of approved nutrition courses at Maryland institutions.

5. Humanities credit will be given for one studio course in the fine arts (e.g., a class in piano or painting) only if credit in the appropriate survey course is also earned (music literature, history of art, etc.).

6. Ds are not transferable for English composition, chemistry, anatomy and physiology and microbiology from either in-state or out-of-state institutions. For other courses, Ds are transferable from in-state public institutions only.

7. Courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis may be used for nonscience credits only. Up to 6 credits of Pass may be transferred.

8. A sophomore-level human growth and development course covering content throughout the various stages of the life-span is required. Applicants should contact the Office of Admissions and Academic Progressions for the course numbers of approved human growth and development courses at Maryland institutions.

9. A college-level mathematics course is required. The course should be one with a prerequisite of some college preparatory mathematics in high school.

10. Remedial and/or repetitive courses are not applicable for credit.

11. Nursing courses are not transferable. (These are taught in the junior/senior years).

12. Natural science courses taken 10 or more years prior to a student’s matriculation date will generally not be accepted for generic students.

13. Only students with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better will be considered for admission.

14. Only 59 applicable credits are necessary for matriculation to the School of Nursing. A maximum of 62 will be applied toward the matriculation grade point average.

15. Whenever possible, credits recorded on an applicant’s transcript(s) will be used as the basis for calculating the matriculation grade point average rather than those grades resulting from courses listed on the Courses In Progress sheet, which is a form included in the official application.

16. No more than half of the 122 applicable credits required for graduation can be earned by examinations (see Department Examinations and CLEP, below).

Establishing Lower Division Credit by Examination

Department Examinations: Many two- and four-year colleges and universities provide an opportunity for students to take examinations for credit, provided the student has had some instruction and experience in the content of the course under consideration.

Arrangements are made by students with the appropriate departments in the college in which they are matriculated on a full- or part-time basis. The School of Nursing will accept the credit earned by examination provided the course name and number, grade and credits earned are on the transcript. (In most cases, Pass/Fail grades are not accepted).

CLEP: It is possible to earn credit by examination through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Entrance Examination Board. The School of Nursing recognizes selected CLEP exam results for credit, provided the student earns a grade determined acceptable. The results from the CLEP tests can be submitted to the Director of Admissions and Registrations, Room 326, Baltimore Student Union, 621 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 for evaluation of the score’s transferability.
Assessment Form

(For student use only/not to be submitted to the school)

The following form is a model of the form used by admission officers in assessing an applicant's eligibility for admission. Interested students can use it to keep track of their progress in meeting lower division requirements.

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Admission to the Upper Division

General Information
Applications may be obtained between the middle of September and January 31 for the next admission class from:
- Division of Admissions and Registrations
  Baltimore Student Union, Room 326
  621 West Lombard Street
  Baltimore, Maryland 21201
  Phone: 528-7480
Application deadline is February 1. All supporting documents must be received by March 1.
Required application materials must be submitted before a final disposition can be made on an application:
1. Transcripts of all college-level work taken to date, including summer sessions.
2. Courses in Progress Form, including all coursework which the applicant is currently taking, as well as all courses which will be taken during upcoming semesters to meet the lower division requirements.
3. Course descriptions, if applicants have taken any of the required natural science, nutrition or human growth and development courses out-of-state.

Preadmission counseling sessions are offered by the staff of Admissions and Academic Progressions for students interested in admission to the school. The individual or small group counseling sessions include an explanation of the admission process and each attendee's academic credentials are evaluated. For an appointment, phone (301) 528-6282.

For updated admissions information, students planning to apply to the School of Nursing for fall 1986 should contact the Director, Office of Admissions and Progressions, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 655 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 in the spring of 1985.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification is required of all generic and R.N. students prior to their enrollment in the School of Nursing. The certificate must be valid for the time period which covers August of the year of their initial enrollment through June of the following year. Since students will need to maintain a valid CPR certificate during the entire enrollment in the School of Nursing, they will need to be recertified at the appropriate time. The Office of Admissions and Academic Progressions will maintain the record of student certification.

Applicants who attended foreign institutions will need to validate which of the credits taken at a foreign institution(s) will be accepted as fulfilling the School of Nursing's required lower division courses. The students must (1) file an official application with appropriate fee; (2) have the appropriate officer at the foreign school(s) attended send an official transcript(s) with English translation to the Division of Admissions and Registrations, 621 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Since it takes approximately six months for the processing of documents received from a foreign country, it is critical that the student apply in early fall for the following fall's admission.

Foreign students are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language. A score of 500 is considered to be an indication that the applicant could be successful in language comprehension and use.

Undergraduate admission credentials and application data are retained for 3 years.
Admissions Information for Generic Applicants

Normal educational sequencing leading to a B.S.N. for the generic applicant entails graduation from high school; completion of 59 lower division, preprofessional course credits at an accredited college or university; and completion of 63 upper division, professional course credits. (State Board Examinations to become a registered nurse are taken following the awarding of the baccalaureate degree.)

The School of Nursing matriculates generic students into upper division coursework in the fall of each year. Students should apply for admission in the fall prior to their expected matriculation date. Students are eligible to apply after completing approximately 30 credits of the lower division preprofessional coursework and developing a plan for completing the remaining 29 credits by the expected matriculation date. All applications will be considered where the applicant's overall grade point average is 2.0 or above. Admission is competitive and the basic criteria for determining admissions are:

1. Overall grade point average
2. Completion by February 1 of 44 semester hours of applicable (lower division) credits with a minimum distribution of these credits in the following categories: English—3 credits; required natural sciences—8 credits; social sciences—6 credits; humanities—6 credits
3. Written plan for completion of all required 59 lower division credits by matriculation date.

Early Review: Students whose application, required transcripts and course descriptions, if applicable, are received by the University of Maryland at Baltimore by November 15 will be considered for early review.

Early review decisions will be announced as soon as they are made. Only applicants who meet the criteria for early review will receive their admissions decision at that time. Students who do not meet the criteria for early review will automatically be considered for regular review. Decisions made by regular review will be announced in March and April. In addition, those applicants who do not meet the academic criteria for the program will be notified once their application has been reviewed.

The following are the criteria for early review:

1. A minimum of approximately a 3.0 average in the preprofessional course requirements attempted at the time of record review. (All attempts of repeated courses are used to calculate the grade point average.)
2. Evidence of satisfactory completion of 8 of the required 20 credits in the natural sciences at the time of record review.
3. No D or F grades recorded for any college-level work.

Regular Review: The application and transcripts for all college-level coursework completed through the fall semester must be received by the School of Nursing's Admissions Office to be considered for regular review. The deadline for receiving all required transcripts and course descriptions is March 1. Applications still incomplete after March 1 will be processed only if spaces remain to be filled in the entering class.

A grade point average will be calculated for the preprofessional course requirements attempted at the time of record review. All attempts of repeated courses are used to calculate the grade point average. The academic credentials of the applicant pool being considered for regular review in a given year will help determine the exact criteria for regular review.

Individual Admissions: Students who do not meet the admission criteria for early or regular review may still be eligible for admission. They may include, but are not limited to, the educationally disadvantaged and the mature adult. Applicants who wish to be
considered for individual admission must submit a written request to the Office of Admissions of the School of Nursing after they have filed their application.

Applicants who wish to be considered for individual admission are required to submit supportive information, such as letters of recommendation and personal statements, with their application explaining why their application deserves special consideration and why their record does not meet the criteria. Written requests for individual admission and any supporting documentation must be received no later than March 1.

Individual admissions shall be limited to 15 percent of the entering class of the School of Nursing. Individual admissions applicants and regular review applicants are reviewed at the same time.

Although not a requirement for all generic applicants, scores from the Allied Health Professions Admissions Test may be submitted by individual admissions applicants. These students may take the AHPAT in November or January to improve their admission status. In the event an applicant's grade point average is not competitive, the AHPAT scores, if submitted, can be used as an additional admissions criterion. (AHPAT scores are valid for five admissions years.)

Applications for the AHPAT may be obtained from:

AHPAT
The Psychological Corporation
7500 Old Oak Boulevard
Middleburgh Heights, Ohio 44130

Admissions Information for Registered Nurse Applicants
Normal educational sequencing leading to a B.S.N. for the registered nurse entails graduation from an associate degree nursing program or diploma nursing program; state licensure (failure to become licensed after a student has matriculated will result in the student being immediately withdrawn from the program); completion of 59 lower division, preprofessional course credits at an accredited college or university; completion of advanced placement examinations totaling 30 credits (6 credits are earned from faculty made tests and 24 credits are earned from tests developed by the American College Testing Program); completion of 32 upper division, professional course credits.

The School of Nursing matriculates approximately 120 registered nurses into upper division coursework in the fall of each year. Students should apply for admission in the fall prior to their expected matriculation date. Students are eligible to apply after completing approximately 30 credits of the lower division preprofessional coursework and developing a plan for completing the remaining 29 credits by the expected matriculation date. All applications will be considered where the applicant's overall grade point average is 2.0 or above.

The School of Nursing uses the process of rolling admissions in reviewing applications from registered nurses. “Rolling admissions” means that the earlier one applies and submits all required information, the earlier one will hear about being accepted to the school. Admission is competitive and the basic criteria for determining admissions are:
1. Overall grade point average
2. Completion by February 1 of 44 semester hours of applicable credits with a minimum distribution of these credits in the following categories: English—3 credits; required natural sciences—8 credits; social sciences—6 credits; humanities—6 credits
3. Written plans for completion of all required 59 lower division credits by matriculation date
4. Successful completion of advanced placement examinations
Advanced Placement for the Registered Nurse

When the official application for upper division study is received by the School of Nursing, information about the Advanced Placement Examinations is forwarded to the applicant and includes study guides and registration forms for all the examinations. The required advanced placement examinations are as follows:

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<td>NURS 311 and 312 Pathophysiological Concepts and Clinical Implications and Pharmacologic Agents and Clinical Applications</td>
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An applicant who fails NURS 311, 312 or 426 must take these courses after matriculating in the program. Decisions as to when these courses are to be taken are the responsibility of the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions. Students have two attempts to pass NURS 311, 312, 426, 457, 554 and 503 successfully. Students who fail NURS 457, 554 and 503 tests on the second attempt are ineligible to enter the program.

