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 degree program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and post-graduate APRN certificate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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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 found in the student’s PAWS account, to be aware of the University calendar, https://www.southalabama.edu/academiccalendar/index.html (https://www.southalabama.edu/academiccalendar/) 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.

Departments of Instruction

- Nursing (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/)
- Nursing (BS) - Accelerated (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-bs-accelerated/)
- Nursing (BSN) - RN-BSN (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-rn-bsn/)
- Nursing (BSN) - Traditional (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-bsn-traditional/)
- Nursing (MSN) - BSN-Prepared RNs (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-msn-bsn-prepared-rns/)
- Nursing (MSN) - RN-MSN with Non-Nursing Baccalaureate (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-msn-rr-nonnnursing-baccalaureate/)
- Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-post-graduate-certificate/)
- Nursing Practice (DNP) - BSN to DNP (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-practice-dnp-bsn/)
- Nursing Practice (DNP) - MSN Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to DNP Executive Nursing Administration Pathway (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-practice-dnp-msn-clinical-leader-bridge-executive-administration-pathway/)
- Nursing Practice (DNP) - MSN to DNP for Advanced Practice Nursing Roles (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-practice-dnp-msn-advanced-roles/)
- Nursing Practice (DNP) - MSN to DNP Adding a New Concentration Area (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-practice-dnp-msn-adding-new-concentration-area/)
- Nursing Subspecialty Options (http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-subspecialty-options/)