

NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) - MSN TO DNP ADDING A NEW CONCENTRATION AREA

Degree Requirements

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

MSN to DNP Adding a New Concentration Pathway

DNP Adding Clinical Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Support Courses		
NU 518	Adv Nursing Assessment	3
NU 545	Physio-Patho Basis of Adv Nsg	3
NU 578	Pharm Adv Practice Nurses	3

Post Graduate Clinical Concentrations

Select one of the following Post-Graduate Clinical Concentrations: 17-36

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 Pract I
AHN 574	Adult-Geron Acute NP II
AHN 575	Adult-Geron Acute NP Pract II
AHN 576	Adult Geron Acute NP Pract 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 Pract II
AHN 595	Adult-Gero Primary Care NP III
AHN 596	Adult-Geron Prim NP Pract III
HSC 601	Intro to Introprofessional 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 Pract 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 Pract I
AHN 554	Adult-Geron Acute Care NP II
AHN 555	Adlt-Ger Acute Care NP Pract 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

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 Pract I
MCN 564	Pediatric Acute Care NP II
MCN 565	Ped Acute Care NP Pract II
MCN 566	Ped 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 Pract I
MCN 554	Pediatric Primary Care NP II
MCN 555	Ped Prim Care NP Pract 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	
DNP Core Courses		
NU 607	Scientif Underpinnings Adv Nsg	3
NU 608	EBP & Quality Improvement HCS	3
NU 610	Healthcare Policy & Finance	3
NU 611	Translat Evidence Practice Sys	3
NU 612	Clinical Prev Population Hlth	3
NU 613	Organizational & Sys Leadrshp	3
NU 615	Qual Improv & Outcomes Assmnt	3
NU 616	Data & Dec Mknng Healthcare Sys	3
DNP Residency Courses		
Select the DNP courses which match the Post-Graduate Clinical Concentration completed:		12
<i>Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner</i>		
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	
<i>Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse</i>		
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	
<i>Adult-Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist</i>		
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	
<i>Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP) Option: A.) Family NP</i>		
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	
<i>Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP) Option B.) Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP</i>		

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	
<i>Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP)</i>		
NU 680	Family/Emergency NP PP&D	
NU 681	Family/Emerg NP Residency I	
NU 682	Family/Emerg NP Residency II	
NU 683	Family/Emerg NP Residency III	
<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>		
CMN 680	Family NP PP&D	
CMN 681	Family NP Residency I	
CMN 682	Family NP Residency II	
CMN 683	Family NP Residency III	
<i>Neonatal Nurse Practitioner</i>		
MCN 674	Neonatal NP PP&D	
MCN 675	NNP Residency I	
MCN 676	NNP Residency II	
MCN 677	NNP Residency III	
<i>Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner</i>		
MCN 604	Pediatric Acute Care NP PP&D	
MCN 617	Pediatric Acute Care NP Res I	
MCN 618	Pediatric Acute Care NP Res II	
MCN 619	Pediatric Acute Cre NP Res III	
<i>Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner</i>		
MCN 654	Pediatric Primary Care NP PP&D	
MCN 655	Ped Prim Care NP Residency I	
MCN 656	Ped Primary Care NP Res II	
MCN 657	Ped Primary Care NP Res III	
<i>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</i>		
CMN 604	PMHNP PP&D	
CMN 617	PMHNP Residency I	
CMN 618	PMHNP Residency II	
CMN 619	PMHNP Residency III	
<i>Women's Health Nurse Practitioner</i>		
MCN 644	Women's Health NP PP&D	
MCN 645	Women's Health NP Residency I	
MCN 646	Women's Health NP Residency II	
MCN 647	Women's Health NP Res III	
Total Hours		62-81

DNP Adding Non-Clinical Concentrations		
Code	Title	Hours
Post Graduate Non-Clinical Concentrations		
Select one of the following Post-Graduate Non-Clinical 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

DNP Core Courses

NU 607	Scientif Underpinnings Adv Nsg	3
NU 608	EBP & Quality Improvement HCS	3
NU 610	Healthcare Policy & Finance	3
NU 611	Translat Evidence Practice Sys	3
NU 612	Clinical Prev Population Hlth	3
NU 613	Organizational & Sys Leadrshp	3
NU 615	Qual Improv & Outcomes Assmnt	3
NU 616	Data & Dec Mknng Healthcare Sys	3

DNP Residency Courses

Select the DNP courses which match the Post-Graduate Non-Clinical Concentration completed: 12

Executive Nursing Administration

NU 661	Executive Nsg Admin PP&D
NU 662	Nurse Exec Admin Res I
NU 663	Nurse Exec Admin Res II
NU 664	Nurse Exec Admin Res III

Nursing Informatics

NU 656	Nursing Informatics PP&D
NU 657	Nursing Informatic Residency I
NU 658	NU Informatics Residency II
NU 659	NU Informatics Residency III

Total Hours 61

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.

