

WAB SCHOOL OF NURSING

Post Master's Advanced Study Option

Primary Care

- Adult Nurse Practitioner (Online)
- Dual Adult and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (Online)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (Online)
- Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner (Online)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Acute and Continuing Care

- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Nurse Practitioner/RN First Assist
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (Online)
- Pediatric Nurse

The Post MSN Advanced Study Option is designed for MSN graduates who are not prepared as nurse practitioners or are prepared as practitioners in one specialty and desire to prepare themselves for another specialty. Students may select from one of the practitioner options above as their focus of study and obtain preparation within a 12-18 month program of study. A graduate level general pathophysiology course is required prior to entry into the advanced study option.

Students in all options are prepared to obtain and assess health history and physical exam data, order/interpret appropriate diagnostic tests, identify actual and potential health problems, and formulate with the patient and/or family 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. Upon completion of the nurse practitioner program of study, the student is eligible to sit for certification examinations offered by American Nurses' Credentialing Center, the Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the Pediatric Certification Board, and/or the National Certification Corporation. In addition, students may be eligible to sit for certification examinations offered by other organizations.

Primary Care

Adult Nurse Practitioner: Adult nurse practitioners work interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care to adults. The focus of 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.

Dual Adult and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner: This option will prepare students as both an Adult Nurse Practitioner and a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner. All classes are offered in an online format and clinical experiences may be done with an approved preceptor in the student's home locality. At the completion of the program, the student will be eligible to sit for both the Adult Nurse Practitioner and the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certification Examinations.

Family Nurse Practitioner: Family nurse practitioners work interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care to adults and children of all ages. The focus of class content and clinical experiences 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.

Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner: Palliative Care Nurse Practitioners work interdependently with other health professionals to provide care to children and adults who have incurable, progressive diseases. They perform histories and physicals, analyze clinical data; order and/or perform diagnostic tests and procedures; develop, implement, and evaluate management plans; teach and provide support for patients and families; participate in the interdisciplinary team approach to palliative care; and participate in appropriate and effective collaboration and referral.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner: Pediatric nurse practitioners work interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care to infants, children, and adolescents. The focus of class content and clinical experiences is on health promotion; 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.

Acute and Continuing Care

Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Adult acute care nurse practitioners (ACNPs) provide continuous and comprehensive care to adults who are acutely or critically ill. These practitioners are able to follow patients and manage their care from an outpatient specialty clinic to an inpatient unit through admission, discharge, and follow-up. At times ACNPs function independently, but most often they function collaboratively with physicians, patients, their families, and other members of the health care team. The goals of the ACNP are to stabilize the patient, minimize complications, provide physical and psychological care, restore maximal health, and evaluate health risk factors. To achieve these goals ACNPs provide direct patient care management; admit to and discharge patients from the hospital; perform histories and physicals; analyze clinical data; order and/or perform necessary diagnostic tests or procedures; develop, implement, and evaluate the therapeutic regimen; teach and provide support for patients and their families; minimize fragmentation by providing coordination of care; manage transition of the patient to step-down or to outpatient settings; and serve as patient advocates.

Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse First Assist: An Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner/RNFA is a nurse who is prepared at the master's level to practice in an advanced nursing role in a variety of acute or critical care settings. In addition, they are prepared to function in collaboration with surgeons to perform delegated medical functions during the intraoperative phase of patient care. Because of the broad preparation as an acute care practitioner, graduates can assume broad responsibility within the scope of ACNP practice, for patients in the entire perioperative experience.

Neonatal Nurse Practitioners: Neonatal nurse practitioners (NNPs) provide care to neonates and their families. NNPs are prepared to obtain and assess health history and physical examination data, order/interpret appropriate diagnostic tests, identify actual and potential health problems, and formulate a comprehensive plan of therapeutic measures that promote, maintain, and restore health. They may consult with other health professionals or refer to specialists for complicated medical management.

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner provide care to children in inpatient units, emergency rooms, intensive care units and outpatient settings. Management of acute illnesses, stabilizing the critically ill, and coordinating care in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team are common activities for these providers. The Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner will be able to follow a child and manage care from outpatient specialty clinic to an inpatient unit through admission, discharge and follow up. They may consult with other health professionals or refer to specialists for complicated medical management.

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NB 105
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Post Master's Advanced Study Option Graduate Student Information

MSN graduates who wish to take a designated program of study in preparation for sitting for one of the nurse practitioner certification examinations are classified as non-degree graduate students. This category is called the Post MSN Advanced Study Option for MSN Graduates. Admission for this category may be competitive and is granted for the entire series of courses included in the program of study.

Transcripts

Applicants are required to submit (1) official **transcript from the college or university from which you received your MSN degree** thereby providing proof of the degree(s) awarded. Applicants are not required to submit a GRE or MAT score.

Application Fee

The application processing fee for the Post MSN Advanced Study Option student is \$30.00. A check in the amount of \$30.00 should be made payable to the UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING and mailed or delivered with the completed application form to the address at the top of this page.

Registration and Medical Clearance

All School of Nursing students must obtain medical clearance from the UAB Academic Health Center Student Health Service prior to registration. The medical clearance process includes completion of the health history form, a physical examination, and verification of immunization for various diseases, including hepatitis B.

