

University of South Alabama
College of Nursing
Curriculum for
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
RN-BSN ONLINE Track

Students must first apply for Undergraduate Admission to the University of South Alabama. You must also submit the required application for the RN-BSN Track. Admission is competitive and limited. **NOTE: Prerequisite courses must ALL be taken PRIOR to admission to the Professional Component.** The typical student completes the program in **three semesters**, however students may progress through the program at their desired pace. Admission criteria and application deadlines are below. **Page two provides sample schedules for RN's entering the track in the Fall or Spring Semester. Please note: We do not admit new students into the Professional Component during the Summer Semester.**

University of South Alabama RN-BSN Website: www.southalabama.edu/nursing/rnbsn.html

Refer to this website to Print: Required Nursing Application Packet; RN-BSN Brochure; ONLINE Tuition/Fees; Financial Aid info.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Submission of completed **Nursing Application Packet** by the posted deadline (Include \$50 non-refundable application fee) & **be admitted as a USA Student**
2. Minimum **GPA of 2.50 in all pre-requisite courses**
3. Minimum **University GPA of 2.0**
4. Minimum grade of "C" **in all nineteen pre-requisite courses listed below**
5. Submission of health data form and evidence of health insurance
6. Evidence of CPR certification
7. Completion of an accredited diploma or associate degree in nursing and a current registered nurse licensure with no restriction.
8. Drug test & background check required. **Admission will be contingent on a negative drug screen and satisfactory background check.** (See policies on application).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FALL SEMESTER: Applications due April 1

SPRING SEMESTER: Applications due August 1

If progression in the program is interrupted for any reason, the student **must** apply for readmission. Applications for readmission are available in the Office of Student Services. Readmission based on space availability.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE YEARS

Written Communication

EH 101 English Composition I 3 cr.____
 EH 102 English Composition II 3 cr.____

Natural Sciences

Biology Elective with Lab 4 cr.____
 MA 110 or MA 112 Pre-calculus 3 cr.____
 CH 101 Chemistry with Lab 4 cr.____

History/Social and Behavioral Sciences

Psy 120 General Psychology 3 cr.____
 History elective** 3 cr.____
 History/Social/Behavioral SC elective 3 cr.____
 History/Social/Behavioral SC elective 3 cr.____

For a Social/Behavioral Science select from: psychology, political science, geography, anthropology, history, sociology, criminal justice, or economics

Humanities and Fine Arts

Fine Arts elective (Music, Drama, Art) 3 cr.____
 Literature elective** 3 cr.____
 Humanities elective 3 cr.____
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For a Humanities, select from: literature, philosophy, foreign language, music, art, drama, communications, or religion

Major Requirements

BLY 213 Microbiology (or BMD 210 Infectious Disease) 3 cr.____
 BMD 114 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and Lab 4 cr.____
 BMD 115 Human Anatomy & Physiology II and Lab 4 cr.____
 ST 210 Statistics or BUS 245 Applied Bus. Statistics 3 cr.____
 CIS 150 Computer Applications 3 cr.____
 Economics elective 3 cr.____

Total Credit Hours: 61

IMPORTANT: ALL (19) courses MUST be completed PRIOR to Admission to the Professional Component for the BSN

Courses Needed: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Each student must have one history elective AND one literature elective. ALSO: You MUST take a second history or literature to complete a two course sequence in History or Literature (EXAMPLES: US History I & US History 2 OR American Literature I & American Literature 2)

Name _____ Student Number _____ ADN _____ Diploma _____

Date of Evaluation _____ School _____ State _____

THIS EVALUATION BY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IS VALID FOR ONLY ONE YEAR. IT IS CONTINGENT UPON THE TRANSFER CREDIT ARTICULATION COMPLETED BY THE USA OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AT THE TIME YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY.

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Sample for: Four Semesters Schedule; All are Online Courses

Fall Semester Admission

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Semester		Fall Semester	
NU 410 Concepts of Prof Nursing	6	NU 304 Evidence Based Practice	3	NU 327 Pathophysiological Basis of Nursing	3	NU 460 Practicum	5
NU 325 Health Assessment	4	NU 409 Leadership/Management of Healthcare	3	CMN 411 Nursing in Community Systems	3	NU 412 Nsg Decision Mkg & Delegation	4
				NU 414 Issues/Trends in Nursing	3		
Total	10	Total	6	Total	9	Total	9

Spring Semester Admission

Spring Semester		Summer Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NU 410 Concepts of Prof Nursing	6	NU 414 Issues/Trends	3	NU 325 Health Assessment	4	NU 409 Leadership/Management of Healthcare	3
NU 304 Evidence Based Practice	3	CMN 411 Nursing in Community Systems	3	NU 412 Nsg Decision Mkg & Delegation	4	NU 460 Practicum	5
		NU 327 Pathophysiological Basis of Nursing	3				
Total	9	Total	9	Total	8	Total	8

Sample for: One Year Schedule; All are Online Courses

Fall Semester Admission

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Semester	
NU 410 Concepts of Prof Nursing	6	NU 304 Evidence Based Practice	3	NU 460 Practicum	5
NU 325 Health Assessment	4	NU 409 Leadership/Manage. of Healthcare	3	NU 412 Nsg Decision Mkg & Delegation	4
NU 327 Pathophysiological Basis of Nursing	3	CMN 411 Nursing in Community Systems	3		
		NU 414 Issues/Trends in Nursing	3		
Total	13	Total	12	Total	9

Spring Semester Admission

Spring Semester		Summer Semester		Fall Semester	
NU 409 Leadership/Management of Healthcare	3	NU 325 Health Assessment	4	NU 460 Practicum	5
NU 410 Concepts of Prof Nursing	6	NU 327 Patho Basis of Nursing	3	NU 412 Nsg Decision Mkg & Delegation	4
NU 304 Evidence Based Practice	3	CMN 411 Nursing in Community Systems	3		
		NU 414 Issues/Trends in Nursing	3		
Total	12	Total	13	Total	9

***Total Semester Hours in the RN to BSN Professional Component = 34**

Important: ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT IN: FIVE YEARS

NOTE: Your ability to progress in the curriculum is dependent upon you following this schedule. For example, some courses are only taught ONCE each year and many have pre-requisites. If you are unable to enroll as projected, you must contact USA's RN to BSN Advising Office (251/445-9400) for academic advising.

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