Advanced placement examinations must be retaken if the student does not matriculate in the upper division course of study within five admission years.

The Upper Division Curriculum for Generic Students

The junior and senior years of the nursing curriculum are offered at the University of Maryland's Baltimore campus. The curriculum is based on an integrated model whereby students are taught by faculty who have specialized knowledge and skill in the area of maternal-child, psychiatric-mental health, medical-surgical, community health and primary care nursing.

A faculty-student ratio of approximately 1:10 creates a learning situation in which students have sufficient opportunity to learn the clinical skills required of professional nurses. Student placement for the junior year is an administrative decision. A lottery is used to make decisions concerning senior student placements.

A typical plan of study for the upper division nursing major follows.

NURS 311 and 312 are prepared by University of Maryland faculty members. NURS 426, 457, 554 and 503 are prepared by the American College Testing Center. Those who would like to contact the center directly may do so by writing:

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PO. Box 168
Iowa City, Iowa 52243
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**Winter Session**

NURS 326
Clinical Nursing Elective (may be taken by generic students in the summer between the junior and senior years)

**Spring Semester**

NURS 324 or 325
Concepts of Nursing IIIA or B

NURS 322*
Nursing in Society

NURS 410
Research and Statistics

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*These courses are challenged by R.N. students after applying to the upper division (Advanced Placement Examinations NURS 457, 554 and 503 are equivalent to credits for NURS 314 and NURS 315 above; NURS 426 is equivalent to NURS 322).
The Upper Division Curriculum for Registered Nurse Students

The curriculum for the registered nurse is planned to maximize the strengths the registered nurse brings to the baccalaureate program. The registered nurse is viewed as an adult learner who possesses the special characteristics of a diverse life, educational and clinical experiences and a high level of motivation that fosters independent and collaborative learning.

Clinical practice areas for the registered nurse are provided through arrangements with a wide variety of health care agencies. All clinical coursework is under the supervision of faculty of the School of Nursing. Students are assigned to any one of a number of different agencies for the purpose of accomplishing the course objectives as determined by faculty.

A typical plan of full-time study appears below for R.N. students who have met the requirements for the preprofessional courses and have established credit through satisfactory completion of advanced placement examinations.

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Students may not take more than 15 credits during the fall and spring semesters or 3 credits in the winter session without administrative approval from the Director of Admissions and Academic Progressions.

### Part-Time Study

This option is available to a limited number of registered nurses who may complete the program in two or three academic years. Enrollment in certain courses may be limited depending upon demand.

### General School Policies Related to Curriculum Matters

#### Nursing Concepts Courses

The major nursing courses, NURS 314, 315, 324, 325, 326, 334 and 335, must be taken within the University of Maryland School of Nursing. This policy does not negate the opportunity for R.N. students to challenge the junior year clinical concepts courses. Faculty-student ratios for Concepts Courses are maintained at an average program-wide ratio of approximately 1:10.

#### Clinical Practice Areas

Clinical practice areas for the baccalaureate program are provided through arrangements with a wide variety of hospitals and other health agencies. Clinical practice is under the supervision of faculty of the School of Nursing. Students are assigned to different types of agencies for the purpose of accomplishing the course objectives as determined by the faculty.
Honors Program
The University of Maryland Eastern Shore, in cooperation with the professional schools of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, has instituted an honors program for students of great promise and ability who can meet rigorous academic standards. The program includes specific preprofessional tracks in medicine, dentistry, law, pharmacy, nursing and social work and community planning.

The program of study consists primarily of honors sections in biology, chemistry, English, mathematics and social sciences. It also emphasizes independent study courses and honors seminars through which students explore in depth various academic disciplines.

For additional information, write to the Chairman of the Honors Program Committee, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853.

Outreach Students
During the 1975-1976 academic year, an off-campus, part-time degree completion program for community-bound registered nurses was established in western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. The first group of students completed the program in 1978. This offering is currently continuing in western Maryland, in the Cumberland area. The program enables registered nurses to complete all requirements for the baccalaureate degree in nursing through enrollment on a part-time basis in regional centers. Requirements for achieving senior year status are the same as on the Baltimore campus. The usual senior year curriculum for R.N.s, which involves 32 earned credits, is arranged over a two- to three-year time span. Inquiries should be addressed to the Director of the Outreach Program, University of Maryland School of Nursing, 655 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Employment Opportunities
Baccalaureate graduates of the University of Maryland School of Nursing have many career opportunities available to them. Graduates may choose to practice nursing in a hospital or outpatient clinic, an extended care facility or a variety of community agencies including schools, industries and physicians' offices. In addition, graduates may choose a career in civil service, the military or the Veterans Administration. A survey of 1982 graduates showed that salaries for generic graduates ranged from $17,000 to $21,000. The RN who earns a baccalaureate degree is usually paid at a higher rate due to prior experience in nursing.

Eligibility for State Licensure
Graduates of the program are eligible for admission to the examination given by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses (or by any other state board) for licensure to practice nursing. Application is generally submitted prior to the date of graduation. Students interested in applying for admission to the University of Maryland School of Nursing should be aware of Maryland's Nurse Practice Act, Article 43, Section 299, which authorizes the board to withhold, deny, revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the license of a nurse or applicant for a variety of reasons, including conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude if the nature of the offense bears directly on the fitness of the person to practice nursing or violation of any provision of the Nurse Practice Act.
Undergraduate Courses

NURS 311 Pathophysiological Concepts and Clinical Implications (3). Fall semester, junior year. Focuses on pathophysiological disruptions to system functioning. The alterations within the system are discussed as well as the impact of these alterations on the individual. The student will apply previously acquired knowledge in human anatomy and physiology as well as other basic sciences. This course contributes to the scientific basis for utilization of the nursing process.

NURS 312 Pharmacologic Agents and Clinical Applications (3). Spring semester, junior year. Prerequisite: NURS 311. The use of therapeutic drugs in the health care setting and their effects upon normal and abnormal physiology. Pharmacologic agents are discussed in relation to their effects on body systems, mechanism of action and excretion, therapeutic usage and nursing implications. The course builds upon the student's understanding of physiological and pathophysiological processes gained in NURS 311 and other courses.

NURS 313 Introduction to the Nursing Process (3). Fall semester, junior year. Introduces the student to the components of the nursing process—assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation—as a basis for nursing practice. Basic assessment, interpersonal, psychomotor and medication administration skills will be the focus of the course. Students will have an opportunity to learn and practice basic nursing skills in laboratory and clinical settings.

NURS 314 Concepts of Nursing I (9). Fall semester, junior year. Must be accompanied by NURS 313 unless credit for NURS 313 has previously been established. The focus is on man as a behavioral system, the health-illness continuum and the role of the professional nurse in helping clients of all ages to maintain and/or promote optimal health. Students are introduced to the conceptual framework and the four major concepts which provide the organizing schema for the Concepts of Nursing courses: stress and adaptation, systems functioning, the nursing process and the role of the nurse. The assessment component of the nursing process constitutes a major focus of this course. However, all aspects of the nursing process are included. An integral part of this course is the development of a
helping relationship with clients of all ages experiencing common problems involving a mild stress level. Resources and support systems within the family and community are included. Use of communication skills, health teaching and other nursing interventions will serve as a basis for future knowledge.

NURS 315 Concepts of Nursing II (9). Spring semester, junior year. Prerequisites: NURS 311, NURS 313, NURS 314. The focus is on the nursing care of clients experiencing stress states characterized by moderate intensity and relative stability. All aspects of the nursing process are included. The mutual interaction between the client and family is explored as well as resources within the health team and community. Students will work with adults and children to assist them in regaining and/or promoting optimal health, and with families in the perinatal period.

NURS 321 Leadership and Management in Health Care Settings (3). Fall semester, senior year. Prerequisite: NURS 315. The role of the professional nurse as a leader and manager. Organizational and interpersonal factors and theories that affect nursing practice are examined. Emphasis is placed on group theory and process. Management principles and skills are applied to a variety of health care settings.

NURS 322 Nursing in Society (3). Fall or spring semester, senior year. Provides an opportunity for students to study the multiple factors which have contributed to the emergence of professional nursing. The profession is studied in relation to and as an integral part of the changes in our society. Significant issues confronting the profession are identified. Upon completion of this course the student should demonstrate a better understanding of the profession of nursing in its present state of growth, an awareness of its potential and direction and cognizance of each nurse's own responsibility in its development.

NURS 323 Stressors through the Lifespan (3). Spring semester, junior year. Prerequisite: NURS 314. An in-depth look at selected psychosocial concepts basic to understanding client responses in a variety of settings. The theoretical bases of each concept are presented, as well as the concept's expression at varying points along the lifespan. Developmental and situational stressors affecting these concepts are examined. Interventions to assist clients to cope with these stressors are discussed.
NURS 324 Concepts of Nursing IIA (9). Fall or spring semester, senior year. Prerequisites: NURS 312, NURS 315. The focus is on hospitalized clients experiencing biopsychosocial disruptions and intense or variable stress states. All components of the nursing process are used. Student learning experiences include working with adult and child clients experiencing complex, multiple system problems requiring rapid utilization of the nursing process. Major components of the course are the opportunity to apply management principles as a leader of a small work group and the multidisciplinary interaction with other health team members.

