

NURSING POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Degree Requirements

Clinical Concentrations

Code	Title	Hours
Clinical Concentrations		
Select one of the following concentrations:		15-36
<i>Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner</i>		
AHN 568	Intro to Adult-Geron Acute NP	
AHN 571	HPDP Adult-Geron Acute Care NP	
AHN 572	Adult-Geron Acute NP I	
AHN 573	Adult-Geron Acute NP Prac I	
AHN 574	Adult-Geron Acute NP II	
AHN 575	Adult-Geron Acute NP Prac II	
AHN 576	Adult Geron Acute NP Prac III	
AHN 577	Adult Geron Acute NP III	
<i>Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner</i>		
AHN 581	HP/DP Adlt-Geron Prim Care NP	
AHN 588	Intro to Adult-Geron Prim NP	
AHN 591	Adult-Geron Prim NP I	
AHN 592	Adlt-Geron Primary NP Pract I	
AHN 593	Adult-Gero Prim NP II	
AHN 594	Adult-Geron Prim NP Prac II	
AHN 595	Adult-Gero Primary Care NP III	
AHN 596	Adult-Geron Prim NP Prac III	
HSC 601	Intro to Introprofessional Ed	
HSC 602	Team Building	
HSC 603	Assmnt Vulnerable Populations	
<i>Adult-Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist</i>		
NU 515	Clinical Concepts/CNS Role I	
NU 516	Clinical Concepts/CNS Role II	
NU 517	Clinical Concepts/CNS Role III	
AHN 516	CNS Adult Geron Pract I	
AHN 517	CNS Adult Geron Pract II	
AHN 518	CNS Adult Geron Pract III	
AHN 519	Diagnostic Reasoning and Advanced Patient Management for the Clinical Nurse Specialist (Elective)	
<i>Clinical Nurse Leader</i>		
NU 535	Clin Ldr Role & Competencies	
NU 536	Clin Nurse Ldr Pract I	
NU 537	Clin Nurse Leader Synthesis	
NU 538	Clinical Nrse Ldr Pract II	
<i>Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care)</i>		
AHN 538	HPDP Dual Role (FNP/AGACNP)	
AHN 548	Family Prim Care NP I	
AHN 549	Family Prim Care NP Prac I	
AHN 550	Family Prim Care NP II	
AHN 551	Family Prim Care NP Pract II	
AHN 552	Adult-Geron Acute Care NP I	

AHN 553	Adult-Ger Acute Care NP Prac I
AHN 554	Adult-Geron Acute Care NP II
AHN 555	Adlt-Ger Acute Care NP Prac II
<i>Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP)</i>	
NU 580	Hlth Promo & Ds Prev/FNP/ENP
NU 581	Family/Emergency NP I
NU 582	Family/Emerg NP Practicum I
NU 583	Family/Emergency NP II
NU 584	Family/ Emerg NP Practicum II
NU 585	Family/Emergency NP III
NU 586	Family/Emerg NP Practicum III
NU 587	Family/Emergency NP IV
NU 588	Family/Emerg NP Practicum IV
<i>Emergency Nurse Practitioner see footnote table below (p. 2) ¹</i>	
NU 570	Emergency NP I
NU 571	Emergency NP Practicum I
NU 572	Emergency NP II
NU 573	Emergency NP Practicum II
NU 574	Emergency NP III
NU 575	Emergency NP Practicum III
NU 576	Emergency NP IV
NU 577	Emergency NP Practicum IV
<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	
CMN 568	Intro to Family NP
CMN 571	HPDP in Family NP
CMN 572	Family NP I
CMN 573	Family NP Pract I
CMN 574	Family NP II
CMN 575	Family NP Prac II
CMN 576	Family NP Pract III
CMN 577	Family NP III
<i>Neonatal Nurse Practitioner</i>	
MCN 568	Intro to Neonatal NP
MCN 571	HPDP NNP/Peds Acute NP
MCN 572	Neonatal NP I
MCN 573	Neonatal NP Pract I
MCN 574	Neonatal NP II
MCN 575	Neonatal NP Prac II
MCN 576	Neonatal NP Pract III
MCN 577	Neonatal NP III
<i>Pediatric Acute Nurse Practitioner</i>	
MCN 558	Intro Pediatric Acute Care NP
MCN 562	Pediatric Acute Care NP I
MCN 563	Ped Acute Care NP Prac I
MCN 564	Pediatric Acute Care NP II
MCN 565	Ped Acute Care NP Prac II
MCN 566	Ped Acute Care NP Pract III
MCN 567	Pediatric Acute Care NP III
MCN 571	HPDP NNP/Peds Acute NP
<i>Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner</i>	
MCN 548	Intro to Ped Primary Care NP
MCN 551	HPDP Pediatric Primary Care NP

