

ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER

Distance Accessible

What is an Adult Nurse Practitioner?

The Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) works interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care to adults. The focus of the class content and clinical experience is on health promotion through identification of health risks, education and counseling for development of health promoting lifestyles, identification and management of acute, episodic health problems, management of stable chronic disease, and appropriate and effective collaboration and referral.

Graduates are prepared to obtain and assess health history and physical examination data, order and interpret appropriate diagnostic tests, identify actual and potential health problems, and formulate with the client a comprehensive plan of therapeutic measures that promote, maintain, or restore health. This plan may include consultation with other health professionals or referral for complicated medical management.

Emphasis is placed on putting prevention into practice, involving adults in decision making as self responsible health care consumers; education, and client follow-up to decrease health complications, economics of health care; and recognition of the importance of the community in primary care.

Who employs Adult Nurse Practitioners?

ANPs are employed in primary care clinics.

Can I specialize as an Adult Nurse Practitioner?

The School of Nursing at UAB offers students the opportunity to focus on occupational health nursing, and gerontology nursing as adult nurse practitioners. These programs of study augment the required advanced nursing curriculum that prepares students to manage a variety of health problems. Students may choose to focus their learning on particular subsets of adult health problems, such as diabetes, pulmonary disease, etc. through independent study.

What are the classroom content and clinical requirements for the Adult Nurse Practitioner student?

Content is distance accessible in all courses and provides the student with a strong advanced knowledge base for caring for patients with common health problems. Students come to Birmingham, Alabama for two intensive three day experiences during the entire program. Practice settings are primary care based. Students complete a minimum of 630 preceptor hours of clinical practice and may do the clinical with an approved preceptor close to home.

Who will serve as my preceptor in the clinical courses?

Either a nurse practitioner or physician with appropriate credentials and approved by faculty may serve as a preceptor. The preceptor may be someone identified by the student, the UAB faculty or an agency.

How long is the program of study?

The ANP program of study requires a minimum of 17 months, (4) semesters of full-time study. However, many students choose to complete the program in eight (8) semesters of part-time study.

Will I be eligible to take a nurse practitioner certification examination if I complete this program?

Once you complete the program, you will be eligible to sit for the national certification examinations for Adult Nurse Practitioners offered by either the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners or the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

How do I become eligible to practice as an ANP in my state of residence?

ANPs are licensed by the states in which they practice and are subject to the rules and regulations of that state's practice act. You will need to contact your state's board of nursing to learn their particular requirements.

What kind of nursing experience do I need prior to entering the program?

Currently, there are no requirements for clinical experience prior to admission to the program. However, the faculty believes students admitted to this option must have at least one year of professional nursing or primary care experience in an area of medical or surgical nursing prior to enrolling in the advanced nursing clinical courses. Your program of study can be arranged so that you can gain the required experience while you are taking prerequisite courses. Additionally, before beginning clinical courses, students must verify professional nurse licensure by the board(s) of nursing in the state(s) in which they will contract for clinical preceptorships.

What are the admission criteria?

- BSN degree from a regionally accredited institution, equivalent to the one offered by the School of Nursing at UAB
- A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale either cumulative or on the last 60 semester credit hours
- Letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant's potential for graduate study
- Standardized test score (MAT, GRE, GMAT)* A minimum score of 410 on the MAT; or a minimum score of 480 on the GMAT; or a combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)*

*An interview may be required based on the student's means of entry into the program. All students need to be prepared to schedule an interview.

***GRE, MAT, GMAT is waived for students with a 3.2 or better GPA.** For complete details, please visit http://www.uab.edu/images/sonimg/PDF/GREMAT_waiver.pdf

If I do not meet the requirements, can I be admitted on probation?

No, probationary admission is not available to students who do not meet these requirements.

When will I receive confirmation that I have been accepted into the program?

You will be notified by Email of your acceptance or denial within 30 days after the application submission deadline.

For International Students: If your Visa status is F1 or J1, make an appointment with your course faculty by week 2 of each semester to plan how you will meet Federal Regulations.

What is a typical program of study like?

Fall – Year I

NUR 600	Research and Statistics For Advanced Practice.....	4
NUR 612	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NAH 614	Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning for Advanced Nursing Practice.....	4

Spring – Year I

NUR 613	Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3
NAH 621	Advanced Adult Nursing I.....	4
NAH 685	Practicum I: Adult Nurse Practitioner	3

Summer – Year I

NUR 601	Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NAH 622	Advanced Adult Nursing II.....	4
NAH 686	Practicum II: Adult Nursing Practitioner	3

Fall – Year II

NUR 602	Issues Affecting Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NAH 692	Residency: Adult Nurse Practitioner	6

Total 40 credits

Where can I get more information?

Internet website: <http://www.uab.edu/son>

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