NURS 325 Concepts of Nursing IIB: Dimensions of Family Care (9). Fall or spring semester, senior year. Prerequisites: NURS 312, NURS 315. An opportunity to learn and practice using those concepts necessary and sufficient to promote and maintain family health, with a focus on psychiatric-mental health and community health nursing. Clients exhibit biopsychosocial disruptions spanning the stress continuum. As a result of analyses of the interactions among the critical concepts, interventions will be targeted appropriately with individuals, groups, families and communities. Emphases include group dynamics and the implementation and evaluation components of the nursing process.

NURS 326 Clinical Nursing Elective (3). Minimester, senior year. Prerequisites: NURS 324 or NURS 325 for generic students and NURS 333 and NURS 334 for RN students. Offers an opportunity to select and study an area of particular interest in clinical nursing. Distributive and episodic nursing practice settings serve as clinical laboratories for learning. Senior students may elect to participate in a faculty offered course, independent study under faculty mentorship or a summer clinical elective offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland Medical System and other clinical agencies.

NURS 333 Client Assessment (2). Fall semester, senior year. Prerequisite: Admission to RN level. Designed to provide the registered nurse with the skills to perform health assessments of clients. The class and laboratory experiences will be organized using selected processes from the subsystems curriculum framework. Since the registered nurse student brings a background of knowledge, experience and competencies to this course, these will be utilized in meeting the course requirements. An emphasis of this course is the evaluation of clients with special attention directed toward the effects of stress and stress-mediated responses. The integration of the biopsychosocial assessment will be facilitated using common health concerns prominent in American society. This two-credit course will have a one-hour class presentation and a three-hour laboratory experience each week during which students will practice, under direct supervision, the assessment skills being taught.

NURS 334 Concepts of Nursing IV A (9). Fall semester, senior year. Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of mastery examination in mathematics or NURS 313. Helps the registered nurse student to synthesize previous knowledge with advanced theoretical concepts in relation to man, his primary groups and his environment. Emphasis will be placed on the
application of concepts of systems theory, health stress, communication, family and group theory to nursing process. Specific clinical experiences are provided with clients experiencing varying stress states.

NURS 335 Concepts of Nursing IV B (9). Spring semester, senior year. Prerequisites: NURS 333, NURS 334 and NURS 326 or NURS 348. Designed to assist the registered nurse student to synthesize previous knowledge with advanced theoretical concepts in relation to man, his primary groups and his environment. Emphasis will be placed on the application of concepts of crisis, decision making, planned change, teaching/learning, family and community. Specific clinical experiences are provided with clients experiencing varying stress states.

NURS 348 Electives, Workshops, Seminars and Institutes (1-6). Minimester, senior year. Prerequisites: NURS 333 and NURS 334. An opportunity to participate in workshops, institutes and seminars on various aspects of nursing. Faculty reserve the right to limit the number of credits a student may take in workshops, institutes and seminar study.

NURS 410 Research and Statistics (3). Fall or spring semester, senior year. Prerequisites: NURS 315 or by permission of instructor. In the context of the total research process, the basic elements of research, including defining the research question, literature search, sampling, research design, measurement and data gathering, statistical analysis and interpretation of results are presented and their interdependence stressed. Statistics include chi square, correlation, t-test, F-test and analysis of variance (one way). Application and interpretation rather than theory or mathematical derivation are emphasized. Evaluation of measurement instruments in terms of reliability and validity is presented. Students critique research reports in the literature. Students also prepare a report of a class research project planned primarily by the instructor.

NURS 418 Special Topics (2-3). Minimester, junior year. Focuses on current health-related topics such as parenting, holistic health care, cross-cultural nursing, and thanatological aspects of nursing.
Overview
The University of Maryland’s graduate nursing program is the only comprehensive one in the state and is one of the largest programs in the nation. While the programs are offered in the School of Nursing, they are part of the Graduate School of the University of Maryland; therefore, are subject to the requirements of both schools.

The master’s degree curriculum is three semesters and a minimester in length except for Primary Care Nursing, which is four semesters. Congruent with the changing needs of society, the master’s degree offers a number of specialty options to students. Students are required to develop competence in a specialized clinical area, and opportunity is provided to concentrate (major) in either the clinical or the role area depending on specific career goals and previous preparation. Multiple tracks are available within areas of concentration to provide individualized courses of study. Every student selects both a clinical and a role track to prepare for specialization within a clinical area and a beginning functional role.

The doctoral program in nursing first admitted students in 1979. The program is designed to meet the educational needs of nurses who have developed specialized clinical expertise at the master’s level and are committed to playing a leadership role in the discovery and refinement of nursing knowledge through research. The curriculum includes a core of required courses which address the theoretical and empirical bases for nursing and the techniques of theory building and research. The program is designed with sufficient flexibility to allow students to pursue in depth their individual research interests and career goals within a research-oriented milieu.

Students specialize in either the direct or the indirect sphere of nursing. Those specializing in direct nursing focus on study of the health needs of clients/patients and of nursing action provided directly to clients in a variety of settings. Their research falls within the realm of clinical nursing research. Those specializing in indirect nursing focus on the study of nursing systems and education and administrative nursing action which facilitates and supports clinical nursing practice. Their research interests fall within the areas of health and nursing services, organization, health policy and nursing education.

Graduate education fosters the responsibility, creativity and self-direction which characterize professional commitment and enhances a continuing desire to learn and grow. The graduate student is viewed as a partner in the teacher-learner dyad; receives stimulation and support for scholarly pursuits; is given the freedom to think and try out new ideas; and has the opportunity to apply knowledge and develop new skills. The opportunity to articulate beliefs, ideas and formulations is gained through interaction with faculty and other members of the academic community.

Philosophy
The graduate program of the School of Nursing derives its purposes directly from the underlying philosophy which is shared by the faculty. Tenets of the philosophy held by graduate faculty of the School of Nursing provide a foundation for the conceptual framework upon which the master’s degree curriculum is based. This conceptual framework analyzes the unit (the individual, family or community) in terms of three interrelated expressions of health—physical, cognitive and personal. The physical expression refers to the unit’s structural and functional endowment and integrity. The cognitive expression addresses the capacity of the individual to receive, to perceive and to organize information. The personal expression is concerned with the affective relationships of the unit.
The relationships among the expressions are complex and vary at different points in time. The expressions lend themselves to assessment, quantification and regulation. The intervention phase of the nursing process depends on the relationships among them and the pattern of the expressions of health. Evaluation of nursing intervention is achieved through examination of the resulting state of health of the unit.

The doctoral program at the University of Maryland is based on the belief that nursing has a distinct body of knowledge which can and must be extended, verified and revised using the methods of scholarly inquiry. Nursing knowledge, while distinct, is not isolated or exclusive. It involves the selection, integration and expansion of knowledge from nursing and other disciplines and the application of this knowledge to the understanding of health and illness and to the analysis and improvement of nursing practice. Nursing knowledge is derived from and guides nursing practice, which encompasses two interrelated spheres of activity: direct service to clients/patients and indirect action carried out in educational and clinical settings which support direct nursing care. Knowledge encompassing both spheres and their interrelatedness must be extended and tested, in order to effect improvement in nursing practice.

Graduate education in nursing is built upon and extends a knowledge base acquired in a baccalaureate degree program in nursing and is derived from the humanities and the physical, biological and behavioral sciences. Each student brings to graduate education a unique combination of experience and capabilities and the learning environment facilitates the establishment and attainment of professional objectives throughout the educational experience. The dynamic interchange between faculty and students results in a commitment to and involvement in the development of nursing knowledge and the refinement of nursing theory. Recognizing that the growth process in the student is continuous and that the health needs of society change, the graduate program is flexible and dynamic.

**Purposes and Objectives**

Master’s degree program objectives are formulated on the assumption that graduate education builds upon undergraduate education. Graduate education is an intensive and analytic expansion of knowledge, enabling the perception and development of new and more complex relationships that affect nursing. Graduate education provides further opportunity for the student to think conceptually and to apply theory and research to practice.

The purposes of the master’s degree program are to prepare nurses:

- With expertise in a clinical field of nursing
- To function in one of the following areas: administration, education, nursing/health policy planning, clinical specialization
- For leadership roles
- For entry into doctoral study

The objectives of the master’s degree program are to prepare graduates who:

- Utilize a nursing theoretical framework as a basis for professional nursing practice
- Generate innovative nursing actions based on theories in nursing and related fields and evaluate nursing actions of self and others
- Incorporate organizational theories and learning theories in the practice of one of the following roles: administration, education, nursing/health policy planning, clinical specialization
- Collaborate with health care providers and consumers to achieve shared health care goals
- Use theory in nursing and related fields and observations in practice to generate hypotheses and conduct nursing research studies
- Analyze factors influencing the health care system and devise strategies for improving delivery of health care
In addition to the knowledge and practice components of the objectives listed above, it is recognized that the behavior of graduates should reflect an internally consistent value system. It is expected that graduates will value scientific inquiry as a basis for professional practice and will seek to increase their contributions to the nursing profession.

The purpose of the doctoral degree program in nursing is to prepare scholars and researchers who will advance nursing science and provide innovative leadership to the profession. The program will prepare graduates who:

- Construct, test and evaluate conceptual models and nursing theories which reflect synthesis, reorganization and expansion of knowledge from nursing and related disciplines
- Evaluate and apply appropriate research designs, measures and statistics to the study of nursing phenomena
- Conceptualize practice phenomena from the perspective of nursing frameworks and theory
- Design, conduct and communicate research relevant to nursing practice
- Facilitate the incorporation of new knowledge into nursing practice
- Initiate, facilitate and participate in collaborative endeavors related to the theoretical, conceptual and practical aspects of health care with clients, nurses and scholars from related disciplines.

Master of Science Curriculum

The nursing program leading to a Master of Science degree is three semesters and a minimester in length and requires the completion of 41 to 45 credits. The two exceptions are the Primary Care Nursing specialties requiring 54 credits and four semesters.

Starting on the first day of matriculation, a maximum of five years is allowed for the completion of graduate degree requirements. This applies to part-time and full-time students.