MCN 552	Pediatric Prim Care NP I
MCN 553	Ped Prim Care NP Prac I
MCN 554	Pediatric Primary Care NP II
MCN 555	Ped Prim Care NP Prac II
MCN 556	Ped Prim Care NP Pract III
MCN 557	Pediatric Primary Care NP III
<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
CMN 548	Introduction to PMHNP
CMN 551	HPDP & Issues for the PMHNP
CMN 552	PMHNP I
CMN 553	PMHNP Practicum I
CMN 554	PMHNP II
CMN 555	PMHNP Practicum II
CMN 556	PMHNP Practicum III
CMN 557	PMHNP III
<i>Women's Health Nurse Practitioner</i>	
MCN 538	Intro to Women's Health NP
MCN 541	HPDP Women's Health NP
MCN 542	Women's Health NP I
MCN 543	Women's Health NP Pract I
MCN 544	Women's Health NP II
MCN 545	Women's Health NP Pract II
MCN 546	Women's Health NP Prac III
MCN 547	Women's Health NP III
Total Hours	15-36

Footnote

May be added to Family NP, Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP), or taken as a Post Graduate Certificate if already Family NP certified.

Non-Clinical Concentrations

Code	Title	Hours
Non-Clinical Concentrations		
Select one of the following concentrations:		25
<i>Executive Nursing Administration</i>		
HSC 571	Managing Healthcare Personnel	
NU 539	Intro to Nursing Informatics	
NU 553	Administrative Concepts	
NU 554	Resource Manag Field Study	
NU 561	Nursing Admin Concepts-Theory	
NU 565	Nursing Administration Finance	
NU 566	Nursing Admin Field Study	
NU 567	Nursing Admin Internship	
NU 568	Nursing Admin Seminar	
<i>Nursing Informatics</i>		
ISC 550	Health Data Security & Comp	
ISC 555	Health Data Mgt/Decision Supp	
NU 539	Intro to Nursing Informatics	
NU 553	Administrative Concepts	
NU 554	Resource Manag Field Study	
NU 556	Informatics & Qual Care Improv	
NU 557	Clinical Informatics Pract I	

NU 558	Seminar in Nursing Informatics
NU 559	Clinical Informatics Pract II
NU 565	Nursing Administration Finance
Total Hours	25

Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate Program

The Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate Program is designed for registered nurses with a graduate degree in nursing who seek academic preparation in a new specialty or subspecialty area of advanced practice nursing. Nursing Post-graduate certificate students can select any of the specialty options offered by the program. Each certificate program is designed to be in compliance with national certification requirements including required support courses, didactic specialty courses, and clinical hours.

Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate 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 specific population or system.
3. Use scientific inquiry to identify problems within an organization or specific patient population to improve care outcomes.
4. Apply advanced knowledge of leadership and management to transform care delivery systems in a specialized area of advanced nursing practice.
5. Contribute to the focus and direction of the nursing profession within a specialized area of advanced nursing practice.
6. Demonstrate professional skills through collecting, organizing, and communicating information in professional writing and presentations.

Admission Criteria

1. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States of America.
2. Current registered nurse licensure with no restrictions. Nurses with any restrictions on their license, including participation in a voluntary disciplinary alternative program, cannot be admitted.
3. Graduate of an approved regionally accredited master's or doctoral program with a major in nursing.
4. A minimal grade-point average of 2.75 on all graduate work (A=4.00).
5. Submission of a résumé which documents clinical experience.
6. Prior to enrolling in nurse practitioner clinical course, students are required to have at least 2 years of experience in an area appropriate to the specialty track.
7. Students are admitted to a specialty track and may not change their track without permission.
8. Students must be in good standing with all academic institutions/nursing programs that they have attended in order to be admitted to the Post-Graduate Certificate program.
9. Enrollment in selective courses may not be available to non-degree students due to class size or required prerequisite.

Contingency for Admission and Initial Registration

Admission and initial registration is contingent on completion of the following requirements:

1. Acceptance Packet
2. Negative Drug Screen
3. Acceptable Background Check
4. All Health Requirements as outlined in the Medical Documents Manager.

Notification of missing documents will be sent to your JagMail email account. Only students who have successfully completed the Acceptance Packet in its entirety, have a negative drug screen and acceptable background check, and completed all required portions of the Medical Documents Manager will be permitted to register for classes.

