University of South Alabama College of Nursing
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Application for Registered Nurses to apply for: RN-BSN Online Pathway & RN-BSN/MSN Online Pathway

Pre-Admission Advisement: Before submitting this Nursing Application & $50.00 Fee to the USA College of Nursing, we highly recommended that you first have an Academic Transcript Evaluation of your complete academic history done by the RN-BSN Advising Office (conbsn@southalabama.edu or 251/445-9400).

Request your Academic Transcript Evaluation before submitting the following two separate, required Application Packets and Application Fees:

(1) Application for Undergraduate Admission to USA. Apply for general admission to USA for the same semester you plan to begin the Nursing Professional Component, to earn the BSN. You should apply as a Transfer Student, majoring in Pre-Nursing. For General Admission Information & the Undergraduate Application for Admission: http://www.usouthal.edu/departments/admissions/applytousa.html

(2) Application to the USA College of Nursing, for Admission to the Professional Component for the BSN. Pre-Admission Advisement provides prospective students with all of the following Pre-Admission Information. This confirms which of the (19) required prerequisite courses that you have already completed. It also identifies any remaining prerequisite courses you must complete prior to beginning our Nursing Program. The Pre-Admissions Advisement will confirm that you are actually ready to submit your Application for Undergraduate Admission to USA and the College of Nursing Application, with the required fees.

Program for Registered Nurses who currently have a Non-Nursing Bachelor’s Degree:
If you already hold a BSN, or you are an Associate or Diploma Nurse with a Bachelor’s Degree in another discipline, you may apply for USA Graduate Nursing Admission. For information regarding all MSN Programs, please contact the USA Graduate Nursing Advisors: congrad@southalabama.edu or 251/445-9400.

Enrollment Terms: RN-BSN Students are admitted into the Professional Component: Fall or Spring Semesters only.

Applications are reviewed carefully to determine that students have satisfied all nursing requirements of conduct, health, scholastic achievement, and aptitude for nursing. Transfer credits must comply with College of Nursing policies. Students are admitted without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or qualified disablement.

Admissions Criteria & Timeline to follow after obtaining your Pre-Admission Transcript Evaluation

1. Apply for Undergraduate Admission to USA as a Transfer Student, majoring in Pre-Nursing. Request that all your official transcripts be mailed directly to: USA Office of Admissions.
2. Mail the Nursing Application Packet by posted deadline & include the required $50.00 Fee.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.50 in all 19 prerequisite courses is required for admission to the RN-BSN Track.
4. Minimum Overall GPA of 3.00 on all academic coursework you have ever attempted is required for admission to the RN-BSN/MSN Pathway. (The BSN is awarded after the completion of Phase One of the RN-BSN/MSN. During Phase Two, the student enters the MSN specialty they select.)
5. A minimum grade of “C” in each required pre-requisite course is required to enter either pathway.
6. Completion of an accredited diploma or associate degree in nursing and a current RN license to practice, with no restrictions.
IMPORTANT: ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE OFFICIALLY ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ARE THEN REQUIRED TO PROCESS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BELOW.

All requirements must be completed in full, prior to your assigned registration time for the term you have been admitted into the Professional Component.

Note: You do not process either of these until you are officially admitted by the College of Nursing.

Students who are admitted to the College of Nursing are mailed specific instructions regarding both of the following requirements. The specific instruction sheet will be included in your Acceptance Letter from the College of Nursing. New students will not be allowed to register for any nursing classes at USA until they have fully completed each of the following and provided all required current medical/personal documentation.

Process both of the following:

A) Background Check & Drug/Alcohol Screening: Admission is contingent upon satisfactory Background Check results and on negative Drug/Alcohol Screening results.

B) Medical Document Manager Package: Admission is contingent upon each student submitting all of the following current personal medical documentation:
Complete and up-to-date Immunization History, Verification of Physical Health Exam, Proof of CPR Certification, Proof of Health Insurance, Proof of Current RN License, HIPAA Certification, Statement of Continued Health Form, Communicable Disease Form, and Proof of Seasonal Flu shot or a declination waiver signed by a healthcare provider. Note: Several specific forms for some of the above items will be provided by Certified Profile, for you to download, complete and return to this designated company. Certified Profile collects all required student documentation and medical information for the USA College of Nursing.

Note: All applicants should be prepared to present all the above current documentation and your personal medical information after you have been officially admitted to the USA College of Nursing.