Areas of Concentration

Each student selects an area of concentration (major) within a clinical practice or a functional role area. The student then chooses a specialty track within the area of concentration. A second track is also selected as all students must have both a clinical and a role track. The areas of concentration and the related tracks are as follows:

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FUNCTIONAL ROLE AREA

ROLE TRACK(S)

Administration

Administration of Nursing Service

Education

Teaching in Associate Degree Programs
Teaching in Baccalaureate Degree Programs
Teaching in Staff Development

Nursing Health Policy

*Nursing Health Policy

(Any Clinical Area)

Clinical Nurse Specialization

*Track is open only to those in the same area of concentration.

Curriculum Design/Courses

The curriculum design for the Master of Science degree contains the following components:

CORE 10 CREDITS

Core courses are required of all graduate students regardless of the area of concentration.

CLINICAL 6-15 CREDITS

Clinical track courses are required of students in their chosen clinical area (i.e., Community Health, Gerontological, Maternal-Child Health, Medical-Surgical, Primary Care or Psychiatric Nursing). All students take a designated number of clinical courses regardless of whether their area of concentration is in clinical practice or role specialization.

ROLE 6 CREDITS

Functional role track courses are required of students in their chosen functional role track (i.e., Administration of Nursing Service, Teaching in Associate Degree Programs, Teaching in Baccalaureate Programs, Teaching in Staff Development, Nursing Health Policy and Clinical Nurse Specialization). All students take a designated number of these courses regardless of their area of concentration.

RESEARCH/ THESIS OR NONTHESES 11 CREDITS

Research courses and thesis or nonthesis option credits are required of all graduate nursing students.

SUPPORT 8-12 CREDITS

Support courses vary according to the student’s area of concentration. These might include non-nursing courses.
Summary of Design

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A typical general recommended program for full-time students and a typical plan for full-time primary care students follow.

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SEMESEMESTER II

NURS 702 Research II | 2 |
* NURS 604 Core II | 3 |
Clinical II | 3-4 |
Role Support | 3 |
Role Theory | 2-3 |
| Total | 13-14 |

WINTER SESSION

Thesis/Elective | 2 |

SEMESEMESTER III

Primary Care Support | 3 |
Primary Care III | 4 |
**Role Theory | 2-3 |
Elective | 3 |
| Total | 12-13 |

SEMESEMESTER IV

NURS 715 Primary Care IV | 5 |
**Role Practicum | 3-4 |
Thesis/Elective | 4 |
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*For Administration or Community Health move to first semester.

Primary Care Recommended Program for Full-Time Students

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*If Administration role move NURS 604 to first semester, replacing NURS 701 and move NURS 702 to third semester.

**Clinical nurse specialists take role theory and role practicum concurrently.
Thesis/Nonthesis Option

A student may elect either a thesis or a nonthesis option, depending on the nature of the problem to be studied and specific career goals; six credits are required for either option. In addition, all students must successfully pass a written comprehensive examination.

Thesis: Under the guidance of a committee, the student develops a research project and orally defends a research paper.

Nonthesis: Under the guidance of the advisor, the student takes six credits of electives and submits one scholarly seminar paper.

Doctor of Philosophy Curriculum

The program of study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree includes a minimum of 60 semester credits beyond the master's degree. The curriculum design includes a required core of nursing courses which incorporate the study of man, nursing action, the environments in which nursing is practiced, and the principles and methods of scientific inquiry. Throughout the required core courses an integrative focus is maintained whereby theoretical and methodological approaches of the biophysical and behavioral/social sciences are selected and applied from the perspective of nursing. Within the core courses opportunity is provided for students to build upon their educational and experiential backgrounds through a variety of individually selected learning experiences. Elective courses provide additional flexibility to plan a course of study supportive to individual research interests and career goals.

The program design allows students to specialize in either the direct or the indirect sphere of nursing. Depth of knowledge in the specialty area is developed through required coursework and related field experiences, selection of supportive electives, independent study and the dissertation research.

The program design incorporates four major components, totalling 60 credits, as detailed below.

NURSING THEORY 14 CREDITS

This component addresses the theoretical basis for nursing practice and the analysis and development of nursing theory. Included are the study and development of key concepts in nursing, the selection and integration of knowledge from nursing and other disciplines and the study of techniques for constructing nursing theory. A highly individualized field experience provides the opportunity to pursue theoretical aspects of specialized areas of nursing selected by the student.

RESEARCH AND STATISTICS 17 CREDITS

This component addresses the techniques of measurement, design, advanced data analysis and evaluation essential to the conduct of nursing research. Students apply these techniques in developing measurement tools and conducting research projects specific to their own interests. Qualitative and quantitative research methods are addressed. Opportunity is provided for each student to work closely with a faculty member engaged in an ongoing research project.

ELECTIVES 17 CREDITS

This component allows each student to pursue an individualized plan of study supportive to his/her research interests and career goals. A portion of the elective courses is chosen from other disciplines which contribute to the development of nursing knowledge through their theoretical and methodological approaches.
DISSERTATION RESEARCH  12 CREDITS
Each student must complete an independent original research project to be communicated in a written dissertation. The research must address questions of significance to the discipline of nursing.

SUMMARY OF DESIGN  CREDITS
Nursing Theory (required core courses)  14
Research and Statistics (required core courses)  17
Electives  17
Dissertation Research  12
Total  60

In addition to the course requirements, each student must successfully complete the preliminary, comprehensive and final oral examinations. The written preliminary examination, which is taken upon completion of two semesters of full-time study (or the equivalent), tests knowledge in the areas of general nursing theory, analysis and construction of nursing theory and research methodology and statistics. The comprehensive examination is taken upon completion of all required nursing courses and a minimum of 42 credit hours of coursework. The examination has written and oral components and is an integrative experience which allows evaluation of the student’s mastery of the chosen area of specialization and of advanced nursing theory, measurement and research. The final oral examination is an oral defense of the completed dissertation.

In accord with Graduate School policy, the student must be admitted to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy within five years of matriculation at least one year prior to graduation. The student may apply for admission to candidacy for the doctoral degree following successful completion (with a grade point average of 3.0 or above) of at least 42 credits of coursework, including all required courses; and successful completion of preliminary and comprehensive examinations.

Resources
Over 90 community and health care agencies cooperate with the program in providing sites for clinical and role practicum experiences and for the conduct of research. In some instances, faculty have joint appointments with the school and the agency.

Additional resources are available through the offerings of other schools of the health professions. Non-nursing courses also may be taken on the College Park campus, at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) campus or through University College.

In addition to the Health Sciences Library, students have access to the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, the Library of Congress in Washington and the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. (See The School and Its Environment for descriptions of other facilities and resources.)

Admission
Admission to graduate study at the University of Maryland is the exclusive responsibility of the Graduate School and the Dean for Graduate Studies and Research. Applications to the graduate program in nursing are reviewed by faculty in the student’s area of concentration and by the appropriate committee in the School of Nursing. Recommendations for acceptance are then made by the committee to the Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.

Any student who wishes to attend the School of Nursing must apply for admission, submit required credentials, and be accepted for matriculation. Consideration is given to academic work completed in other schools. Personal references are required.
After an applicant has been accepted, a faculty advisor is assigned. The advisor and the student plan a program of study leading to the degree. Course credits are officially accepted for the degree only after the student has matriculated in the School of Nursing.

Senior students in their final semester of work toward a bachelor's degree may be offered provisional admission to the master's degree program pending the receipt of a supplementary transcript recording the satisfactory completion of undergraduate coursework and the awarding of the degree. Likewise students in the final semester of a master's degree program may be offered provisional admission to the doctoral program pending receipt of a final transcript indicating completion of the degree.

Completed records of all previous work must be received within three months following the completion of such study and the awarding of the degree. The student must matriculate within 12 months after notification of admission acceptance. If the student does not acknowledge the acceptance, a new application must be submitted for future enrollment. Admission credentials and application data are retained for one year only.

**Admission Requirements**

The student's previous academic work, personal qualifications and professional experience are evaluated to determine if prerequisites have been met. Prerequisite courses do not carry credit toward the graduate degree. For admission, the applicant must meet the requirements of both the Graduate School and the nursing program. The nursing program requirements for the master’s degree program are:

1. A baccalaureate degree with an upper division nursing major from an NLN-accredited program equivalent to that offered at the University of Maryland.
2. Satisfactory completion of a course in elementary statistics.

3. A photocopy of current licensure for the practice of nursing in one state (or in a foreign country).
4. Official scores on the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (allow 6 to 8 weeks for receipt of test scores.)
5. Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale. If GPA is between 2.75 and 3.0, provisional acceptance may be considered if the candidate demonstrates graduate study potential by other means.
6. Evidence of personal and professional qualifications from three professional individuals familiar with applicant’s academic ability, work experience, professional nursing contributions and potential to achieve in graduate school. Suggested sources for recommendations include nurse educators, nurse administrators and colleagues from other disciplines who have worked with the applicant. Two of the references must be from nurses.
7. Personal interviews are required for Primary Care Nursing and are encouraged by all specialty areas.
8. Clinical nursing experience is required for the following areas of concentration: Administration, Education or Nursing Health Policy—one year full-time; Community Health track if area of concentration is a role area—one year in a community health setting; Maternal-Child Health track—one year in a maternity/pediatric setting; Psychiatric track—one year in a psychiatric setting; and Primary Care—two years full-time. (Applicants with somewhat less experience may be accepted as part-time students if full-time work experience is being pursued.)
9. Completion of an approved physical assessment course is required for Gerontological, General Medical-Surgical, Trauma/Critical Care, Primary Care and highly recommended for Maternal-Child Health tracks.

10. A strong background in or recent review of physiology/pathophysiology is highly recommended for Gerontological, Maternal-Child, Medical-Surgical, Trauma/Critical Care and Primary Care tracks.

