BSN Information Session: Mason Veterans Program in Nursing, (MVP), BSN Co-enrollment Program in Nursing, (CEP), BSN
AGENDA

• Presentation (30 – 40 minutes)
  • Introduction
  • Program information
  • Eligibility guidelines
  • Application process

• Q&A

• Meet with an advisor (transcript review)
WHY MASON’S BSN PROGRAM?

• Program began more than 40 years ago
• More than 7,000 graduates/BSN alumni
• Largest BSN program in Virginia
• High retention and low attrition rates
• Low cost – public vs. private university tuition
• Co-Enrollment allows students to complete a BSN in only one or two semesters after graduating from a partner community college AAS-Nursing program
• Mason is designated a military friendly school by Victory Media and a “top school” by Military Advanced Education & Transition
• Program offers flexible, online, part- and full-time options.
WHAT DO BSN GRADUATES DO FOLLOWING GRADUATION?

Employed nationwide (VA, DC, CA, FL, TN, TX)

- 1 in 3 nurses in Northern Virginia is a Mason nurse
- Staff nurses in clinics, hospitals, schools, community health, health department, home health, hospice settings
- Nurse educators
- Graduate school
FACULTY STRENGTHS

Emphasis on faculty practice and research

• MAP Clinics – Mason and Partner’s Clinics – serving the underserved (C. Sutter/R. Sutter)
• $8.3 million SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Virginia Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (VA-SBIRT) Project Grant (Peppard)
• Bruising – $449,437 grant from the National Institute of Justice to study the impact of skin color, fat, and gender on bruise visibility (Scafide)
• Pediatric obesity (Gaffney)
• HIV/AIDS and Caregivers in Swaziland (Mallinson)
• Racial/ethnic disparities in cancer screening practices (Oh)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Program is 30 credits (10 courses), fully online.
- Program admits twice yearly: Fall and Spring.
- While enrolled in the partner community college AAS-Nursing program students apply to Mason’s Co-enrollment program.
  
  Applicants must have completed at least one semester of the partner community college AAS-Nursing program prior to starting the Mason Co-enrollment program.

- Students will take the NCLEX after completing the AAS-Nursing program.
- Most students will graduate from the MVP or CEP, BSN program one or two semesters after completing the partner community college AAS-Nursing program.
Northern Virginia Community College and Mason Sample Co-enrollment Plan

The courses listed below must be complete prior to starting the NVCC and Mason Co-enrollment Program.

**Nursing Prereqs (18 credits): AP1, AP2, Micro, BE, Stats/QR**

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**To minimize time needed to earn the Mason BSN, the courses listed below should be complete prior to starting NVCC and Mason Co-enrollment Program.**

**Mason Core (29-43 credits): Eng Comp, Lit, Comm, W civ/Wld Hist, SocSci, IT, Art, GU, Electives (15-19)**

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**Total Prereq Credits: 57-61 credits**

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*NVCC requires completion of these courses for AAS-Nursing degree. Courses may be completed prior to applying to the nursing program (as required by Mason’s Co-Enrollment programs). If these course are not completed prior to entering the NVCC Nursing program, these courses must be taken in the semester indicated by NVCC. If these courses have been completed prior to the start of the NVCC program, Mason nursing courses can be redistributed to Semesters 2, 3, and 4, to shorten the length of time required to complete the BSN.

This plan is only a sample of a co-enrollment NVCC and Mason combined schedule. Actual schedule will depend on course availability and coursework completed at the start of the co-enrollment program.
PROGRAM INFORMATION

• Most classes are offered in a 7-week format; students are expected to plan accordingly.
• Participation in the program involves minimal technology requirements. For more information, visit Mason’s Office of Digital Learning website at http://masononline.gmu.edu/.
• Grades:
  • Grade of 77% (C+) or higher is passing; anything below is not passing.
  • One unsatisfactory grade is allowed; second failure will lead to termination from program.
  • Students must remain in good standing in the partner community college AAS-Nursing program
Students admitted to the MVP or CEP program with a prior bachelor’s degree:

• Have satisfied the Mason Core, lower-level electives, and ENGH 302 requirements.