Priority Application Deadlines: April 1 for Fall Semester; August 1 for Spring Semester. Please note that late applications are accepted for Fall & Spring Semesters, based on space availability.

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION, WITH THE REQUIRED $50.00 FEE TO:
University of South Alabama - College of Nursing - Office of Student Services
HAHN Bldg., Rm. 3082, 5721 USA Drive, North, Mobile, AL 36688

Incomplete Application Packets and those Packets received without the required $50.00 Application Fee will be returned to the applicant, for additional documentation or the required application fee.

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 merits immediate dismissal from the nursing program. In keeping with the dynamic changes in the nursing and health field, the baccalaureate curriculum may undergo changes. 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.
APPLICATION INFORMATION – USA COLLEGE OF NURSING

APPLY FOR GENERAL ADMISSION:
For consideration for enrollment into the USA College of Nursing, students must first apply to the general University for undergraduate admission. You must submit your general admissions application to the USA Office of Admissions. Apply as a Transfer Student, majoring in Pre-Nursing.

Your entry term on your general admissions application should be the same term you plan to begin the Professional Component for the BSN (unless you plan to take prerequisite courses at USA, prior to beginning the Professional Component).

Contact information for the USA Office of Admissions:
Phone: 251/460-6141 and 800/USA-JAGS
Fax: 251/460-7876
Email: admiss@southalabama.edu
Web: http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/admissions/index.html
Note: For general admission to USA, you can submit your general application online, at the above website.

OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS:
Request all your official college transcripts be mailed directly to: USA Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 2500 Meisler Hall, 390 Alumni Circle, Mobile, AL 36688.

Note: You should not have your official academic transcripts mailed directly to the College of Nursing, as this is not a requirement of the College of Nursing.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:
You must be a U.S. Citizens or a Permanent Resident of United States to be admitted into either of the online nursing tracks to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of South Alabama.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION PACKET:

1. Complete all pages of the College of Nursing Application and return in one packet.

2. Required $50.00 College of Nursing Application Fee-
   Applications to the College of Nursing require a non-refundable application fee of $50.00.
   This must be mailed with your Application Packet. Make checks payable to: USA College of Nursing.
   Please staple or attach your check to the top page of your nursing application packet.

3. Waivers for: Drug/Alcohol Screening & Background Check - Both forms must be NOTARIZED and originals returned in your nursing application packet. Once you are admitted into the Professional Component by the College of Nursing, you are then sent instructions/directions from USA on how to properly execute both of these. Applicants don’t do any of this screening until you are admitted by the College of Nursing and we officially mail you an Acceptance Packet.

4. USA College of Nursing Undergraduate Promotion Contract - Sign and return with your application.

5. USA College of Nursing Social Media Policy - Sign and return with your application.

6. USA Interprofessional Student Data Form - Sign and return with your application.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________ Current Email: _____________________________

Social Security Number: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ___________________________

Your Assigned USA Student Number: J00 USA Student Email: ________________________________

(You can obtain your USA student number from: USA Office of Admissions, 800/872-5247)

Home Phone_____________________ Work Phone _____________________ Cell Phone _____________________

List your Mailing Address:
Street/PO Box ______________________________ City ________________ State _____ Zip Code ________________

Select ONE of the following ONLINE TRACKS, to pursue your Bachelor of Science in Nursing at USA:

(1) RN to BSN Pathway: _____________________

(2) RN to BSN/MSN Pathway: ___________________

To be eligible for the RN-BSN/MSN Pathway, all Applicants MUST have a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on all college coursework you have ever attempted. Admission is to Phase One of this Pathway, which is the Undergraduate Phase, to first earn the BSN. Note: After earning the BSN, students will enter Phase Two, the Graduate Phase, for their MSN program.

Check the SEMESTER AND YEAR you wish to enter the Online Nursing Pathway indicated above:

Fall Semester 20____          Spring Semester 20____

Applicant’s Educational History: List all Educational Institutions you have attended since High School. Applicants may not disregard any part of their Educational History. Failure to report all Institutions previously attended will be cause for cancellation of the admissions process and/or dismissal from the University of South Alabama.