Application Procedures

Admission to the program is limited and selective. Application forms and other information may be obtained from the College of Nursing's website (<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/con/dnp/dnpapplic.html>) or by contacting the college directly at:

College of Nursing
University of South Alabama
Mobile, Alabama 36688
condnpadmit@southalabama.edu
Telephone: (251) 445-9400

To be considered for admission to the Post Graduate Certificate program, the applicant must submit the following requirements:

1. Completion of the Primary Application:
 - a. Primary Application (<http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-post-graduate-certificate/www.NursingCAS.org>) submitted through Nursing Centralized Application System (NursingCAS).
 - b. Official transcripts of all college and university studies, regardless of the outcome of enrollment, must be sent directly from the home institution to the NursingCAS. These documents become the property of the NursingCAS and will not be returned to the applicant. Applicants are responsible for any fees required by NursingCAS for their services.
 - c. Personal Goal Statement is required. The Personal Goal Statement is a description of the applicant's purpose for completing the graduate degree. This essay serves as a writing sample to be reviewed by the Graduate Admissions Committee to determine the applicant's scholarly writing skills.
 - d. Submission of a résumé which documents clinical experience.
2. Completion of the Supplemental Application:
 - a. The Supplemental Application (<https://explore.southalabama.edu/account/register/?r=https%3a%2f%2fexplore.southalabama.edu%2fapply%2f%3fsr%3d870af7f1-de34-492d-b275-be6ef1c6297a>) is submitted electronically directly to the MSN Office at the USA College of Nursing. Under Academic Information please select the appropriate semester for admission. Select "graduate" under both student type and academic level of interest. A new option will appear asking if you

are applying for a graduate nursing program, select "yes" and this will take you into the nursing application.

- b. Please note that the Supplemental Application should be completed **AFTER** you have completed your NursingCAS application and it has moved through the following stages: received, complete then **VERIFIED**. Once it is verified you may complete the Supplemental Application.
- c. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their completed Supplemental Application is submitted by the deadline for the semester for which they are applying. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- d. This application requires a non-refundable processing fee of \$100.00.

Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted year round, and must adhere to the following application deadlines:

- Fall Semester Deadline is March 1
- Spring Semester Deadline is July 15
- Summer Semester Deadline is December 1

Academic Progression Requirements for the Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate

Students in the Nursing Post-Graduate Certificate program must meet the following requirements to progress in the program:

1. Maintain an overall GPA of 3.0. Any term in which a graduate student drops below a 3.0 Program GPA, the student is placed on probationary status and has a period of two terms to attain a 3.0 Program GPA or be dismissed.
2. Students in these programs can have a maximum of two "C"s.
3. A maximum of two (2) courses with a grade of "C" can be counted towards a degree; however, only one (1) "C" is permitted in support or specialization courses. If a second "C" or lower is earned in a support or specialization course, the course in which the second "C" or lower is obtained must be repeated before a student may move forward with a specialty course. All corresponding specialty clinical and didactic courses must be taken in sequence.
4. A student earning a third "C" or lower will be academically dismissed from the program.
5. A student earning two grades of "F" in the program will be academically dismissed.
6. Failure to show good ethical and moral character including but not limited to any of the following may result in dismissal from the program:
 - a. conviction of a crime,
 - b. disciplinary action against a nursing license in Alabama or any other state,
 - c. positive drug test,
 - d. adverse background check, or
 - e. disruptive behavior, including online behavior.

All student must notify the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the Dean of the College of Nursing immediately or no later than 48 hours of any of the above stated incidents.
7. All students must notify the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the Dean of the College of Nursing immediately or no later than 48

hours following an arrest. Failure to report an arrest may result in removal from the program.

8. All students are subject to testing for controlled substances and must submit to random drug testing as requested. A positive test or refusal to submit to testing will result in removal from the program.
9. All students are subject to a background check and must submit to additional background checks as requested. An adverse finding or refusal to submit to a background check may result in removal from the program.
10. A student who has been academically dismissed is not eligible for readmission to the College of Nursing Graduate programs.

Program Completion

Students in the Nursing Post Graduate Certificate Pathway are required to complete all specialty courses and any support courses not previously completed. Nursing Post-Graduate certificate students are not required to complete graduate core or research courses (see the previous section on MSN Curriculum for the BSN-prepared RN for a listing of courses for each specialty area). The Nursing Post-Graduate Certificates Program must be completed within 2 years from the semester the specialty option coursework begins.