NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) - BSN TO DNP

Degree Requirements

Master of Science in Nursing Degree Requirements

MSN With Clinical Concentrations Course Requirements

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Clinical Concentrations

Select one of the following concentrations: 15-36

**Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
- 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

**Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**
- 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 Introprifessional Ed
- HSC 602 Team Building
- HSC 603 Assmnt Vulnerable Populations

**Adult-Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist**
- 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)

**Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP)**
- 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-Geron Acute Care NP Prac I
- AHN 554 Adult-Geron Acute Care NP II
- AHN 555 Adult-Geron Acute Care NP Prac II

**Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP)**
- 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

**Family Nurse Practitioner**
- 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 Pract II
- CMN 576 Family NP Pract III
- CMN 577 Family NP III

**Neonatal Nurse Practitioner**
- 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 Pract II
- MCN 576 Neonatal NP Pract III
- MCN 577 Neonatal NP III

**Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
- 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 Pediatric Acute Care NP Pract III
- MCN 567 Pediatric Acute Care NP III
- MCN 571 HPDP NNP/Peds Acute NP

**Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**
- 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
**Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Requirements**

24 Credit Hours Remaining after Completion of NU 607, NU 608, NU 610, and NU 613

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**DNP Residency Courses**

Select one of the following: 12

- **Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
  - AHN 604 | Adult-Geron Acute Care NP PP&D
  - AHN 617 | AG ACNP Residency I
  - AHN 618 | AG ACNP Residency II
  - AHN 619 | AG ACNP Residency III

- **Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**
  - AHN 693 | Adult-Geron Primary NP PP&D
  - AHN 694 | Adult-Gero Primary Cr NP Res I
  - AHN 695 | Adlt-Gero Primary Cr NP Res II
  - AHN 696 | Adlt-Gero Prim Care NP Res III

- **Adult-Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist**
  - AHN 634 | Adult-Geron CNS PP&D
  - AHN 635 | Adult-Geron CNS Residency I
  - AHN 636 | Adult-Geron CNS Residency II
  - AHN 637 | Adult-Geron CNS Residency III

- **Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP) Option A**
  - Family NP
    - AHN 680 | Family NP (DR) PP&D
    - AHN 681 | Family NP (DR) Residency I
    - AHN 682 | FNP (DR) Residency II
    - AHN 683 | FNP (DR) Residency III

- **Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP) Option B**
  - Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP
    - AHN 670 | AG-ACNP(DR) PP&D
    - AHN 671 | AG-ACNP (DR) Residency I
    - AHN 672 | AG-ACNP (DR) Residency II
    - AHN 673 | AG-ACNP(DR) Residency III

- **Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP)**
  - AHN 680 | Family/Emergency NP PP&D
  - AHN 681 | Family/Emerg NP Residency I
  - AHN 682 | Family/Emerg NP Residency II
  - AHN 683 | Family/Emerg NP Residency III

- **Executive Nursing Administration**
  - AHN 661 | Executive Nsg Admin PP&D
  - AHN 662 | Nurse Exec Admin Res I
  - AHN 663 | Nurse Exec Admin Res II
  - AHN 664 | Nurse Exec Admin Res III

**Family Nurse Practitioner**
Subspecialties
Students can earn a Post-Graduate Certificate Subspecialty when adding the requirements for any of the following subspecialties to their degree program curriculum.

Addictions Nursing
May be added to any concentration.

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Advanced Forensic Nursing
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Cardiovascular
May be added to Adult-Gerontological Acute NP, Adult-Gerontological Primary Care NP, Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP), and Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP), Family NP, Women's Health NP, Post-Graduate Certificate Emergency NP, and any Adult-Gerontological CNS student with a strong background in cardiovascular and/or acute care nursing.

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Clinical Lipidology
May be added to Adult-Gerontological Primary Care NP, Adult-Gerontological Acute NP, Adult-Gerontological CNS, Family NP, Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute NP), Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP), Women's Health NP, and Post-Graduate Certificate Emergency NP.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Healthcare
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### Emergency Nurse Practitioner
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.

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### Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare
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### Additional Information

#### BSN to DNP Pathway
The BSN to DNP curriculum consist of 69 to 87 credit hours. The program can be completed in ten semesters of full-time study or in sixteen semesters of part-time study. Full-time study is defined as six or more credit hours per semester. Permission to take more than twelve credit hours per semester must be obtained from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs prior to the student enrolling. The program must be completed within 7 years of matriculation.

Course work is offered on-line and students are required to come to campus at least one time when they begin the clinical portion of their specialty program for an intensive classroom, clinical skills, and evaluation sessions. Specialty tracks within the College of Nursing's graduate program require a practice component. Faculty assist students in locating a site and preceptor if it is indicated. Students who are unsuccessful in being accepted by an agency in their home community may have to travel to another area to complete practice requirements.

The program does not require a thesis or dissertation; however, students are required to complete a major synthesis project that results in a quality improvement change and has a substantial effect on health care outcomes. Residency requirements for the synthesis project can be completed in the student's home region with an approved mentor.

### Admission Criteria
To be considered for admission to the DNP program, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

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 bachelors program with a major in nursing.
4. Applicants to the BSN to DNP pathway must have a minimal grade-point average of 3.0 on all BSN 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 DNP program.

### 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
condnpadm@southalabama.edu
Telephone: (251) 445-9400.

1. Completion of the Primary Application:
   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 DNP 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 three times a year, 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 Policy
Students in the BSN-DNP 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 (NU 518, NU 545, NU 578) 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. The final outcome of the DNP Project Planning and Development course and the DNP Incomplete Extension course is “Successful/Unsuccessful.” Students receiving two grades of “U” in these courses will be academically dismissed.
7. 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,
e. disruptive behavior, including online behavior. 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 of any of the above stated incidents.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. A student who has been academically dismissed is not eligible for readmission to the DNP program and is not eligible for admission to the MSN program.

**DNP Residency Coursework Policy**

The DNP Residency Coursework includes the DNP Project Planning and Development, Residency I, Residency II, and Residency III. Students who do not meet all requirements in a course must complete a DNP Incomplete Extension Course prior to moving forward with the next course in the DNP Residency progression.

**Scientific Review Committee Policy**

The DNP project will be reviewed by the USA College of Nursing DNP Scientific Review Committee to evaluate rigor and feasibility. The review process will occur during Project Planning and Development. The DNP project must be reviewed by the Scientific Review Committee before enrolling in Residency I.

**Graduation Information**

Students in the BSN-DNP program will apply for two separate graduations. Applications should be submitted to the Registrar’s Office the semester before the anticipated graduation. Each candidate must submit an application for the Master of Science in Nursing degree upon completion of the degree requirements. Upon completion of requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, each candidate must submit an application for that degree. The student’s curriculum schedule indicates the semester in which each degree should be awarded. See the Registrar’s Graduation Website (https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/registrar/commencement/) for specific application deadlines.