

Nursing (BS) - Accelerated

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (Bachelor Degree)

Gen Ed Formatting Note: Graduate of a regionally accredited baccalaureate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Credit Hours)

- A. 3 Credit hours: EH 101
- B. 3 Credit hours: EH 102

Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (4 Courses, 12 Credit Hours)

No Credit hours are needed in this area

Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11 Credit Hours)

- A. 8 Credit hours from: BLY 101 & BLY 101L, CH 101 & CH 101L

Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (1 Courses, 3 Credit Hours)

- A. 3 Credit hours: PSY 120

Area V (21 Credit Hours)

- A. 4 Credit hours from: BLY 213 & BLY 214, BMD 210, BMD 210L
- B. 8 Credit hours: BMD 251, BMD 252
- C. 3 Credit hours from: ST 210, BUS 245, PSY 220, ST 305

Major Requirements (62 Credit Hours)

Nursing (BS) Major Core (23 Courses, 62 Credit Hours)

- A. 62 credit hours: HSC 342, HSC 343, NU 300, NU 301, NU 304, NU 325, NU 327, NU 311, NU 312, NU 332, AHN 447, AHN 448, CMN 350, CMN 351, CMN 420, CMN 421, MCN 347, MCN 348, MCN 352, MCN 353, MCN 354, MCN 355, NU 412, NU 414, NU 460

Minor Requirements (0 Credit Hours)

A minor is not required for this degree program

Notes:

- * PSY 120 is required

Additional Information

Bachelor Of Science In Nursing – Accelerated BSN/MSN Pathway

The College of Nursing has a special Accelerated BSN/MSN Pathway for academically qualified and highly-motivated individuals that have a bachelor's degree in another field. The pre-professional component, as listed below, must be completed prior to admission to the professional component. The professional component of the curriculum, which normally takes 5 semesters to complete, can be completed in 12 months of full-time study. The curriculum and contact hours Credit hours are the same as 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. Students in the first 12 months of the Accelerated BSN/MSN Pathway follow

the same promotion/progression policies as the students in the traditionally-taught BSN. Students having difficulty maintaining the pace of the program may request a transfer to the traditional program if they are in good academic standing. At the end of the 12-months of study, students are awarded the BSN degree and are prepared for the RN licensure (NCLEX) examination.

Students who have completed a prior bachelor degree may apply to the University of South Alabama as a pre-nursing student. Upon completion of the Pre-nursing requirements, students may apply for admission to the Professional Component of the Accelerated BSN Pathway.

Admission Criteria For Accelerated BSN/MSN Pathway

1. Graduate of a regionally accredited baccalaureate program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. A minimum grade of "C" in following prerequisite courses.
3. Complete the following prerequisites: EH 101 or Literature, EH 102 or Literature, Biology with Lab, Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab, Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab, Microbiology with Lab, Chemistry with Lab, Statistics, and General Psychology.

Application Procedures Accelerated Pathway

Applicants must submit an application for admission to the Professional Component of the BSN degree program. The application form is available on the College of Nursing's website. Applications are reviewed carefully to determine that students have satisfied all pre-nursing requirements of conduct, health, scholastic achievement, and aptitude for nursing. The College of Nursing Admissions Committee and the Dean of the College of Nursing reserve the right to select the applicants best qualified for and most likely to succeed in the study of nursing. Failure to comply with legal, moral, and legislative standards for licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Alabama merits immediate dismissal from the nursing program.

Application Procedures

1. Submission of a completed application to the College of Nursing in person or by mail. Submit an application packet via US Postal Service to: University of South Alabama College of Nursing, Health Sciences Building Room 3068, Mobile, Alabama 36688-0002 or via UPS or FedEx to: University of South Alabama College of Nursing, Student Services, Health Sciences Building, 5721 USA North Dr., Mobile, AL 36688.
2. Payment of \$50 non-refundable application fee. Money orders or personal checks (\$20.00 fee on returned checks) are acceptable.
3. Transfer credit must comply with College of Nursing policies.
4. Notification of missing documents will be sent to your Jagmail email account.
5. Submission of Health Data Forms and evidence of health insurance required upon admission.
6. Admission will be contingent on a negative drug screen and results of an acceptable background check.
7. Submission of a résumé.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester Deadline is March 15

Spring Semester Deadline is July 15

In keeping with the dynamic changes in the nursing and health field, the baccalaureate curriculum may undergo change. Changes in curricula and/or admission requirements will be published as far in advance as possible. Advisors are available to assist students in adapting to those changes and planning their course of study accordingly. Applicants **MUST** meet with their advisor at least two semesters before applying to the Professional Component.

Academic Progression Policy

The University of South Alabama College of Nursing will recommend for promotion only those students who, in the judgment of the faculty, satisfy the requirements of emotional and physical health, conduct, scholastic achievement, and aptitude for nursing. Students continually in adjustment difficulties may be dropped from the nursing program.

