

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter certifies that a Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) is equivalent to a Master of Science in Nursing degree. The curricula, academic delivery, learning outcomes, and faculty assignments relevant to the two degrees are equivalent. For purposes of hiring UMSON graduates and for considering them for admission to academic programs, interested parties should recognize the UMSON MS and MSN degrees as equivalent.

According to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), accredited master's degrees of all types (MSN, MS, MN, and MA) are equivalent, with the specific degree conferred dependent on the institution. There are more than 330 accredited master's degree programs in the United States. (Reference: www.aacnnursing.org/Nursing-Education-Programs/Masters-Education)

While UMSON has converted its Master of Science program into a Master of Science in Nursing program, students admitted to the master's program prior to fall 2019, and any prior alumni, will continue to have the Master of Science (MS) degree designation on their diplomas and transcripts.

This change is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission effective January 31, 2019.

Should you have questions about this degree equivalency, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student and Academic Services at 410.706.0501.

Sincerely,



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