The nursing program requirements for the doctoral degree program are:

1. A master's degree with a major in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing.

2. At least one graduate-level course in research and inferential statistics (minimum 3 semester credits).

3. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all previous coursework (all baccalaureate, master's and subsequent coursework).

4. Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (aptitude portion) and the Miller Analogies Test.

5. License to practice professional nursing in at least one state (or in a foreign country).

6. Evidence of personal and professional qualifications from at least three professionals familiar with the applicant's ability, work experience, contributions to nursing and potential to succeed in the doctoral program.

7. A personal interview.

It is highly recommended that prior to matriculation in the doctoral program the applicant will have completed graduate-level courses in organizational theory and analysis of the health care system and will have completed one research study (master's thesis or other individual or group research project). Postbaccalaureate work experience as a registered nurse would enhance progression through the program of study.

A limited number of students can be admitted to the program each year; therefore, admission is highly selective.

A written offer of admission from the Graduate School will be sent to an applicant who is recommended by the Doctoral Program Committee. The offer will specify the time of entrance which will normally coincide with the requested starting time. Upon acceptance by the Graduate School, the applicant should reconfirm enrollment intentions by writing to the nursing program. If the applicant is unable to enroll at the expected date, a written request for a postponement of the admission date is made through the School of Nursing. The offer of admission lapses after one year and a new application and fee must be submitted to be reconsidered for admission.

The current offer of admission from the Graduate School is used as a permit to register. Permanent identification as a graduate student will be issued at the time of first registration.

Admission Procedure: Admission forms should be obtained from the Graduate School, University of Maryland, 660 West Redwood St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

1. An application fee of $20.00 must accompany the application for admission. This fee is not refundable under any circumstance, but if the applicant is accepted and enrolls for courses, it will serve as a matriculation fee.

2. The following materials should be returned directly to the Graduate School, University of Maryland, 660 West Redwood St., Baltimore, MD 21201:

   a. Two copies of the application for admission to the Graduate School.
Applications

Applications for admission to the Graduate School in any of the following categories:

1. Full graduate status: applicant meets all requirements.
2. Provisional graduate status: applicant does not meet all of the academic requirements for full admission, but in the opinion of the Graduate School and the Graduate Program Committee, demonstrates potential for graduate study. To qualify for continued enrollment the student admitted provisionally must achieve a B grade or above in every course during the first semester of full-time study (the first 12 credits for part-time students). Full status will be granted upon attainment of a B grade or better in every course in the first semester of full-time study (minimum of 9 credits) or in the first 12 credits of part-time study.
3. Provisional admission with additional specified departmental requirements: full graduate status will be granted upon attainment of the program's specified requirements.
4. Incomplete admission: information on the applicant is incomplete; admission status will be determined on receipt of the completed information.
5. Nondegree graduate status: applicant may enroll on a "coursework only" basis for a specified period of time if the applicant's record meets Graduate School standards. If a nondegree student subsequently wishes to enter the degree program, reapplication is necessary. Consideration may be given at a later date to the application of credits earned toward a degree program while in this status, but there is no assurance that such requests will be granted. If granted, a maximum of six credits may be transferred. Admission is granted by the dean for graduate studies and research and is confirmed by enrollment in the term for which admission is approved.

b. Application fee.
c. Two sets of official transcripts from each college and university attended. If applicant is a diploma school graduate, transcripts of the diploma coursework are also required.
d. Letters of reference from three professionals who know the candidate's qualifications.
e. Official record of the results of the Miller Analogies Test (test available through testing services of most colleges and universities) for doctoral program; and the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (write to Graduate Record Examination, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540 for details).

3. Applications and supporting documents for the master's degree program must be received by July 1 for the fall semester, by December 1 for the winter session and the spring semester and by May 15 for the summer session.

4. Applications for admission to the doctoral program are reviewed twice a year. Applications and supporting documents (including GRE scores, MAT scores, references and transcripts) for the doctoral program must be received by November 1 for the fall review and by March 1 for the spring review. It is the doctoral nursing program policy to admit students only in the fall semester.

Categories of Admission: Applicants are offered admission to the Graduate School in any of the following categories:

1. Full graduate status: applicant meets all requirements.
2. Provisional graduate status: applicant does not meet all of the academic requirements for full admission, but in the opinion of the Graduate School and the Graduate Program Committee, demonstrates potential for graduate study. To qualify for continued enrollment the student admitted provisionally must achieve a B grade or above in every course during the first semester of full-time study (the first 12 credits for part-time students). Full status will be granted upon attainment of a B grade or better in every course in the first semester of full-time study (minimum of 9 credits) or in the first 12 credits of part-time study.
3. Provisional admission with additional specified departmental requirements: full graduate status will be granted upon attainment of the program's specified requirements.
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Part-Time Study

Students eligible for admission, but who are able to devote only a portion of their time to graduate study, are subject to the same privileges and matriculation requirements as full-time students. Part-time students are urged to assume responsibility for program planning with an advisor. In the doctoral program, partial-time study is available; however, full-time enrollment at the University of Maryland is required during two consecutive semesters.

A graduate student who is in good standing at another institution may apply to enroll for a single course or summer session (see Categories of Admission in the Graduate School catalogue).

Foreign Students

Students from foreign countries who show evidence of education equivalent to a baccalaureate degree in nursing may be considered for admission to the master’s degree program. Likewise those with education equivalent to a master’s degree in nursing may be eligible for admission to the doctoral degree program. All applicants who are not citizens of the United States are classified as foreign students for admission purposes (see the Graduate School catalogue for further information).

Graduate Student Organizations

Graduates in Nursing (GIN) is an organization of all the students in the graduate program in the School of Nursing. The purposes of the organization are to foster unity among graduate students; to aid in the pursuit of individual, institutional and professional goals; and to enhance communication among students, faculty and the community. Student representatives function in a liaison capacity by serving on various school and university committees. GIN serves the graduate student body through orientation programs, a monthly newsletter, education and social functions and the establishment of ad hoc committees when student, faculty and community needs arise.

As a focal point for graduate student awareness, the UMAB Graduate Student Association (GSA) is comprised of one representative from each department on campus that offers a graduate degree. Its main purpose is to promote a better graduate student life by providing efficient orientation of new students, communicating research interests across departmental lines and providing a channel for the communication of graduate student concerns to the dean for graduate studies and research and to the Graduate Council. The Graduate Student Association chooses one of its own members each year to serve as a voting member of the Graduate Council and also elects representatives to the UMAB Senate.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the master’s degree program of the University of Maryland have a variety of employment opportunities. Surveys of recent graduates indicate 100% employment. Approximately 60% of these graduates are employed in hospitals, 30% as faculty in schools of nursing and 10% in other areas including nursing homes, community mental health and public health clinics. Salaries vary with the type of position, the setting, the geographical areas and the individual graduate’s professional experience. Beginning salaries in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., area for new master’s graduates range from $24,000 to $32,000 per year.

Doctorally prepared nurses are in great demand throughout the nation as administrators, faculty and researchers. Salaries vary with the particular position, the geographical area and the individual background of the candidate but range from $30,000 to $45,000 per year.
Graduate Courses

NURS 602 Conceptual Framework for Nursing Practice (5). An introduction to the articulation of a philosophy of nursing to a conceptual framework for nursing practice. Our philosophy states that the personal, cognitive and physical expressions of health interact throughout life and unfold in dynamic interplay with the environment. The two-credit theory session each week is a coordinated approach by representative departmental faculty in which the study of scientific concepts which influence man’s expressions of health is emphasized. The other three credits provide a departmentally supervised clinical practicum with emphasis on assessment and on evaluation of nursing interventions or regulatory processes. (Kreider and Faculty)

NURS 603 Evaluation of Patient Care: A Clinical Perspective (3). An opportunity for students to synthesize a framework for evaluating health and nursing care. Emphasis is on the analysis of structure, process and outcomes of nursing care in terms of the personal, physical and cognitive expressions of health. It is designed to supplement the core courses as well as other clinical courses by presenting quality assurance methods, criteria and standards. Prerequisites: NURS 602 and 701 or permission of instructor. (Walker)

NURS 604 Organizational Behavior and Role Fulfillment (3). An exploration and analysis of commonalities inherent in nursing practice in various roles. Content from systems, role, organizational behavior, consultation, learning and change theories provides the basis for synthesis into a conceptual framework of practice in teaching, clinical practice and administration. (Faculty)

NURS 606 Influential Forces, Health Care and Health Care Systems (2). The identification and analysis of the economic, social, political and educational forces which influence the health of man, affect the health care delivery system and produce changes in nursing. (Faculty)

NURS 607 Alcoholism and Family Systems (3). The theory content and clinical practicum of this course are designed for the study of alcoholism and the concomitant family patterns of organization. The course emphasizes the use of regulatory processes for the restoration of optimal balance within the family and between the family and its environment, the recruitment of family members into treatment and the prevention of illness among vulnerable family members. (Eells)

NURS 608 Special Problems in Nursing (1-3). Provides for alternative learning experiences: independent study; development of specific clinical competencies; classes focusing on a variety of special interest topics or topics of an interdepartmental nature. Registration upon consent of advisor. Students may register for one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)
NURS 611 Introduction to Primary Care Nursing (2). Emphasizes the development of the expanded nursing role and builds on assessment skills and on knowledge acquired in NURS 602. It provides opportunity to collect and analyze data with a variety of skills and techniques that expand the nursing process for the health of adults. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 602, NPHY 600. (Faculty)

NURS 613 Clinical Diagnosis and Management I (4). Prepares the student to function at a beginning level as a nurse practitioner in an ambulatory setting. This is the first of two sequential courses which focus on different sets of health problems. The student applies the nursing process through diagnosis, developing plans of care and implementing nursing strategies to promote personal, cognitive and physical health of clients with common health problems. Prerequisites: NURS 611, NPHY 600. Open to majors only. (Faculty)

