

NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) - MSN CLINICAL NURSE LEADER BRIDGE TO DNP EXECUTIVE NURSING ADMINISTRATION PATHWAY

Degree Requirements

Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) MSN Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to DNP Executive Nursing Administration Pathway

A. MSN Clinical Nurse Leader (Completed before admission)

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Bridge Courses | | |
| NU 560 | Adm & Mgt for Adv Nsg Practice | 3 |
| NU 565 | Nursing Administration Finance | 3 |
| 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 Mking Healthcare Sys | 3 |
| DNP Residency Courses | | |
| <i>Executive Nursing Administration</i> | | |
| NU 661 | Executive Nsg Admin PP&D | 3 |
| NU 662 | Nurse Exec Admin Res I | 3 |
| NU 663 | Nurse Exec Admin Res II | 3 |
| NU 664 | Nurse Exec Admin Res III | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 42 |

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 |

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| 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 |

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 |

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 | 1-9 |
| Total Hours | | 7-15 |

Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare

May be added to any concentration

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------|---|-------|
| HSC 510 | IPT for TI-IBH Primary Care | 1 |
| HSC 511 | IPT Telehealth Deliv TI-IBH | 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 |

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| NU 528 | Trauma-Informed Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Practicum III | 2 |
| Total Hours | | 8 |

Elective Courses

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

Additional Information

MSN in Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to DNP Executive Nursing Administration

MSN to DNP Clinical Nurse Leader with Advanced Concentration in Leadership Bridge to Executive Nursing Administration Pathway is for students who completed their MSN in the area of Clinical Nurse Leader with Advanced Concentration in Leadership and want to complete their DNP in the specialty area of Executive Nursing Administration.

Students may pursue a DNP in the specialty area of Nursing Executive Administration after receiving an MSN degree with Advanced Concentration in Leadership.

Students would be required to complete 36 credit hours of the DNP program and two bridge courses to matriculate from the Clinical Nurse Leader with Advanced Concentration in Leadership to the Nursing Executive Administration specialty. Graduates of this program would complete a total of 42 credit hours.

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 GPA 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 MSN 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-clinical-leader-bridge-executive-administration-pathway/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.

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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

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 Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to DNP Executive Nursing Administration Pathway 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 one "C". A student earning a second "C" or lower will be academically dismissed from the program.
3. A student earning one grade of "F" in the program will be academically dismissed.
4. 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. 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.

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 program must be completed in five years of matriculation for the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader Bridge to DNP Executive Nursing Administration Pathway. Each candidate for the Doctor of Nursing practice degree must submit an application for the degree the semester preceding their anticipated graduation through the Registrar's Office. See the University Calendar for specific deadlines. Deadlines for each semester application are located on the Registrar's Graduation Website (<https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/registrar/commencement/>).