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Our Goal

To expand the reach of UAB School of Nursing by leading high quality, innovative educational programs that advance health and healthcare through the lifelong learning of nurse leaders and other health professionals both locally and globally.

Our Objectives

1. Offer educational programming, delivered through a variety of mediums, which meets the professional development needs of nurses and others.
2. Develop educational programming that addresses vital health and healthcare concerns in Alabama, nationally and internationally.
3. Utilize the knowledge and expertise of nationally recognized multidisciplinary faculty and alumni in the development and delivery of high-quality, innovative, signature programs.
Signature Partnerships

VA Nursing Academy

Veterans CAN! Program

Nurse Residency Program

Faculty Practice

Clinical and Community Partners

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Mapping a Personal Leadership Journey

Improving Veteran Care Through Research

Faculty Practice Tackles Childhood Obesity

VANA Gives Lee Chance to Pursue Her Dreams

$1.4M to Craft Practice Model, Expand Care
Community Partners

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing is committed to the development of strong, quality community partnerships that support the mission of the School of Nursing. A few of our local partnerships include:

- George Washington Carver High School/ UAB Center for Outreach Development
- City of Birmingham
  - Good Health Program
  - Medical Services Unit
- Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (JCCEO)
- Congregations for Public Health

Clinical Partners

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Students have clinical experiences in the major hospitals in the Birmingham area. A few of our local partners include:

- UAB Hospital and Health System
- Veterans Administration Medical Center-Birmingham
- Children’s of Alabama
- St. Vincent’s Hospital
- St. Vincent’s East Hospital
- Brookwood Medical Center
- Trinity Medical Center
- Shelby Baptist Medical Center

The School of Nursing is fortunate to have many Clinical Instructors to assist the faculty to provide clinical experiences for students in our various programs.
Faculty Practice

Faculty practice provides an opportunity for faculty to be engaged in service/practice activities that support the teaching, research and scholarship, and service/practice missions of the UABSON. Faculty practice at the UABSON-UAB includes partnerships with communities, organizations, and health care delivery systems. Further, faculty may choose to practice in clinical settings, provide expert consultation, and partner with other professional organizations such as education, business, and health care agencies. The UABSON Faculty Practice Committee provides oversight in the development, management, implementation, and evaluation of all faculty practice activities. The practice sites are extremely diverse, representing the background and preparation of faculty who engage in faculty practice. We have faculty practice agreements with the following organizations:

PRACTICE SITES

- Baptist Health Center, Inc.
- Children's of Alabama
- Magnolia Creek Residential Center
- Morgan Pediatrics
- PATH Clinic at M-POWER Ministries
- UAB 1917 HIV/AIDS Outpatient Clinic
- UAB Cardiovascular Services
- UAB Department of Family & Community Medicine
- UAB Department of Pediatrics
- UAB Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- UAB Hematology/Oncology
- UAB SON Foundry Clinic
- UAHSF Osteoporosis Prevention
UAB Nurse Residency Program

The UAB School of Nursing is taking the initiative to help newly graduated nurses transition to the fast pace hospital work environment. Newly graduated nurses are often overwhelmed by the pace and demands of a hospital work environment and can get discouraged. The Nurse Residency Program is designed specifically to help and guide these new nurses as they leave the educational setting and are faced with the complexities of a hospital setting.

The School of Nursing and UAB Hospital have partnered to offer the one-year residency program to all newly graduated RNs hired at the hospital. In addition to providing support for the nurse resident, the program includes a standardized curriculum and mentorship with experienced faculty and practice setting nurses.

This program is based on a national study which examined the issues related to new BSN nurse transition, retention, and mentoring needs in the first year of employment. National data indicates that turnover rates in sites implementing a nurse residency program were reduced from 50% to as low as 11%. Residency programs, with an emphasis on the practice setting with preceptor and mentoring support, demonstrate a significant reduction in work environment stress which is known to be a major contributor to high turnover rates within the first 6-12 months of employment.

The Nurse Residency Program is offered under the guidelines and support of the national program from University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and is customized to meet the needs of UAB-University Hospital. The first cohort began in May of 2006. New cohorts begin twice each year in July and February.

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The UAB School of Nursing and the Birmingham VA Medical Center earned the prestigious designation as 1 of 15 VA Nursing Academy sites in the U.S. in 2009. This unique program partners VA Medical Centers with accredited schools of nursing across the nation with the aim of providing compassionate, highly educated nurses to meet the health care needs of America’s heroes. To learn more click here.

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The UAB School of Nursing and the Birmingham VA Medical Center developed a DVD which contains three clinically relevant mental health scenarios. The nurses care for veterans experiencing depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other mental issues on a typical VA medical-surgical floor. The DVD is accompanied by a guide book and information necessary for obtaining 1.0 CEU.

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The Birmingham VA Medical Center is 1 of 8 VA National Quality Scholars Program (VAQS) sites in the U.S. Pat Patrician, PhD, RN, FAAN and Carlos Estrada, MD, MS serve as senior scholars for the Birmingham site. VAQS promotes leadership in quality improvement research and emphasizes interprofessional learning. The program offers fellowships to pre and post doctoral nurses. To learn more click here.

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Caring for America's Heroes

Caring for America's Heroes is a distance-accessible elective course designed to increase students understanding of long-term and high-acuity internal and external environmental variables which affect the health of and veterans within the Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA). Knowledge gained in this course can be applied to the care of VHA patients across a variety of care settings.

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Simulation Scenarios

Clinical simulation scenarios have been developed to highlight the unique health care needs of Veterans. Scenarios developed and used by both the UAB School of Nursing and the Birmingham VA Medical Center include burn, gunshot wound, automobile accident, and OB simulations. The benefits of simulation training include practicing and making mistakes in a risk-free environment and identifying sources of error in care processes prior to practice.

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Joining Forces

The UAB School of Nursing joined the ranks of hundreds of nursing schools and organizations dedicated to educating nursing students on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and other unique health care needs of veterans and their families. The Joining Forces initiative was launched in April 2012 in an effort to mobilize all sectors of society to support service members and their families. For more information click here.

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VA Related Publications:

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**VA Related Presentations:**

**2012**


Moore, R., Peoples, V., & Selleck, C. (2012, November). Educating Nursing Students: Joining Forces to Care


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