NURS 614 Clinical Diagnosis and Management II (4). Prepares the student to function as a nurse practitioner in an ambulatory setting with clients who have complex health problems. This is the second of two sequential courses which apply the nursing process through communication and assessment skills, interpreting findings, applying laboratory diagnostic methods, developing plans of care and implementing nursing strategies to promote personal, cognitive and physical health of clients. Prerequisite: NURS 613. Open to majors only. (Faculty)

NURS 615 Advanced Primary Health Care (5). An intensive applied clinical experience and seminar sessions designed to assist the student in analyzing multiple variables in health and disease and, through a problem-solving approach, in determining an optimal plan in relation to both short- and long-term goals. The emphasis is on increased independence and decisionmaking in an interprofessional environment. Prerequisite: NURS 614. Open to majors only. (Faculty)

NURS 618 Special Problems in Primary Care (1-6). An independent study experience which allows students in the primary care department to develop special competencies or obtain in-depth clinical experience. Students outside the department may elect this experience to study selected concepts relating to primary care nursing. Registration upon consent of advisor. Students may register for varying units of credit ranging from one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 621 Medical-Surgical Nursing I (2). The first level Medical-Surgical Nursing course focuses on systematic exploration of concepts that are particularly pertinent to adult clients with physical alterations. The concepts are developed within the graduate program framework; interrelationships among concepts are determined and clinical implications are considered. Values, beliefs and attitudes about nursing, health, and illness are explored. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 602 and NPHY 600. (Faculty)

NURS 622 Medical-Surgical Nursing II (4). Building on NURS 602 and 621, this course focuses on the articulation of selected concepts with the development, implementation and evaluation of regulatory processes from the perspective framework. The practicum gives students an opportunity to test the presented theory within a clinical perspective, to strengthen and extend previously acquired knowledge and skill and to progress toward attainment of individual clinical goals. Prerequisite: NURS 621. (Faculty)

NURS 623 Trauma/Critical Care Nursing I (2). This first-level course focuses on the exploration and application of the graduate nursing program framework as a basis for trauma/critical care nursing practice. Alterations and interrelationships of selected concepts are considered in conjunction with appropriate regulatory processes. Clinical applications and research implications are discussed with consideration of the critical care environment and specific patient characteristics. Prerequisite or concurrent NURS 602, NPHY 600 (Faculty)
NURS 624 Trauma/Critical Care Nursing II (4). This second-level course continues to examine the theory and practice of trauma/critical care nursing within the graduate nursing framework. The course includes a clinical practicum which offers the opportunity to test course theory, expand collaborative and advanced nursing skills and progress toward achievement of individual professional goals. Prerequisites: NURS 623 and NPHY 620 or instructor permission. (Faculty)

NURS 625 Introduction to Gerontological Nursing (2). Traces, via an historical perspective, the beginnings of the science of gerontology and gerontological nursing. The focus is on implications for nursing in regard to the myths and misconceptions, current health care problems and the influence societal thinking has had on attitudes and interests regarding the elderly. Prerequisite: NURS 602 (Stilwell and Faculty)

NURS 626 Processes of Aging: Implications for Nursing Care (4). An in-depth analysis of specific concepts related to the cognitive, physical and psychosocial health care problems of the aged. The emphasis in exploring these concepts is on assessment methodologies and nursing care strategies which are designed to assist the aged person to cope with alterations in the expressions of health related to the aging process and, where possible, to prevent the occurrence of alterations in health. (Stilwell and Faculty)

NURS 628 Special Problems in Medical-Surgical Nursing (1-3). Provides alternative learning experiences: independent study; development of specific clinical competencies; classes focusing on a variety of special topics or topics of an interdepartmental nature within the broad category of medical-surgical nursing. Registration upon consent of advisor. Students may register for varying amounts of credit ranging from one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 631 Maternal and Infant Nursing I (2). First of a two-semester sequence. A conceptual approach which focuses on extensive understanding of nursing in society's total program of maternal health services with emphasis on increased practitioner skills for independent and collaborative components of professional nursing of mothers and infants. Prerequisite: NURS 602. (Faculty)

NURS 632 Maternal and Infant Nursing II (4). Focuses on extensive knowledge and understanding of maternal care and on gaining increased collaborative and practitioner skills in professional nursing within interdisciplinary health agencies and institutions. Second semester of a two-semester sequence. Prerequisites: NURS 602 and NURS 631. (Faculty)
NURS 638 Special Problems in Maternity Nursing (1-3). Provides for alternative learning experiences: independent study; development of specific clinical competencies; classes focusing on a variety of special interest topics or topics of an interdepartmental nature within the broad category of maternity nursing. Registration upon consent of advisors. Students may register for varying amounts of credit ranging from one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 641 Nursing of Children I (2). First semester of a two-semester sequence. Focuses on extensive knowledge and understanding of nursing in society’s total program of child health services and on gaining increased practitioner skills in professional nursing of children. Prerequisite: NURS 602. (Faculty)

NURS 642 Nursing of Children II (4). Focuses on extensive knowledge and understanding in society’s total program of child health services and in gaining increased collaborative and practitioner skills in professional nursing of children. Second semester of a two-semester sequence. Prerequisite: NURS 602 and NURS 641. (Faculty)

NURS 648 Special Problems in Nursing of Children (1-3). Provides alternative learning experiences: independent study; development of specific clinical competencies; classes focusing on a variety of special interest topics or topics of an interdepartmental nature within the broad category of nursing of children. Registration upon consent of advisor. Students may register for varying amounts of credit ranging from one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 650 Foundations for Psychiatric Nursing I (2). First half of a two-semester course which provides graduate students in psychiatric nursing with a theoretical basis for clinical practice, an overview of multiple schools of psychotherapy and a matrix within which to integrate concepts for Core I (NURS 602) which are particularly relevant to psychiatric nursing. The course content encourages the student to view the client developmentally in order to assess his/her or the family’s problem(s) and to choose therapeutic interventions that are grounded either in theory or in knowledge generated from empirically tested data. Offered fall semester. (Faculty)

NURS 651 Individual Therapy (3). Individual therapy builds upon the interpersonal and analytic skill developed in the clinical portion of NURS 602. This course examines specific types of ineffective social behaviors as well as personality disturbances and their treatment within the contexts of psychiatric and nursing literature. (Robinson)

NURS 652 Group Theory and Practice I (3). Provides the basis for a conceptual framework in group psychotherapy. Emphasis is placed on the application of theory to group practice. Included is the study of the therapist’s role in the development of technical and communication skills in group work. Each student is required to co-lead a group approved by the faculty. (Faculty)

NURS 653 Group Theory and Practice II (3). Designed to further develop the student’s theoretical and clinical expertise in group work and group psychotherapy. Emphasis is placed on the role of the therapist in the integration and utilization of theoretical concepts to clinical group practice and in developing skills in supervision. Specialized group therapy techniques and research as related to group practice are reviewed. Each student is required to co-lead a group approved by the faculty. Prerequisite: NURS 652. (Faculty)
NURS 654 Liaison Nursing I (3). Students gain skills in therapeutic interaction with hospitalized, physically ill patients based upon their assessment of the patient's psychological needs and an evaluation of appropriate vehicles for their gratification. Goals are established which take into consideration physiological versus psychological priorities, assigning weights in terms of immediacy of need. The hospital is viewed as a social system, and means of interacting effectively in it are explored. Offered fall semester (Ruth)

NURS 674 Community Health Nursing within the Health Care System (2). Focuses on the relationship between the health level of the community and the organization of the health care system. Social and political forces and major public policies that are shaping the organization and delivery of community health nursing services will be analyzed. An examination of theory, research, governmental and other professional documents will provide the basis for discussion as to how effective and efficient services can be achieved. Various systems of health care organization will be compared in terms of health level, structure and reimbursement mechanisms. Open to non-nursing majors with permission of instructor. Offered spring semester. (Ruth)

NURS 675 Community Health Nursing III (2). A required third-level departmental course for students whose area of concentration is community health nursing. It is given concurrently with the practicum in role preparation. While the emphasis is upon intervention strategies and regulatory processes in community health nursing, content related to public health administration is discussed and includes areas such as reimbursement mechanisms, legislation and regulation and standards of practice. Students will plan, implement and evaluate a health program of primary prevention in their selected communities. Prerequisites or concurrent: NURS 604 and NURS 673. Offered fall semester. (Strasser)

NURS 676 Community Health Groups: Leadership Strategies (2). The theory content and practicum of this course offer learning experiences particularly pertinent and applicable to working with well families and health-oriented community groups. The course is designed to provide graduate students in community health nursing and other specialty areas an opportunity to gain additional skills in the use of group leadership strategies to bring about change toward defined goals and objectives. Prerequisite: Basic course in group dynamics; permission of instructor. Open to non-nursing majors. Offered spring semester. (Strasser)

NURS 678 Special Problems in Community Health Nursing (1-3). Provides alternative learning experiences: independent study; development of specific clinical competencies; classes focusing on a variety of special interest topics or topics of an interdepartmental nature within the broad category of community health nursing. Registration by consent of advisor. Students may register for varying amounts of credit ranging from one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 680 Curriculum and Instruction in Nursing Education (3). Combines the elements of the curriculum process with instructional principles and methodologies through both faculty- and student-conducted seminars. It is designed to assist the student in the understanding and application of the foundations and methods of curriculum development. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 604. (Faculty)
NURS 682 Practicum in Teaching in Nursing (3). Experience in clinical and classroom settings promotes the opportunity for development and increased skill in the total teaching/learning process. An analytical approach to teaching effectiveness is emphasized. Placement in junior colleges, baccalaureate programs or in-service settings is arranged according to track selected. Prerequisite: NURS 604 and two semesters of clinical coursework. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 680. (Faculty)