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Are you currently enrolled at any College? ______ If yes, list this College:

Do you have any missing nursing prerequisite courses? _____ List below all the college courses you are currently taking at this college. Additionally, you must list (by semester) all college courses that you plan to complete before you will begin the Professional Component at the USA College of Nursing to earn your BSN:

Applicant’s Work Experience:

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Signature: ______________________________________ Date Submitted: _________________________________

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Undergraduate Nursing Promotion Contract

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 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. The number of times a student may withdraw failing from nursing courses is limited to two. A third withdrawal failing will result in academic dismissal from the College of Nursing.

3. A student achieving a grade of less than “C” in a nursing course in combination with two withdrawal failing (WD/F) from the College of Nursing courses will be dismissed.

4. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at USA is required to continue in the nursing program. Students may not register for nursing courses with a GPA below 2.0.

5. 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/alcohol screen, (d) disruptive behavior, etc.

6. All students are subject to screening for drugs/alcohol and must submit to for cause drug/alcohol screening, as requested. A positive screen or refusal to submit to screening will result in removal from the program.

I have read and understand the promotion criteria stated above. I understand that they apply to me and I will comply with them.

I have read and understand the requirements and restrictions for RN licensure.

_____________________________________________   _____________________________________
Applicant’s signature       Date

_____________________________________________
Print Name Here

(Return with your Application Packet)

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Your Current RN License to Practice

Name, as listed on your RN License: __________________________________________________________

List the State(s) in which you are licensed to practice: _____________________________________________

License Number: __________________________________________________________________________

Expiration Date: __________________________________________________________________________

Note: Students who are officially admitted to the Professional Component by the USA College of Nursing will then be required to provide a copy of your current RN License to the designated company, which is Certified Profile. This is done when all admitted students execute the required Background Check and Drug/Alcohol Screening.

(Return with your Application Packet)
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Drug/Alcohol Policy and Procedure Statement

The mission of the College of Nursing is to provide 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. Therefore, in order to uphold the highest standards of the nursing profession, the College of Nursing has adopted a drug/alcohol free environment. As a condition of admission to the professional component of the College of Nursing, each student will be required to submit to a drug/alcohol screen, and to submit, as requested, to additional screening once enrolled in the professional component. The University of South Alabama Statement of Policy regarding drug/alcohol use is the foundation for this policy statement. However, the College of Nursing Drug/Alcohol Policy and Procedure Statement is particular to this College.

Drug/Alcohol Screening upon Admission to the Professional Component
Students apply for admission to the professional component of the nursing program once they have completed freshman and sophomore level prerequisite courses. Students selected for admission to the Professional Component of the College of Nursing are admitted pending a negative drug/alcohol screen. Admission will be withdrawn for a student testing positive.

Procedure for Drug/Alcohol Screening
Students selected for admission to the professional component will be notified of the procedure to follow for the drug/alcohol screening in their letters of Acceptance. Students will be required to follow the procedures established by the College and should not obtain a drug/alcohol screening PRIOR to being notified of their admission to the program. All costs associated with screenings are the student’s responsibility.

Screens will be conducted by a qualified laboratory using established methods and procedures. Confidentiality of the student as well as the integrity of the urine sample will be protected. The procedure for collection is determined by the collection site. A drug/alcohol screen will be presumed positive if any of the drugs/alcohol listed in Exhibit A (see next page) is found. Presumed positives will be confirmed by a second test from the original urine sample. If the screen is positive, the available evidence, including the health history, will be used to determine the presence or absence of drug/alcohol abuse. The screening laboratory will notify the Dean of the USA College of Nursing (or designee) with these screen results. The College of Nursing will ensure confidentiality of results by making the information available only to the student and appropriate College of Nursing Administrators.

Drug/Alcohol Screening after enrolling in the Professional Component
Drug/alcohol screening for any student in the professional component can be requested by the College of Nursing. The cost of this drug/alcohol screening will be borne by the College of Nursing. The procedure for screening as described in the above section, Drug/Alcohol Screening Procedure, will be followed. Refusal by a student to submit to screening will result in that student’s dismissal from the professional component of the College of Nursing. A student with a positive result from a drug/alcohol screen will be dismissed from the professional component, and referred for counseling at the University of South Alabama Substance Education/Prevention Center (USA-SAEPC). Other appropriate disciplinary action may be initiated as necessary.
Any student who voluntarily reports that they have a chemical dependency problem will be counseled by the Dean’s office at the College of Nursing. Conditions, if any, for continued participation in the program will be at the discretion of the Dean. The student will submit to drug/alcohol screens as requested by the College of Nursing and will be dismissed if a positive drug/alcohol screen is obtained.

