Post-Graduate Certificate

Degree Requirements

Progression Requirements For The Post-graduate Certificate
Students follow the progression policies for the MSN Pathway for BSN prepared RN’s. The Post-Graduate Certificate Program must be completed within 2 years from the semester the specialty option coursework begins.

Program Completion Requirements For The Post Graduate Certificate Pathway
Students are required to complete all specialty courses and any support courses not previously completed within 5 years. Post-Graduate certificate students are not required to complete graduate core or research courses (see the MSN Curriculum section for the BSN prepared RN for a listing of courses for each specialty area).

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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, doctor of nursing practice, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education:

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**Application Procedures**

Application forms are available on the College of Nursing's website. A ($50.00 for BSN; $100.00 for MSN or DNP) non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application. Money orders or personal checks ($20.00 fee on returned checks) are acceptable. RN to BSN, RN to BSN/MSN, MSN and DNP applicants are also required to complete a primary application in Nursing CAS at www.Nursingcas.org.

Fall semester admission applications should be submitted by March 15 for the BSN program and February 15 for the MSN, DNP, and Post-Graduate Certificate programs. Spring semester admission applications should be submitted by July 15 for the BSN, MSN, DNP, and Post-Graduate Certificate programs. Summer semester admission applications should be submitted by January 15 for BSN program and November 15 for the MSN and Post-Graduate Certificate programs. Applications received at other times will be considered on a space available basis for RN-BSN track only.
Students who choose not to attend during the term in which they are accepted, are not permitted to roll admission status to another semester. Students who wish to be considered for a future semester must reapply, pay another application fee, and compete with other applicants without guarantee of acceptance. Students who drop out of the program for two or more consecutive semesters must apply for readmission through the Office of the Registrar. Readmission is not automatic.

**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](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.