Nursing (MSN) - BSN-Prepared RN's

Degree Requirements

Degree Requirements For The MSN Pathway For BSN-Prepared RN's
The MSN program must be completed within 5 years of matriculation. A minimum of 45 semester credits are required for the MSN degree with preparation in a nurse practitioner track. Minimum credits for preparation in Executive Nursing Administration and Nursing Informatics require 37 semester credits; Clinical Nurse Leader and Clinical Nurse Specialist require 36 semester credits.

Master Of Science In Nursing Program Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the Master of Science in Nursing Program, graduates should be able to:

1. Integrate advanced knowledge and theories from nursing and related disciplines into a specialized area of advanced nursing practice.
2. Demonstrate competence in advanced nursing roles to meet current and emerging health needs of a global changing society.
3. Use scientific inquiry to identify problems and individualize patient care designed to improve care outcomes.
4. Apply advanced knowledge of leadership and management to influence health policy to transform care delivery systems.
5. Contribute to the focus and direction of the nursing profession.

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The College of Nursing is dedicated to the education of professional nurses who provide the highest quality health care to the communities they serve. The practice of nursing is both an art and a science; the focus of nursing is the diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems.

The College of Nursing has two locations, one is on the USA main campus, and the other is on the USA Baldwin County campus in downtown Fairhope. The resources of the University, the USA Hospitals and clinics, and the numerous clinical agencies provide excellent opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for professional nursing.

Mission

The mission of the College of Nursing is to provide quality innovative educational programs to a diverse student body, to participate in research and scholarly activities, and to provide service to the University, the profession, and the public. The College accomplishes this by providing a caring, engaging environment for the empowerment of student learning potential, the professional development of faculty, and the promotion of the nursing profession.

Goals

1. Cultivate a caring, innovative, and engaging environment to facilitate teaching, learning, scholarship, and service.
2. Deliver innovative quality nursing programs that meet the needs of a diverse student body and other communities of interest.
3. Promote the discovery, communication, and preservation of knowledge through scholarly activities and leadership.
4. Provide service to the University, the profession, and the public.
5. Develop community partnerships to promote nursing and the enhancement of the health care delivery system using interprofessional approaches.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate program is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the baccalaureate, master's, doctor of nursing practice, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036-1120: Telephone (202)877-6791.

Application Procedures

Application forms are available on the College of Nursing’s web site. A ($50.00 for BSN; $100.00 for MSN or DNP) non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application. Money orders or personal checks ($20.00 fee on returned checks) are acceptable. MSN and DNP applicants are also required to complete a primary application in Nursing CAS at www.Nursingcas.org. Fall semester admission applications should be submitted by March 15 for the BSN program and February 15 for the MSN and DNP programs.

Spring semester admission applications should be submitted by July 15 for the BSN, MSN, DNP, and Post-Graduate Certificate programs.
Summer semester admission applications should be submitted by January 15 for BSN program and November 15 for the MSN program.

Applications received at other times will be considered on a space available basis for RN-BSN track only. Students who choose not to attend during the term in which they are accepted, are not permitted to roll admission status to another semester. Students who wish to be considered for a future semester must reapply, pay another application fee, and compete with other applicants without guarantee of acceptance. Students who drop out of the program for two or more consecutive semesters must apply for readmission through the Office of the Registrar. Readmission is not automatic.

Students not accepted during a certain term who choose to roll their application to the following semester will not be assessed another application processing fee. Students who choose to roll their application a second time, or if the length of time between applications is greater than one semester, then an application processing fee will be collected in order for the application to be considered for the given term.

**Student Responsibility**

While the University of South Alabama will endeavor to provide timely and accurate advisement, it is the responsibility of the student to know and satisfy the degree requirements of the academic program, to be aware of the University calendar, [http://www.southalabama.edu/academiccalendar/index.html](http://www.southalabama.edu/academiccalendar/index.html) and to understand and comply with University academic policies and procedures.

**Degrees Offered**

The College of Nursing offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

**Certificates Offered**

Post-Graduate Certificates are awarded to students completing planned programs of study in a nursing specialty area and subspecialty areas.