1. A grade of "C" or higher is required for all nursing courses. A student may repeat only one nursing course. A second "D", "F", or "U" will result in an academic dismissal from the College of Nursing.
2. Accelerated students earning a first grade of "D", "F", or "U" are advised regarding the benefit of moving to the traditional BSN program.
3. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at USA is required to continue in the nursing program. Students with a GPA below 2.0 may not register for nursing courses.

4. A dosage calculation test is required prior to promotion to NU 300/NU 301, MCN 347/MCN 348, MCN 352/MCN 353, MCN 354/MCN 355, AHN 447/AHN 448, and NU 460. A score of 100% on one of two attempts or successful completion of standards based grading opportunities must be achieved to pass.
5. After completion of the ATI Capstone course embedded into NU 412, all students are required to complete the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor. The ATI Capstone course will be a component of NU 412. If the student does not score at least 72% on the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor, the student will be required to complete the Virtual ATI review course. Upon successful completion of 75% of Virtual ATI, a grade of "S" will be given for the course. If less than 75% of Virtual ATI is completed by the end of the semester, a grade of "I" will be given. Once the student has completed 75% of Virtual ATI, the grade will be changed to "S" for the course. Failure to complete 75% of the virtual ATI requirements as stated in the syllabus by the end of the following semester will result in a grade of "U" (unsatisfactory) for the course.
6. Failure to show good moral character as evidenced by any of the following merits immediate 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, etc.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Once students are admitted to the professional component of the curriculum the program must be completed within 5 years. If a student's progression is interrupted for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Office of Student Services.

Once students are admitted to the professional component of the BSN curriculum, the program must be completed within 5 years. If a student's progression is interrupted for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Office of Student Services and apply for readmission. Students are readmitted on a space-available basis. Any alteration in usual progression may lengthen the student's program. In keeping with dynamic changes in health care and nursing, the curriculum may undergo change. Changes in curricula and/or admission requirements will be published as far in advance as possible. Advisors are available to assist students in adapting to those changes and planning their course of study accordingly.

Uniform Policy

The Uniform policy is provided to students at the time of admission

Graduation Requirements

Accelerated BSN students who will complete all degree requirements are required to apply for graduation by the application deadline established by the Registrar's Office. Deadlines for each semester application are located on the Registrar's website at <https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/registrar/commencement/index.html>.

Admission To Graduate Program

Upon satisfactory completion of the BSN degree the Accelerated BSN/MSN student will complete all necessary paperwork for reclassification as a graduate student to continue through the remainder of the MSN Degree program. During this phase of the curriculum, financial aid is restricted to the types and amounts for which a graduate student is eligible.

Students in the MSN specialty component of the curriculum prepare for a career in informatics, nurse executive administration, clinical nurse leader, or clinical nurse specialist in adult/gerontological nursing. Students who wish to pursue nurse practitioner preparation must obtain a minimum of 2 years of clinical experience before beginning clinical nurse practitioner specialty courses. Courses for the specialty component of the curriculum are offered on-line. Clinical requirements are completed in faculty-facilitated preceptorships.

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College of Nursing website
<http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/con/>

The College of Nursing is dedicated to the education of professional nurses who provide the highest quality health care to the communities they serve. The practice of nursing is both an art and a science; the focus of nursing is the diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems.

The College of Nursing has two locations, one is on the USA main campus, and the other is on the USA Baldwin County campus in downtown Fairhope. The resources of the University, the USA Hospitals and clinics, and the numerous clinical agencies provide excellent opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for professional nursing.

Mission

The mission of the College of Nursing is to provide quality innovative educational programs to a diverse student body, to participate in research and scholarly activities, and to provide service to the University, the profession, and the public. The College accomplishes this by providing a caring, engaging environment for the empowerment of student learning potential, the professional development of faculty, and the promotion of the nursing profession.

Goals

1. Cultivate a caring, innovative, and engaging environment to facilitate teaching, learning, scholarship, and service.
2. Deliver innovative quality nursing programs that meet the needs of a diverse student body and other communities of interest.
3. Promote the discovery, communication, and preservation of knowledge through scholarly activities and leadership.
4. Provide service to the University, the profession, and the public.
5. Develop community partnerships to promote nursing and the enhancement of the health care delivery system using interprofessional approaches.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate program is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the baccalaureate, master's program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and post-graduate APRN certificate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education:

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Student Responsibility

While the University of South Alabama will endeavor to provide timely and accurate advisement, it is the responsibility of the student to know and satisfy the degree requirements of the academic program, to be aware of the University calendar, <http://www.southalabama.edu/academiccalendar/index.html> and to understand and comply with University academic policies and procedures.

Degrees Offered

The College of Nursing offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

Certificates Offered

Post-Graduate Certificates are awarded to students completing planned programs of study in a nursing specialty area and subspecialty areas.