Admission/Readmission After a Positive Drug/Alcohol Screen

A student whose admission is withdrawn or who is dismissed from the professional component of the College of Nursing due to a positive drug/alcohol screen will be considered for readmission if the following conditions are met:

1. Submit to an evaluation for substance abuse by a College of Nursing approved evaluation and/or treatment agency and complete the prescribed treatment program (USA students should call the USA Substance Education/Prevention Center for an evaluation (251-460-7980).
2. Submission to a drug/alcohol screen prior to admission/readmission. This drug/alcohol screen will be at the student’s expense. A positive drug/alcohol screen will result in ineligibility for admission/readmission.
3. Submission to random drug/alcohol screening as requested by the College of Nursing after admittance to the professional component. A positive drug/alcohol screen will result in permanent dismissal from the College of Nursing.

EXHIBIT A

The Medical Professional Panel for Drug/Alcohol Screens includes common street drugs and those drugs that health care workers have access to and abuse. Drugs monitored include:

- Alcohol
- Amphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Cocaine
- Meperidine
- Methadone
- Opiates
- Oxycodone
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene
- THC
- Tramadol
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Drug/Alcohol Screening Waiver Agreement

Notice to Applicant: You must have this form notarized before you return the form with your completed Nursing Application Packet and the $50.00 Application Fee.

All applicants that are officially admitted into the Professional Component by USA College of Nursing will be mailed a specific Certified Profile Student Instruction Sheet. This sheet will specify how/where you will execute the required Background Check and Drug/Alcohol Screen. All testing will be required after you receive your Letter of Acceptance and these specific directions from the College of Nursing.

Waiver Agreement:

I understand that as a requirement for admission to the University of South Alabama College of Nursing, I must submit to a drug/alcohol screen at a designated laboratory, which will provide the result of the screen to the Dean of the College of Nursing (or designee). I understand that if the screen result is positive, I will be denied admission to the College of Nursing Professional Component. I further understand that I will be subject to drug/alcohol screens while enrolled in the College of Nursing. A positive drug/alcohol screen or refusal to submit to screening will result in dismissal from the USA College of Nursing.

By signing this document, I indicate that I have read, I understand, and I agree to the College of Nursing Drug and Alcohol Screening Policy. I understand that a negative drug/alcohol screening is required for admission and for progression in the USA College of Nursing.

This notarized document constitutes my consent for Drug and Alcohol Screening Policy by a USA College of Nursing designated Laboratory. It also constitutes consent for the Laboratory to release the results of my Drug/Alcohol Screening the Dean of the USA College of Nursing (or designee).

In Witness Whereof, this instrument is executed this the _____ day of ______________, 20___.

WITNESSES:

Witness #1 Signature              Applicant’s Signature

Witness #2 Signature              Applicant’s Printed Name

STATE OF _________________________

COUNTY OF _______________________

On this _____ day of ______________, 20__, before me appeared _______________________________, to be known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument.

Given under my hand and seal on the day and year above written.

NOTARY SEAL:     ________________________________________

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _______________________

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Background Check Policy and Procedure

Background Checks upon Admission to the Professional Component:
Students selected for admission to the professional component of the BSN program & to the graduate program of the College of Nursing are admitted pending a Background Check. The USA College of Nursing must certify to clinical agencies where students practice that each student has a Background Check with no adverse finding. Admission will be withdrawn for students who in the judgment of the Dean have been convicted of or have pending a charge that would not be acceptable to our clinical agencies. Students may also be required to have additional checks once enrolled in the program.

Procedure for Background Check:
Students selected for admission will be notified of the procedure to follow for the Background Check in the Acceptance Letter/Packet, sent to the student by the College of Nursing. Students will be required to follow the procedures established by the College of Nursing. All cost related to Background Checks will be the responsibility of the student.

The Background Check will be conducted by a qualified agency using established methods and procedures. Confidentiality of the student will be protected.

Background Check after Admission:
A Background Check for any student in the professional component of the BSN program and the graduate program can be requested by the College of Nursing at any time. Refusal by the student to submit to the check will result in the students’ dismissal from the College of Nursing.

Depending upon results of the Background Check, continued participation in the program will be at the discretion of the Dean of Nursing.