Code	Title	Hours
HSC 580	OUD/SUD Prevention/Screening	2
HSC 581	OUD/SUD Assessment/Treatment	2
HSC 582	OUD/SUD Recovery/Sys Practice	2
NU 510	Addictions Practicum I	1
NU 511	Addictions Practicum II	2
NU 512	Addictions Practicum III	2

NU 513	Addictions Practicum IV (Elective)	4
Total Hours		15

Advanced Forensic Nursing

May be added to any concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
NU 500	Explore Culture Sexual Assault	2
NU 502	Sexual Assault Vic Practicum	1
NU 503	Trauma Care Sexual Assault Vic	2
NU 504	Adv Pharm Care Post Assault	2
NU 505	Sup Care Comorbid Post Assault	2
Total Hours		9

Cardiovascular

May be added to Adult-Gerontological Acute NP, Adult-Gerontological Primary Care NP, Dual Role (Family NP/Adult Gerontological Acute Care NP), 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.

Code	Title	Hours
AHN 630	Dysrhythmias and the Heart	2
AHN 631	Foundations of Cardiac Care	2
AHN 632	Diag & Mgmnt of Acute CVD	2
AHN 633	Dig/Mgmt Complex CV Disorders	2
Total Hours		8

Clinical Lipidology

May be added to Adult-Geron Primary Care NP, Adult-Geron Acute NP, Adult-Geron CNS, Family NP, Dual Role (Family NP/Adult-Geron Acute NP), Dual Role (Family NP/Emergency NP), and Women's Health NP.

Code	Title	Hours
HSC 595	Evidence Basd Lipid Practice	2
HSC 596	Adv Vascular Biology	2
HSC 597	Adv Pharm Complex Dyslipidemia	2
HSC 598	Diag/Mgt C-plex Dyslipidemia	2
Total Hours		8

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Healthcare

May be added to any concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
HSC 501	Found of Diversity Healthcare	2
HSC 502	Diversity Equity & Inclusion	2
HSC 503	Curr Issues & Trends Diversity	2
HSC 504	Lead&Change Mang Adv Diversity	2
Total Hours		8

Emergency Nurse Practitioner

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

Code	Title	Hours
NU 570	Emergency NP I	2
NU 571	Emergency NP Practicum I	1-3
NU 572	Emergency NP II	2
NU 573	Emergency NP Practicum II	1-3
NU 574	Emergency NP III	2
NU 575	Emergency NP Practicum III	1-3
NU 576	Emergency NP IV	2
NU 577	Emergency NP Practicum IV	1-3
Total Hours		12-20

Nurse Educator

May be added to any concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
NU 620	Prin Teach/Learn/Assess Nu Ed	3
NU 621	Curr Design/Outcome Eval Nu Ed	3
NU 622	Current Topics in Nu Education	2
NU 623	Nsg Educ Synthesis Practicum	3
Total Hours		11

Palliative Care

May be added to any concentration

Code	Title	Hours
AHN 530	Found Palliative Care/Adv Role	2
AHN 531	Adv Palliative Cr/End of Life	2
AHN 532	Adv Chronic Illness Care	2
AHN 533	Adv Palliative Care Practicum	3
Total Hours		9

Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare

May be added to any concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
HSC 510	IPT for TI-BH Primary Care	1
HSC 511	IPT Telehealth Deliv TI-BH	1
HSC 512	TI-MI in IBH Seminar	1
NU 526	Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Practicum I	1
NU 527	Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Practicum II	2
NU 528	Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Practicum III	2
Total Hours		8

Elective Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NU 509	Bioethics Advan Practice Nsg	1
NU 597	Intro to Scholarly Writing	3
HSC 500	Address Gender Discrimination (Addressing Gender Discrimination and Disparities in Healthcare)	3
HSC 573	Resp Prescrib Common Used Drug	1

