

## Information for Prospective Applicants

**Admission Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Degree**

1. A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from an accredited institution in the United States, or approved by the Minister of Education for schools of nursing in foreign countries, equivalent to that in the UAB School of Nursing.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall (based on a 4.0 scale) on all graduate level coursework.

NOTE: For the Post-Baccalaureate PhD option, the corresponding requirements are:

- a. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from an accredited institution in the United States, or approved by the Minister of Education for schools of nursing in foreign countries, equivalent to that in the UAB School of Nursing.
  - b. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall (based on a 4.0 scale) on all undergraduate level coursework.
3. A combined score of at least 1100 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE); plus an indication of writing skills. The scores must not be over 5 years old. For test information and registration: GRE – [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)
  4. For applicants from non-English speaking countries: a satisfactory TOEFL score (minimum 550).
  5. Computer literacy and access is required, with proficiency in word processing and e-mail correspondence, as well as familiarity and experience with the Internet. It is recommended that each student have their own personal computer meeting the specifications of the School of Nursing. (Specifications are available from the School of Nursing website).
  7. Eligibility for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the United States.
  8. A written goal statement which evidences congruence between the applicant's research interests and School of Nursing faculty research.
  9. At least one sample of independent written work (in English) that demonstrates the applicant's scholarship potential. Representative examples include a paper, proposal, report, or publication.
  10. A current curriculum vita.
  11. Three references from individuals with expertise to comment on the applicant's capability for research and scholarship (for example, University professors, employers); at least one of the references must be from a doctorally prepared nurse.
  12. A personal interview.

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## Steps in the Admission Process

### **Upon receipt of all materials**

When all required materials and documentation have been received by the Graduate School, the file will be sent to the School of Nursing for the supporting documentation to compile and complete the file.

DEADLINE: Applications must be completed by Friday, January 16, 2009 to be eligible for early notification of admission for the subsequent fall term. An interview with the applicant is required and is scheduled by the School of Nursing upon receipt of all materials. Interviews must be completed by Friday, February 13, 2009 to be eligible for early notification of admission. However, completed applications (from non-International applicants only) will be accepted until Friday, March 6, 2009 as space is available. Students applying to the Post-Baccalaureate PhD Option may apply anytime and may be admitted for any term.

### **Upon completion of the interview**

1. PhD Steering Committee reviews file and makes recommendation to Dean of the Graduate School.
2. Applicant is notified of School of Nursing's decision.
3. If offer of admission is made, applicant responds in writing regarding acceptance or refusal of offer of admission in specified time frame.
4. If offer of admission is accepted, student confers with assigned advisor, develops a tentative program of study, and registers for initial PhD course(s).

### **Important Information That Should Be Noted by the Applicant in Completing the Application Process**

- The entire application can be completed online through the Graduate School website, by accessing the **Apply Yourself** link at: <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uab-grad> Refer to the separate **Admission Process Checklist** for additional information.
- Before enrolling for the first term of doctoral studies, all students are required to obtain medical clearance through the UAB Student Health Service Office. This includes satisfying the UAB Academic Health Center policy on hepatitis B vaccination. A physical examination is also required for medical clearance. You must provide all information requested on the Student Health Form, located at: [http://main.uab.edu/sys/images/pdf/shealthservice/Med\\_Require.pdf](http://main.uab.edu/sys/images/pdf/shealthservice/Med_Require.pdf). It is important to begin the process for medical clearance as soon as you are notified that you have been admitted. This process can be lengthy and delay your ability to register in a timely manner.
- Upon establishing your student Blazer ID, please note that you are required to use your Blazer email address for all student activity. You are encouraged to check you Blazer email often for updates.
- The School of Nursing requires evidence of current BCLS for Professionals certification prior to enrolling in any course in which the student provides nursing care or clinical nursing intervention as a component of research.

### **For Additional information on the PhD in Nursing program, please contact:**

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