Admission/Readmission after an Adverse Background Check:
A student whose admission is withdrawn or who is dismissed from the College of Nursing due to findings from a background check will be considered for readmission on a case by case basis depending upon the particular situation.
Background Waiver Agreement

Notice to Applicant: You must have this form notarized before you return the form with your completed Nursing Application Packet and the $50.00 Application Fee.

All applicants that are officially admitted into the Professional Component by USA College of Nursing will be mailed a specific Certified Profile Student Instruction Sheet. This sheet will specify how/where you will execute the required Background Check and Drug/Alcohol Screen. All testing will be required after you receive your Letter of Acceptance and these specific directions from the College of Nursing.

Background Check Policy:
I understand that, as a requirement for admission to the USA College of Nursing, I must submit to a background check. The findings of the background check will be provided to the College of Nursing. I understand that if any adverse finding is found on the background check, I will be denied admission to the College of Nursing Professional Component.

I further understand that I may be subject to additional background checks while enrolled in the College of Nursing. An adverse finding on a background check or refusal to submit to a background check may result in dismissal from the College of Nursing.

By signing this document, I indicate that I have read, I understand, and I agree to the USA College of Nursing Background Check Policy.

This notarized document constitutes my consent for the Background Checks by a USA College of Nursing designated service. It also constitutes consent for the service to release the results of my Background Check to the USA College of Nursing.

In Witness Whereof, this instrument is executed this the _____ day of __________________, 20____.

WITNESSES:

___________________________________              ___________________________________
Witness #1 Signature     Applicant’s Signature

___________________________________              ___________________________________
Witness #2 Signature     Applicant’s Printed Name

STATE OF _________________________
COUNTY OF _______________________

On this _____ day of ______________, 20 __, before me appeared __________________________________ to be known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument.

Given under my hand and seal on the day and year above written.

NOTARY SEAL:           ________________________________________________

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____________________
University of South Alabama - College of Nursing

Social Media Policy

Policy: Statement regarding the use of smart phones, social networking sites, and other Online applications.

Purpose: Social and business networking sites (e.g. My Space, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, and others) are increasingly used for instant and far reaching communication. Online venues allow for greater collaboration but can also contribute to crossing privacy, confidentiality, and professional boundaries. Privacy and confidentiality between health care providers and the patient is imperative; access to sensitive and legally protected health information must be safeguarded from unlawful or inappropriate release that could compromise the patient, health care providers, and the University. Unprofessional behavior may impair the health care provider’s ability to become licensed, practice, and/or participate in a position of trust/responsibility in the community. The intent of this policy is to set guidelines for appropriate use of online resources as they relate to nursing education at the University of South Alabama (USA).

Policy:

Health care providers must adhere to the following:

a. Please refer to the specific course syllabus for the cell phone use policy of each course. If the use of cell phones in the clinical setting is permitted:

Personal calls should not be initiated and/or received in patient care areas, public service areas, within the view of patients or visitors. Ring tones and alerts should be set to vibrate or silent mode. Wireless headsets may not be used.

b. The use of personal entertainment devices, i.e. MP3 players, DVD players, cell phone entertainment features, cell phone texting, personal laptop, etc., are not allowed on patient care areas, public service areas, or within view of patients or visitors.

c. Devices must not produce electromagnetic interference (EMI) with biomedical equipment.

d. All material posted on the Internet via email, social media, or otherwise, is considered public and permanent; published information cannot be recovered. Be aware that your relationship to USA and the College of Nursing can be discovered on the Internet without including a specific reference to your USA affiliation in any post. Individuals must consider the content to be posted and the message it sends about them, their profession, and USA. USA reserves the right to request that certain subjects be avoided and that individuals withdraw certain posts as well as remove inappropriate comments.

e. Individuals should use separate personal and professional social networking accounts. For personal activity, the use of a non-USA email address as your primary means of contact is required.

f. Interacting with any current or former patient on any social networking site or checking patient profiles on social networking sites is prohibited.

g. University computers should only be accessed to complete patient care related activities. Privacy is compromised when using institutional computers.
h. The individual is responsible for the content of his/her own internet and social media blogs/posts, pictures, etc. including but not limited to any legal liability incurred (defamation, harassment, obscenity, privacy issues regarding students or patients, etc).

i. The tone and content of all electronic conversations should remain professional. Respect among colleagues and co-workers must occur in an inter-professional environment.

j. Do not post any content that is inappropriate. Inappropriate content includes, but is not limited to, material that is obscene, defamatory, profane, libelous, threatening, harassing, abusive, hateful, or embarrassing to another person or entity.