• Are **required to complete at least 30 hours at Mason beyond their first degree** including 6 credits of upper-level electives and 24 credits of nursing (NURS) coursework in the BSN program.
  
  • If previous credits earned at Mason have been used for a degree here *or any other university*, they cannot be used as electives for the 30 credits in the RN to BSN degree.

  • Students who have previously completed NURS courses at Mason will not be able to use these courses toward their BSN degree if the courses are more than three years old at the time of BSN enrollment.

• Students should meet with their academic advisor to review degree requirements.
ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Basic Eligibility Requirements:
• U.S. Military Veteran (*for MVP applicants only*).
• Admission to Mason as a degree-seeking student.
• Admission to a partner community college AAS-Nursing program.
• Transferred courses must come from a regionally accredited institution (online courses are acceptable).
• Minimum GPA of 2.85 and at least a C or better in each course.

*Being eligible for consideration does not guarantee admission.*
Nursing Prerequisites (total 18 cr): Must be completed prior to starting Mason’s Co-enrollment Program.

- Anatomy and Physiology I (4 cr)
- Anatomy and Physiology II (4 cr)
- Microbiology (4 cr)
  - The 3 sciences above can be met with NAS 161 and 162 for MVP applicants only.
- Statistics (3 cr)
- Biomedical Ethics (3 cr)

Note: Nutrition and Developmental Psychology are not required for MVP or CEP application.
Mason Core and electives (total 39-43 cr): Mason Core and elective courses should be completed prior to starting the Co-Enrollment Program.

- English Composition (3 cr)
- Communication (3 cr)
- Literature (3 cr)
- Arts (3 cr)
- Social Science (3 cr)
- Western Civilization (3 cr)
- Global Understanding (3 cr)
- Information Technology (3 cr)
- Quantitative Reasoning (3 cr)
  - NVCC’s MATH 240 or 241 meets both the Quantitative Reasoning and the nursing prerequisite statistics requirement.
- Electives (15-19 cr)
  - Sociology or Anthropology course is recommended.
  - Applicants using the NAS 161/162 sequence will need a total of 19 credits of electives.

See Transfer Equivalency handout for additional information.
Transfer Courses

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

• To determine whether your course matches the Mason course needed for the BSN Application, you can do the following:
  • Use Mason’s **Transfer Credit Matrix:** [http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/](http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/)
  • If course is not in the Matrix, compare your course description with the description of the Mason course ([catalog.gmu.edu](http://catalog.gmu.edu)).

It is your responsibility to make the determination of whether your course matches the Mason course for BSN application purposes.
MULTI-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS

Two-step application process:

• Submit a degree-seeking application to Mason and meet Mason admission requirements.

• Submit the online BSN Program application and all supporting documents by the deadline.

2 separate applications = 2 separate decision letters

Students must be admitted to both to enroll in the Nursing program.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Mason Application**

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**MVP/CEP BSN Program Application**

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- The Mason application must be completed first in order to receive a G#, which you will need for the BSN application.
- Submit the Mason application for the same semester you would begin the BSN program if admitted.

**Important:** Admission to Mason is *not* required prior to submitting BSN application. You simply must have completed the Mason application.
MASON APPLICATION PROCESS

• Mason application available online: admissions.gmu.edu
• Applicants must apply as a degree-seeking, transfer student, after beginning the first semester in a partner community college AAS-Nursing program.
  • Transfer admission to Mason is competitive.
  • Research and meet Mason admission requirements and deadlines.
  • Disclose all institutions you have attended (or plan to attend) on university application; failure to do so will jeopardize admission.
• Applicants with a bachelor’s degree or coursework from outside of the U.S. must:
  • Have transcripts evaluated: www.naces.org
  • Submit proof of English language proficiency
  • For information: https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/international
BSN APPLICATION PROCESS

