



Thank you for your interest in the **RN-MSN** track at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing. We are pleased that you are considering pursuing a graduate degree at the College of Nursing. The program is fully accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

The RN-MSN track was designed for registered nurses with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a discipline other than nursing. Applicant credentials are evaluated and an individualized program of study is developed. Specific prerequisite courses are completed prior to enrolling in required graduate nursing courses.

The Master of Science in Nursing program prepares graduates for advanced practice and for doctoral study. Graduates of the program are able to synthesize and apply advanced knowledge and theories, function as leaders, and contribute to the advancement of the nursing profession. Several concentration areas are offered to meet the career goals of students. Students may prepare for advanced nursing practice in a merged nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist role in one of seven specialty tracks. Available merged role NP/CNS tracks include Advanced Family Nursing, Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing, Advanced Child Health Nursing, Advanced Infant/Neonatal Nursing, Advanced Women's Health Nursing, Advanced Gerontological/Diabetes Manager Nursing, and Advanced Adult Acute Care Nursing. Concentrations are also available for students pursuing careers in Executive Nursing Administration, Advanced Community/Public Health Nursing or Nursing Education.

The following items **must** be received in the **Office of Admissions** by the deadline date shown on the Graduate School Application (enclosed) for the semester you wish to enroll:

1. Completed **Graduate School Application**.
2. **Official transcripts** from each academic institution you have attended. (A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 is required)

Additionally, the following enclosed items **must** be submitted and returned to the **Director of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing**:

3. Completed **Applicant Data Form**
4. **Verification** of a course or equivalent in **Nursing Research** and **Physical Assessment**.
5. **Completed** Health History
6. **Current Resume**
7. \$50.00 non-refundable College of Nursing application fee must be submitted with your application. Money order or personal checks (\$20 fee on returned checks) are acceptable.

Admission to the Graduate program is limited and selective. Students are admitted each semester as space is available in the selected specialty track. Prospective students are responsible for ensuring that all required forms are received by the deadline for the semester they wish to enroll. Only completed files are considered for admission. All students admitted to the RN-MSN track are admitted provisionally. Continuation in the program is contingent upon the student maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5 on prerequisite courses.

Please contact the College's Graduate Program Office at (251) 434-3425 if you have questions or need additional information. We look forward to working with you as you pursue your career goals.

Sincerely,

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