Patient Information

Identifiable protected health information (PHI) must never be posted on the Internet. This applies even if no one other than a patient is able to identify him/herself from the posted information. Health care providers must adhere to all Health Information Patient Privacy Act (HIPPA) principles. Patient images may be obtained and transmitted only with written consent per the host facility policy. Patient images may only be obtained and transmitted on institutional equipment and never on personal equipment.

Providing Medical Advice

Medical advice on a social networking site should never be provided.

Privacy Settings

Health care providers should consider setting privacy at the highest level on all social networking sites.

The policy is not meant to discourage the use of innovative technologies, but to provide guidance and heighten the awareness of health care professionals associated with this University to the potential risks and consequences associated with technology. The Social Media Policy applies to all students, staff, and faculty. Violations of this policy or any USA computer or information privacy policies or laws will lead to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal/termination and/or legal action.

Approved by the University of South Alabama College of Nursing: March 24, 2014
University of South Alabama - College of Nursing

Social Media Policy Agreement

I have read and fully understand the approved Social Media Policy established by the University of South Alabama College of Nursing.

I understand that this Social Media policy does apply to me and I agree to comply with all aspects of the policy.

I understand that this Social Media Policy will apply to me during my entire tenure as a Nursing Student at the USA College of Nursing.

Applicant’s Signature:    Date:

__________________________________________  _______________________________________

Print Your Name:

__________________________________________

(Return with your Application Packet)
The College of Nursing is required to complete an Annual Report to the Federal Government on students enrolled in our Nursing Programs. In order to meet the Federal Reporting Requirements, we need you to respond to each of the categories below.

Are you from a Disadvantaged Background? ___Yes ___No  
(See definitions below)

Are you from a Rural Background? ___Yes ___No  
(See definitions below)

Are you considered an Underrepresented Minority? ___Yes ___No  
(See definitions below)

Disadvantaged Background is a citizen, national, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico or the Marianas Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated State of Micronesia who either:

• Comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school, or from a program providing education or training in an allied health profession

or

• Comes from a family with an annual income below a level, based on low income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary, HHS, for use in health professions and nursing programs.

Rural is a geographical area that is not part of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Note: To determine if a specific geographical area is considered rural, go to HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy at:  

Underrepresented Minority (URM) is an individual from a racial and/or ethnic group that is considered inadequately represented in a specific profession, relative to the numbers of that racial and/or ethnic group in the general population.

Note: For the purposes of the health professions, the Bureau of Health Professions considers individuals who are from the following racial and ethnic backgrounds to be underrepresented: Black or African American; Hispanic (all races); Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; American Indian or Alaska Native

(Return with your Application Packet)
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Applicant’s Check List

Prior to mailing your Nursing Application Packet to the USA College of Nursing, review this Applicant’s Check List to verify you have completed all of the following requirements:

1. I have submitted my Application for Undergraduate Admission to the USA Office of Admissions.
   (Apply as a Transfer Student, majoring in Pre-Nursing. Applicants must apply for the same semester that you plan to begin the RN-BSN Pathway at USA.)

   Note: Former USA Students must apply for Readmission to USA with the Office of Admissions.
   
   [www.southalabama.edu/departments/admissions/index.html](http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/admissions/index.html)

2. I have requested all my official College Transcripts be mailed directly to:

   USA Office of Admissions
   2500 Meisler Hall
   390 Alumni Circle
   Mobile, AL  36688

3. I have had the Background Waiver Agreement and Drug/Alcohol Screening Waiver both notarized.

4. I am returning all of the following in my Nursing Application Packet:
   
   a) Undergraduate Nursing Promotion Contract
   b) Social Media Policy Agreement
   c) Interprofessional Student Data Form
   d) Two Notarized Waiver Forms - for Background Check and Drug/Alcohol Screening
   e) Current RN License Information
   f) $50.00 Nursing Application Fee

5. I have attached the $50.00 fee to the front page of my USA Nursing Application.

   Make all checks/money orders payable to: USA College of Nursing.

   Credit Cards may not be used for the Nursing Application Fee at the present time.

   **Mail your Nursing Application Packet and $50.00 Fee to:**

   University of South Alabama College of Nursing
   Office of Student Services
   HAHN Bldg., Rm. 3082
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