Accelerated Bachelor of Science / Master of Science Degree in Nursing

The College of Nursing has a special track for academically qualified and highly motivated individuals that have a bachelor’s degree in another field. In the first 12 months students complete undergraduate nursing foundation courses and three graduate “bridge” courses. These three graduate courses “bridge” undergraduate and graduate knowledge in pharmacology, pathophysiology, nursing research, and health assessment. Courses in the nursing foundation component of the curriculum are equivalent to the curriculum and contact hours required for the traditionally taught BSN degree offered by the College, except that the course schedule is accelerated and is not confined by the traditional academic calendar.

At the end of the 12-month foundation component of the curriculum, students are awarded the BSN degree and are prepared for the RN licensure (NCLEX) examination. Students then begin the specialty component of the curriculum to prepare for a career in nursing administration, nursing informatics, clinical nurse leader, clinical nurse specialist, or public health nursing administration. Within the clinical nurse specialist track students further select one of the following clinical concentration areas: adult-gerontological nursing, pediatric nursing, or women’s health nursing. Courses for the specialty component of the curriculum are offered online. Clinical requirements are completed in faculty-facilitated preceptorships.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
(additional criteria on reverse)

Admission is selective and competitive. The curriculum is intensive and fast paced. The College of Nursing reserves the right to select students determined to be the best qualified and most likely to succeed in this challenging graduate program in nursing.

1. Graduate of an accredited baccalaureate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
2. Completion of all prerequisite course work as listed below with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (A=4.0) and no grade less than a C.

4 cr.  BMD (CLS ) 114  Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab
4 cr.  BMD (CLS ) 115  Human Anatomy and Physiology II with lab
3 cr.  EH 101  English Composition I
3 cr.  EH 102  English Composition II
3 cr.  BLY 213 or BMD 210  Microbiology or Infectious Disease
3 cr.  ST 210, BUS 245, PSY 220, OR ST 305  Statistics
3 cr.  MA 110 or higher  Finite Math (or higher)
4 cr.  CH 101 with lab  Chemistry
3 cr.  PSY 120  Intro to Psychology
4 cr.  BLY 101 w/lab  Biology Elective

Prior Degree Information
BS/BA Major: __________________
Where: __________________

Name ___________________________________________ Student Number __________________

Date of Evaluation ____________________________ Advisor Signature ____________________________________________________________

This evaluation by the College of Nursing is valid for only one year. It is contingent upon the Transfer Credit Articulation completed by the Office of Admissions at the time of acceptance to USA.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ACCEPTED TO AN RN PROGRAM? ______________

__________________________________________ DATE __________________________

For more information, contact the College of Nursing, Office of Student Services, at (251)445-9400 or visit our website at http://www.southalabama.edu/nursing
ADMISSION CRITERIA (continued)
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3. Submission of completed application by deadline
4. Payment of $50.00 non-refundable application fee
5. Minimum GPA of 3.0 on pre-requisite courses
6. Minimum University GPA of 2.5
7. Drug test & Background check required. Admission will be contingent on a negative drug screen and satisfactory background check (See policies in application packet)
8. Interview- after initial review of applications a limited number of applicants will be invited for a personal interview. Verbal and written communication skills will be assessed during the interview.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall applications due March 15 (Baldwin County Campus)
Spring applications due July 15 (Baldwin County Campus)

PROGRESSION

Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 on all work attempted in the program. A maximum of two (2) courses with a grade of C can be counted toward a degree, however, only one C is permitted in the specialization courses for the executive nursing administration, clinical nurse leader, clinical nurse specialist, or public health nursing administration or in the following bridge courses; NU 530 Health Assessment, NU 531 Advanced Pathophysiology, and NU 532 Advanced Pharmacology. If a second C is earned in these courses the course in which the second C is obtained must be repeated. If a student receives an unsatisfactory grade in an Accelerated course, the student may request transfer to the Traditional program to complete their BSN. Any combination of three (3) courses with grades of C or less including C grades of repeated courses will result in dismissal from the program. Further, student may withdraw failing from only two courses, the third withdrawal failing results in dismissal.

Students are required to apply for registered nurse licensure upon completion of the nursing foundation component of the curriculum. Prior to enrolling in the specialty component of the curriculum students must posses their RN licenses or hold a temporary registered nurse license. Any student failing the licensure examination or allowing their temporary permit to expire will be withdrawn from the program.