NURS 683 Practicum for Clinical Specialist in Nursing (4). Supervised experience is provided by each clinical department which will prepare the graduate student to function in the role of clinical specialist. Placement may be in community or home settings, chronic and long-term care facilities as well as intensive care units. Prerequisite: Two semesters of clinical coursework. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 684. (Faculty)

NURS 684 Seminar in Nursing—Clinical Specialization (2). Focuses on increasing organizational behaviors to function effectively as clinical nurse specialists. Particular attention is given to improving the delivery of health care to consumers through consultation, teaching, research and clinical practice in medical-surgical, maternal-child health, psychiatric, gerontological and community health nursing. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 604. (Faculty)

NURS 685 Instructional Skills (3). This course, conducted by means of microteaching lab, fosters the development and analysis of selected teaching skills directed at predetermined levels of functioning in the cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains. Prerequisite: NURS 604 and two semesters of clinical coursework. Prerequisite or concurrent: NURS 680. (Heller)

NURS 688 Special Problems in Nursing Education (1-3). The major objectives of this independent study experience are to develop further competencies in the area of teaching. Registration upon consent of advisor. Student may register for one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 689 Special Problems in Clinical Specialization (1-3). The major objectives of this independent study experience are to develop further competencies in the areas of clinical specialization. Registration upon consent of advisor. Students may register for one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)
NURS 690 Managerial Health Finance (3). Focuses on the role and responsibility of the administrator in fiscal management of health care institutions in both the public and private sectors. Training is provided in resource management and accountability. Conceptual and practical issues related to health care economics, financial management and budget preparation will be stressed. Prerequisite: NURS 604. (Faculty)

NURS 692 Administration of Nursing Service (2). Examination and application of administrative processes employed in nursing service settings. The independent and interdependent functions of nurse administrators in an organization, at various levels of decision making, are identified and analyzed. Prerequisite: NURS 604. (Faculty)

NURS 693 Practicum in Nursing Service Administration (4). Field placements provide for synthesis of learning through observation of and participation in administrative activities. Placements are arranged to support skill development in keeping with the student's career goals. Regular conferences with university instructors and field preceptor enrich the student's learning opportunity. Prerequisite: NURS 692. (Faculty)

NURS 696 Cases and Concepts in Nursing Administration (2). This second-level course is required for students whose major area of concentration is Administration of Nursing Service and is an elective open to all other students. The course focuses on administrative cases and is designed to assist the student in exploring administrative concepts and analyzing administrative situations. Prerequisite: NURS 604. (Faculty)

NURS 697 Nursing and Health Policy (2). Focuses on formulation and implementation of health policy viewed from an historical perspective and on examination of selected current issues. Attention will be given to the role of nurses in influencing policy decisions. Prerequisite POSI 601. Open to majors only. (Faculty)

NURS 698 Special Problems in Nursing Administration (1-3). The major objective of this independent study experience is to develop further competencies in the area of administration. Registration by consent of advisor. Student may register for one to three credits per semester with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 699 Practicum in Nursing and Health Policy (4). This course is the last in the nursing health policy major. Practical experience in selected agencies will reinforce and enhance analytic skills needed in policy formulation and implementation. Placement will be in accord with students' special interests in the nursing health field. Prerequisite: NURS 697. (Faculty)

NURS 701 Research Methods and Materials in Nursing (3). One four-hour lecture/lab a week. Includes basic understandings of the philosophy of research, the nature of scientific thinking and methods of research study. Prerequisite: Basic statistics. (Faculty)

NURS 702 Application of Inferential Statistics to Nursing Research Designs (2). Emphasizes the requirements and interpretation of inferential procedures widely used in nursing research designs. Statistical computer programs are utilized with actual nursing data. Selection of the most appropriate procedure is stressed. Data analyses, including bivariate correlation, partial correlation, one-way ANOVA, ANCOVA, multiple regression and various nonparametric analyses are studied. Instrument reliability is computed and an overview of other procedures is presented. A pragmatic rather than mathematical approach is used. A three-hour session each week combines lecture and lab. Prerequisite: NURS 701. (Faculty)
NURS 704 Program Evaluation in Nursing (3). This elective course introduces students to various models and approaches available for the evaluation of nursing programs in both educational and service settings. Class discussions focus on the components of various models, their relative strengths and weaknesses and their utility for the evaluation of nursing programs. Opportunities to assess program evaluation efforts in nursing are also provided. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. (Waltz)

NURS 708 Special Problems in Nursing Research (1-3). The major objective of this independent study experience is to develop further research competencies. Registration upon consent of instructor. Variable amounts of credit ranging from one to three per semester may be taken with a maximum of six credits per degree. (Faculty)

NURS 710 Health Supervision of the Well Child I (3). The first of two sequential courses which focus on health promotion and health maintenance for children, this course deals primarily with the health needs of children during the first five years of life. The student will function at a beginning level as a nurse practitioner in an ambulatory setting. Emphasis is placed on application of the nursing process: assessing the physical, personal and cognitive expressions of health of well children during the first five years of life within the context of their family environments; developing plans of care based on knowledge of the cultural patterns of the family and of the predominant pattern of organization of the child’s expressions of health, implementing and evaluating nursing strategies to promote health and development. Prerequisite: NURS 602, NURS 611 or permission of instructor. (Faculty)

NURS 711 Health Supervision of the Well Child II (3). This is the second of two sequential courses which apply the conceptual framework of the graduate program and the nursing process through communication and assessment skills, developing plans of care, implementing and evaluating the use of selected regulatory processes to promote the personal, cognitive and physical health of children. The course focuses on the health needs of school-age children and adolescents. Normal growth and development are emphasized. Prerequisite: NURS 710 or permission of instructor. (Faculty)

NURS 713 Common Health Problems of Children I (4). This is the first of two sequential courses which focus on selected health problems of children frequently encountered in ambulatory settings and the underlying alterations in health equilibrium. Emphasis is placed on problem identification, application of appropriate regulatory processes and evaluation of the effectiveness of intervention. Prerequisite: NURS 602, NURS 611 or permission of instructor. (Faculty)

NURS 714 Common Health Problems of Children II (4). The focus of this second of two sequential courses is selected health care problems of children and the underlying alterations in health. The problems considered will be of a more complex nature. Problem identification, application of appropriate regulatory processes and evaluation of the effectiveness of intervention are emphasized. Prerequisite: NURS 713 or permission of instructor. (Faculty)

NURS 715 Advanced Primary Care of Children (5). Designed to assist the student to integrate and synthesize the material from all coursework, material previously learned and some new concepts relevant to the pediatric nurse practitioner in primary care. Clinical experiences require that the student assume a more independent role in assessing and managing the health care of children from birth to adolescence as part of a multidisciplinary health care team. Prerequisites: NURS 711 and NURS 714. (Faculty)
NURS 721 Psychophysiological Interventions in Nursing (3). An overview of the psychophysiological interrelationships commonly seen in patients manifesting symptomatology such as hypertension, low back pain, headaches and arthritis. Psychophysiological models unique to advanced nursing assessment and intervention within a family systems framework are examined, practiced and applied to actual client situations. Prerequisite: NURS 602 (Thomas)

NURS 750 Foundations for Psychiatric Nursing II (2). This second half of a two-semester course provides graduate students in psychiatric nursing with a theoretical basis for clinical practice, an overview of multiple schools of psychotherapy and a matrix within which to integrate concepts for Core I which are particularly relevant to psychiatric nursing. The course content encourages the student to view the client developmentally in order to assess his/her or the family's problem(s) and to choose therapeutic interventions that are grounded either in theory or in knowledge generated from empirically tested data. Offered spring semester. (Faculty)

NURS 754 Liaison Nursing II (3). The second-level course in psychiatric liaison nursing presents material relevant to specific patient populations which are targeted by the liaison practitioner. In the latter half of the course, the student begins to explore those issues involved in working with nursing staff, rather than directly with patients to meet the latter's psychological needs. In addition, liaison research projects that were identified in the first-level course will be further developed to meet seminar paper or thesis requirements. Prerequisite: NURS 654. (Robinson)

NURS 755 Families in Trauma/Critical Care Settings (3). Introduces students to the system theory orientation for understanding human functioning as well as to the application of this orientation to personal, patient/family and critical care delivery systems. The family is the unit of study and the personal expression of health is emphasized. The course includes a seminar focused on defining systems theory and its application to issues and situations in trauma/critical care nursing and supervised clinical work with patients/families. Prerequisites: NURS 602 and permission of instructor. (Faculty)

NURS 770 Strategies for Legal-Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing (2). Designed to explore and analyze legal and ethical dimensions of nursing interventions with the context of selected professional issues such as autonomy, privacy, justice, power, responsibility, self-regulation, confidentiality, use of human subjects and informed consent. The process of identifying issues, taking and supporting positions and selecting effective nursing strategies will be stressed. The interface of law, ethics and nursing is the primary focus of the course. Prerequisite: NURS 602 or permission of instructor. (Faculty)

NURS 799 Master's Thesis Research (1-6). (Faculty)

NURS 801 Conceptual Basis for Nursing (2). Provides experience in conceptualizing health-related behavior as an initial step in nursing research. Biological, psychological, cognitive and social dimensions of selected concepts relevant to nursing practice are examined theoretically and operationally. The interrelatedness of these dimensions is viewed as constituting a major focus in the study of man from a nursing perspective. (Kreider and Faculty)

NURS 802 Analysis of Direct Nursing Action (4). Clinical settings will be utilized for the examination of client states and nursing actions. From a theoretical perspective students will develop and implement a plan for study of nursing actions and the client states which are stimuli for and responses to nursing actions. Prerequisite: NURS 801 (Kreider and Faculty)
NURS 803 Conceptualization of Nursing Systems (2). An overview of the social, political and organizational contexts within which nursing is practiced and taught. Includes an introduction to and comparison of organizational and systems theories, and consideration of organizational problems of particular importance to the practice and teaching of nursing. (Jacox)