• Fall and spring admission
• BSN application deadlines
  • November 30 for spring 2017 admission
  • March 30 for fall 2017 admission
  • For 2018 and beyond:
    o Spring: October 1
    o Fall: January 15

• Access the application from the CHHS website:
  http://admissions.gmu.edu/bsn_app/

• Two-part application process
  • Online BSN Departmental Application
  • Supporting Documents Package
Online BSN Departmental Application

- Sample application available online: [http://chhs.gmu.edu/nursing/admissions/bsn-application-process.cfm](http://chhs.gmu.edu/nursing/admissions/bsn-application-process.cfm)
- Submit $50 non-refundable BSN application fee through online payment system.
- Print Confirmation and Checklist page after completing the BSN online departmental application.
BSN APPLICATION PROCESS (CONTINUED)

Supporting Documents

• Confirmation and Checklist Page
• Unofficial transcripts from every institution attended
  • Students with international background must submit a copy of evaluation of transcripts (NACES.org).
  • Current Mason students must submit transcripts from each institution attended, including Mason.
• Résumé
• Proof of admission to and enrollment in a partner community college AAS-Nursing program
• Copy of class registration for currently enrolled courses
• Unofficial copy of AP/CLEP scores (if applicable)
• MVP applicants only: Provide proof of military service (copy of DD-214, Member Copy 4 or Service 2)
Submit documents by U.S. mail or hand-deliver* to:

Attention: BSN Applications
CHHS Office of Student Affairs
4400 University Drive, MS 6C4
Fairfax, VA 22030
Campus Location: Robinson Hall B402

Confirmation of receipt of application:
- Email will be sent 7-10 days after submission if Part C is mailed.
- Paper confirmation provided if Part C package is delivered in person.

Application process is self-managed. Students will not be contacted for missing documents.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

*Mason offices are closed on weekends, and some holidays. Please check the Mason website for university closing announcements.
Admissions decisions are holistic and based on an array of factors:

- Completion of all nursing prerequisite, Mason Core, and elective courses
  - Must earn grade of “C” or better in EACH course, including courses in progress at time of application.
- OVERALL academic history and performance
- History of repeating courses
- Résumé
If not admitted:

- Advisors are unable to meet with applicants or respond to emails regarding reasons for denial.

Common reasons for denial:

- Incomplete application
- Failure to meet eligibility guidelines
  - Below 2.85 overall career GPA (including all institutions)
  - Below a C in any of the required nursing prerequisite courses
Admissions Recap

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

• BSN program admission decisions are sent via email from BSNapps@gmu.edu by the School of Nursing:
  • Fall Admission: Sent in late May
  • Spring Admission: Sent in late December
  • Decisions are not given over the phone.
BSN program admission offer will be **provisional**: 

- Must submit transcripts for currently enrolled courses by deadline specified in BSN offer letter.
- Must achieve grade of “C” or better in currently enrolled nursing prerequisite courses.
- Must respond to the offer of admission, indicating intent to enroll by deadline specified in offer email.
- Must pay Mason Enrollment Deposit by deadline specified in BSN offer letter.
PROGRAM COSTS

Approximate cost of MVP and CEP based on fall 2016 tuition rates (excluding books and BSN fees):

- **In-state tuition**: approximately $14,000 for entire program
- **Out-of-state tuition**: approximately $40,500 for entire program

- Federal financial aid is limited to students who have completed less than 150% of credits required for a degree (180 credits). Students with more than 180 credits of undergraduate coursework do not qualify for federal financial aid.
FINAL REMINDERS

• Applicants with international background have additional application requirements.

• It is your responsibility to make the determination of whether your course matches the Mason course for BSN application. Use the resources provided earlier.

• Follow us on social media and check our website for reminders and updates:
  • Facebook
  • Twitter
  • LinkedIn
  • Instagram
  • http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/

• Unfortunately, due to number of requests, advisors cannot schedule individual appointments outside of this info session.
QUESTIONS

• Questions?
  • Email BSNapps@gmu.edu for nursing application questions.
  • Allow 10-14 days for response.

• Q & A