

**University of South Alabama
College of Nursing**

Prior Degree Information

BS/BA Major: _____

Where: _____

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 five graduate "bridge" courses. These five graduate courses "bridge" undergraduate and graduate knowledge in pharmacology, pathophysiology, nursing research, health assessment, and nursing roles and leadership. 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 or BUS 245	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	_____

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? _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

ADMISSION CRITERIA (continued)
Accelerated BSN/MSN

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 2.0
7. Submission of health data form and evidence of health insurance
8. Evidence of Current CPR certification (Professional Rescuer or Healthcare Provider)
9. Drug test & Background check required. Admission will be contingent on a negative drug screen and satisfactory background check (See policies in application packet)
10. 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.

Health requirements to apply (see application):

Adult Hepatitis B series
2 step PPD (TB Skin Test or proof of annual testing) or TB
Gold Test – all update yearly
Adult tetanus or Tdap
Rubella
Measles (if born after 1956 must have 2 injections)
Mumps
Chickenpox (signed statement of disease or a proof of positive
titer)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall applications due April 1 (Baldwin County Campus)

Spring applications due September 1 (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 possess 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.

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