Additional Information

Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a professional degree and prepares graduates to provide the most advanced level of nursing care for individuals and communities. This includes the direct care of individual patients, management of care for individuals and populations, administration of health care and nursing systems, and the development and implementation of health policy. The program is designed to be in compliance with The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice as put forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The College of Nursing has several pathways, specialization, and sub-specialization options within the DNP program. The pathways include the MSN to DNP for Advanced Nursing Practice roles, MSN to DNP adding a new advanced practice certification area, MSN to DNP Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to Executive Nursing Administration, and the BSN to DNP.

Areas of Specialization

Several concentration areas are offered to meet the career goals of students. Available Nurse Practitioner options include Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nursing, Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nursing, Dual Role (Family Nursing/Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nursing), Dual Role (Family Nursing/Emergency Nursing), Family Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Neonatal Nursing, Pediatric Acute Care Nursing, Pediatric Primary Care Nursing, Women's Health Nursing. Clinical Nurse Specialist is available in Adult-Gerontological Nursing. Concentrations are also available for students pursuing careers in Executive Nursing Administration, Nursing Informatics, and Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to DNP Executive Nursing Administration. Emergency Nursing is offered only as a post-graduate certificate. Sub-specializations are available in Addictions Nursing, Advanced Forensic Nursing Care, Cardiovascular, Clinical Lipidology, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Healthcare, Nursing Education, Palliative Care and Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Subspecialty.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Learning Outcomes

1. Upon completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, graduates should be able to:
2. Assume organizational and system leadership in the analysis, delivery, and management of nursing care.
3. Implement the highest level of advanced nursing care to produce high-quality, cost-effective outcomes for diverse patient outcomes.
4. Use theories, concepts, and analytic methodologies to design, implement, and evaluate practice by applying evidence to transform nursing systems.
5. Contribute to the knowledge of best-practices and dissemination of outcomes through professional writing and presentations.
6. Develop practice standards based on the integration of ethics and evidence-based nursing care.
7. Build interdisciplinary professional collaboration through leadership and mentorship.

MSN to DNP Adding a New Concentration Pathway

Students pursuing the MSN to DNP for adding a new specialty certificate area will follow the same requirements as the BSN to DNP program students. Since these students should already possess a MSN degree in an area of advanced practice nursing, they should have already completed the support courses (NU 518, NU 545, and NU 578). If

they have not previously completed these courses they are required to complete them if required for their specialization. Students in the Executive Nursing Administration and Nursing Informatics specialties are not required to take these three courses to complete their programs.

The MSN to DNP adding a new certificate area curriculum consists of 69 to 87 credit hours. Students who graduated with an MSN from the University of South Alabama College of Nursing and completed the following courses NU 607, NU 608, NU 610, and NU 613 during the MSN coursework must complete the new certificate and the remaining 24 credit hours of the DNP program within the seven year time limit. The program can be completed in 10 semesters of full-time study or in twelve semesters of part-time study. Full-time study is defined as six or more credit hours per semester. Permission to take more than 12 Credit hours per semester must be obtained from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Part-time study is also available.

The MSN to DNP Adding a new certificate program must be completed in seven years of matriculation.

Electives can be taken but are not required. 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 master's program with a major in nursing.
4. Applicants to the MSN to DNP pathway must have a minimal grade-point average of 3.0 on all MSN 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
condnpadmit@southalabama.edu
Telephone: (251) 445-9400.

1. Completion of the Primary Application:

- a. Primary Application (<http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/nursing/nursing/nursing-practice-dnp-msn-adding-new-concentration-area/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 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.

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 state incidents.

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 MSN-DNP Adding a Concentration 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, or
 - e. disruptive behavior, including online behavior.

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

The MSN to DNP adding a new Concentration program must be completed in seven years of matriculation. Students in this program will receive a post-graduate certificate from the College of Nursing upon the completion of all certificate requirements. All post-graduate certificate requirements must be completed within 2 years from the semester the specialty option coursework begins. No application is required for the completion of the post-graduate certificate.

Students will only apply to graduate when they have completed all the requirements for the DNP degree.

Deadlines for each semester application are located on the Registrar's Graduation Website (<https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/registrar/commencement/>).