

***UAB School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program  
Accepting Applications  
2009 Summer and Fall Admission***

The UAB School of Nursing is accepting applications for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program for summer and fall 2009 terms. The program has been developed collaboratively by the University of Alabama School of Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the College of Nursing at the University of Alabama Huntsville, Capstone College of Nursing at the University of Alabama and the School of Health Professions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The DNP program at UAB will build upon the 19 advanced specialty tracks currently offered at UAB for Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Nurse Administrators. Graduates will be prepared in two tracks: Advanced Clinical Specialization and Nursing Leadership.

**Program Description for Post- Master's Entry**

The DNP is a practice-focused terminal degree to prepare graduates to practice at the highest level in specialty practice or to assume leadership positions in healthcare. Graduates of the DNP program will focus on providing care to populations and communities with an emphasis on improving quality and access to underserved, diverse populations. The three components of the DNP are advanced clinical specialty practice, leadership, and practice inquiry. Graduates will employ abilities and skills in these areas to advocate for reasonable, rational, and data-driven health regulations, standards, and practices; sustain collaborative and strategic relationships, promote innovative, effective health care programs; and form partnerships with diverse groups to address health disparities. In addition, graduates will be prepared to assume clinical faculty positions to address the State's critical faculty shortage.

For most students, the Post- Master's DNP curriculum will be a minimum of 34 credits, which includes the development of a practice or leadership focused project. This scholarly project is designed to synthesize scholarship in an advanced practice specialty or an area of healthcare leadership and serves as a capstone program experience. All courses are offered in a distance accessible format and students may develop the scholarly project under the direction of program faculty and onsite mentors. Applications will be accepted twice a year for the summer or fall term, to either a full or part-time cohort. Students enrolled in the DNP program will be required to come on campus between the first and second year for a two to three day intensive experience.

***For More Information and an Application for the DNP  
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