NURS 804 Analysis of Indirect Nursing Action (4). The processes by which national health and nursing policies are determined and organizational problems of particular importance to the practice and teaching of nursing are analyzed. Emphasis is placed on factors which influence the acquisition and use of nursing resources, the regulation of nursing practice, authority and decision making and conflict management in organizations. Prerequisite: NURS 803. (Jacox)

NURS 805 Analysis and Development of Nursing Theory (4). Philosophical bases for nursing theory are analyzed and several meta-theoretical approaches to theory development are studied. Extant nursing theories are analyzed, compared and evaluated. Prerequisite: NURS 602 or equivalent. (Lenz and Suppe)

NURS 806 Seminar in Nursing Science (2). Philosophical, theoretical and professional issues to be considered in discovering and verifying nursing knowledge are addressed. Approaches to theory development in nursing are examined and applied. Prerequisite: NURS 805. (Lenz and Suppe)

NURS 811 Measurement of Nursing Phenomena (3). The theoretical basis of measurement will be presented as a foundation for the development and evaluation of measurement tools for use in nursing research. Types of measures, techniques of construction, the statistical analysis of reliability and validity and strengths and limitations for use of selected measures in nursing research will be presented. Nursing research studies will be evaluated relative to measurement theory. Tools and procedures, including those used to measure affective, cognitive, behavioral and physiological aspects of selected concepts, will be evaluated. Prerequisites: NURS 702, NURS 813 or equivalent. (Waltz)

NURS 812 Seminar in Nursing Measurement (3). The theoretical basis of measurement will be applied in a highly individualized experience in the development and testing of an instrument to measure a selected concept of relevance in nursing research. The seminar will provide the opportunity for discussion of problems, issues and strategies involved in tool construction and validation and for the sharing of experiences. Prerequisites: NURS 811 and NURS 813. (Waltz)

NURS 813 Design of Nursing Research (3). The emphasis in this course is on the acquisition of methods and techniques for extending the scientific base of knowledge for nursing practice. Research studies, taken from the health care literature, which address questions of impact to nursing will serve as foci for discussion throughout the term. Research designs and related statistical procedures will be examined in terms of their appropriateness for addressing various nursing problems. Small-scale research projects will be carried out in order to facilitate acquisition of desired skills. (Wolf and Prescott)

NURS 815 Advanced Seminar in Nursing Research (3). Emphasis is on use of qualitative research methods and pre- and quasi-experimental designs and related statistical procedures for the study of nursing problems. Included are evaluation research strategies, issues of research control in field settings and major sampling procedures. Prerequisites or concurrent: NURS 813, COMP 601 or equivalent. (Prescott)
NURS 818 Special Topics in Nursing Research (1-3). A directed individually planned research experience which provides doctoral students the opportunity to work collaboratively with a faculty member on an ongoing research project. Specific requirements and credit are determined by contractual agreement; repeatable to a maximum of six credits. (Faculty)

NURS 888 Special Problems in Direct Nursing (1-3). Students select a topic of particular professional interest within the sphere of direct nursing, to be studied with a graduate faculty member with special competence in the subject area. Specific objectives and requirements are determined by contractual agreement prior to registration. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits. (Faculty)

NURS 898 Special Problems in Indirect Nursing (1-3). Students select a topic of professional interest within the sphere of indirect nursing, to be studied with a graduate faculty member with special competence in the subject area. Specific objectives and requirements are determined by contractual agreement prior to registration. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits. (Faculty)

NURS 899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-12). Variable credit. (Faculty)

NPHY 600 Human Physiology and Pathophysiology (3). Focuses on the study of selected areas in normal human physiology and pathophysiology. Emphasis is placed on the analysis of normal function using a problem-solving process. Major regulating and integrative mechanisms and examples of non-optimal to pathological function are elaborated to elucidate a conceptual approach to the physiologic basis of nursing practice. The course builds upon a basic knowledge of physiology. (Faculty)

NPHY 608 Topics in Physiology: Reproduction and Neonatal Physiology (2). Builds upon the concepts developed in NPHY 600 to provide more extensive knowledge of human reproduction and the physiologic function of the newborn infant. Selected examples of pathophysiology will also be presented. The focus is upon developing a scientific client assessment of needs and selecting regulatory processes for the care of clients with complex physical needs. Concepts addressed include: reproduction, growth, oxygenation, circulation, motion, motility and elimination. (Faculty)

NPHY 610 Methods and Principles of Applied Physiology (3). Designed to provide the student with a deeper base of scientific knowledge that correlates physiology and corresponding alterations to a process of clinical diagnosis and management. The course elaborates upon specific pathos principles and a study of disease entities. It also provides exercises in applying epidemiological knowledge in clinical practice and preventive health settings. Prerequisite: NPHY 600 (Faculty)

NPHY 620 Physiological Alterations in the Critically Ill Patient (3). Includes lectures defining and describing alterations in the physiological processes commonly seen in trauma/critically ill patients and application of this theory base through supervised clinical experience in a trauma/critical care unit. The course is designed to enhance the student’s assessment skills and knowledge base of pathophysiologic findings. The patient is the unit of analysis and the physical expression of health is emphasized. Prerequisites: NPHY 600 and NURS 602. (Faculty)
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The Continuing Education Program is designed to facilitate the lifelong learning process of individual nurses and provides an essential bridge between the School of Nursing and the nursing community in Maryland. The program offers national, regional and local workshops, short courses and seminars which build upon the basic preparation of the registered nurse and enhance or update knowledge and professional competence in the delivery of health services. As a result of the expanding decision making responsibilities now confronting nurses, the program provides for opportunities to learn about new concepts in professional nursing and brings participants into dialogue with colleagues in the nursing profession as well as experts in related-fields. The program also provides in-house educational offerings and consultation to health care agencies in the state. Such offerings are designed to meet specific agency needs.

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Statement of Faculty, Student and Institutional Rights and Responsibilities for Academic Integrity

Preamble
At the heart of the academic enterprise are learning, teaching, and scholarship. In universities these are exemplified by reasoned discussion between student and teacher, a mutual respect for the learning and teaching process, and intellectual honesty in the pursuit of new knowledge. In the traditions of the academic enterprise, students and teachers have certain rights and responsibilities which they bring to the academic community. While the following statements do not imply a contract between the teacher or the university and the student, they are nevertheless conventions which the university believes to be central to the learning and teaching process.

Faculty Rights and Responsibilities
1. Faculty shall share with students and administration the responsibility for academic integrity.
2. Faculty are accorded freedom in the classroom to discuss subject matter reasonably related to the course. In turn they have the responsibility to encourage free and honest inquiry and expression on the part of students.
3. Faculty are responsible for the structure and content of their courses, but they have responsibility to present courses that are consistent with their descriptions in the university catalog. In addition, faculty have the obligation to make students aware of the expectations in the course, the evaluation procedures, and the grading policy.
4. Faculty are obligated to evaluate students fairly and equitably in a manner appropriate to the course and its objectives. Grades shall be assigned without prejudice or bias.
5. Faculty shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent the occurrence of academic dishonesty through the appropriate design and administration of assignments and examinations, through the careful safeguarding of course materials and examinations, and through regular reassessment of evaluation procedures.

6. When instances of academic dishonesty are suspected, faculty shall have the right and responsibility to see that appropriate action is taken in accordance with university regulations.

Student Rights and Responsibilities
1. Students shall share with faculty and administration the responsibility for academic integrity.
2. Students shall have the right of inquiry and expression in their courses without prejudice or bias. In addition, students shall have the right to know the requirements of their courses and to know the manner in which they will be evaluated and graded.
3. Students shall have the obligation to complete the requirements of their courses in the time and manner prescribed and to submit to evaluation of their work.
4. Students shall have the right to be evaluated fairly and equitably in a manner appropriate to the course and its objectives.
5. Students shall not submit as their own work any work which has been prepared by others. Outside assistance in the preparation of this work, such as librarian assistance, tutorial assistance, typing assistance, or such assistance as may be specified or approved by the instructor is allowed.
6. Students shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent the occurrence of academic dishonesty. They shall by their own example encourage academic integrity and shall themselves refrain from acts of cheating and plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty.
7. When instances of academic dishonesty are suspected, students shall have the right and responsibility to bring this to the attention of the faculty or other appropriate authority.
Institutional Responsibility

1. Campuses or appropriate administrative units of the University of Maryland shall take appropriate measures to foster academic integrity in the classroom.

2. Campuses or appropriate administrative units shall take steps to define acts of academic dishonesty, to ensure procedures for due process for students accused or suspected of acts of academic dishonesty, and to impose appropriate sanctions on students guilty of acts of academic dishonesty.

3. Campuses or appropriate administrative units shall take steps to determine how admission or matriculation shall be affected by acts of academic dishonesty on another campus or at another institution. No student suspended for disciplinary reasons at any campus of the University of Maryland shall be admitted to any other University of Maryland campus during the period of suspension.

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The University of Maryland Position on Acts of Violence and Extremism Which Are Racially, Ethnically, Religiously or Politically Motivated

The Board of Regents strongly condemns criminal acts of destruction or violence against the person or property of others. Individuals committing such acts at any campus or facility of the university will be subject to swift campus judicial and personnel action, including possible expulsion or termination, as well as possible state criminal proceedings.

The provisions of this publication are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the University of Maryland. The university reserves the right to change a provision or requirement at any time within the student’s term of residence. The university further reserves the right, at any time, to ask a student to withdraw when it considers such action to be in the best interests of the university.

The University of Maryland School of Nursing is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It adheres to all federal and state laws and regulations on discrimination regarding race, color, religion, age, national origin or sex. It adheres to all federal and state laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding physical or mental handicap.

Students are considered for admission to the University of Maryland School of Nursing without regard to race, color, creed or sex. It is the objective of the school to enroll students with diversified backgrounds in order to make the educational experience more meaningful for each individual.