Plan of Study

All students admitted into the Post MSN Advanced Study Option must have an official Plan of Study agreed upon between the student and his or her advisor prior to registration. Course work students register for will be determined by the approved Plan of Study.

Tuition Rates

Tuition for all courses taken as a Post MSN Advanced Study Option graduate student will be billed at the graduate rate according to the student's residency classification (in-state or out-of-state). For more information about tuition please refer to the tuition and fee page located at the Graduate School website.

Out of State Tuition for Distance Accessible Courses (Online)

Out of state students who enroll in a distance accessible program (online) will pay tuition as stated for Alabama Residents and online fees per course (\$200.00) rather than out of state tuition.

Academic Standards

Post MSN Advanced Study Option graduate students are subject to the same academic policies as degree-seeking graduate students. The policies are stated in the School of Nursing Catalog. Grading standards will be the same for all graduate students.

Student Honor Code

The School of Nursing Student Honor Code applies to all students enrolled in the School of Nursing.

Restriction on Credits Earned

Enrollment in the School of Nursing as a Post MSN Advanced Study Option graduate student does not constitute admission to study leading to the MSN degree in the School of Nursing. The Program Coordinator for MSN studies in the School of Nursing must approve the of transfer credits as credits for any MSN program, either degree seeking or non-degree.

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POST MSN ADVANCED STUDY OPTION

Admission Requirements

1. Earned masters degree in nursing. (Official transcript showing date MSN degree was awarded is required).
2. A 3.0 ("B") grade point average obtained on courses required for the MSN degree.
3. Satisfactory completion of a graduate level pathophysiology course.
4. Education and/or experiential background appropriate to the desired option.
5. Two personal reference forms.
6. Personal interview with School of Nursing faculty.

PLEASE NOTE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE COURSE WORK YOU MUST:

- Obtain medical clearance including but not limited to TB, hepatitis B vaccination. For forms please visit <http://www.uab.edu/images/sth/02226-medical%20requirements.pdf>
- Provide proof of OSHA training on Bloodborne Pathogens and TB
- Provide proof of CPR certification
- Provide proof of current RN licensure in the state in which the student will engage in clinical practice

Steps in the Admission Process

1. Submit completed Application for the Post MSN Advanced Study Option and a \$30.00 check made payable to "UAB School of Nursing" to the address at the top of this sheet.
2. Have an official transcript **from the college or university from which you received your MSN degree** sent to the address at the top of this page. ***Official transcript(s) must be mailed directly to UAB SON*** from the school in which the student attended. Unofficial transcripts sent to UAB SON by students or delivered in person by a student will not be accepted.
3. Distribute evaluation forms to two individuals who have knowledge of your potential for advanced graduate study and ask them to return the completed forms to the address at the top of the sheet. It is the responsibility of each student to make sure that the Office of Student Affairs in the School of Nursing receives the completed forms by the application deadline. Examples of individuals include but are not limited to supervisors at work and former nursing instructors.
4. Upon notification from the Office of Student Affairs by email, you will schedule an interview with designated a UAB School of Nursing faculty. An email will be sent to you when your file is complete and you are ready for an interview. All materials must be submitted by the below deadline to be considered for admission.

**The application and all supporting documents must be received by the
Office of Student Affairs in the School of Nursing by the following deadlines**

Spring Term 2009

Application Deadline – Friday, October 24, 2008

Summer Term 2009

Application Deadline – Friday, February 27, 2009

Fall Term 2009

Application Deadline – Friday, May 29, 2009

Spring Term 2010

Application Deadline – Friday, September 25, 2009

OFFICE USE ONLY

Receipt No: _____

Processing Fee:
\$30.00 for U.S. citizens
and resident aliens

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For which term are you applying? Fall _____(year) Spring _____(year) Summer _____(year)

APPLICATION FOR POST MSN ADVANCED STUDY OPTION GRADUATE STUDENT STATUS

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ State & County
of Legal Residence: _____
(International applicants should list country)

*Ethnic Origin: _____ *Gender: _____ *Birth date: _____
(Month, Day, Year)

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last (Family) Name: _____

Previous Name(s): _____
(Under which transcript or other information may be found, e.g., maiden name)

Current Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ City: _____

State or Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ State or Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No If you are not a citizen of the United States, what nationality do you represent?

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Will you have lived in Alabama for 12 consecutive months by the date you plan to enroll in this graduate program? Yes No
(If you do not answer this question, you will be classified as a non-resident.)

Post MSN Advanced Study Option– Please select practice area and concentration

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List every college or university from which you have received a degree (including UAB).

Name of Institution	State	Dates Attended	Degree	Date Awarded

I have read and understand the provisions of admission as a Post MSN Advance Study Option graduate student, and the information I have given on this form is true and complete. I understand that falsifying information can lead to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the University. Additionally, I have not been suspended from UAB or from any other college or university. Furthermore, I understand that the Student Honor Code applies to all students enrolled in the School of Nursing.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

Instructions to Applicant

After filling out the identifying information in the spaces below, distribute the appropriate number of forms (2) to instructors and others who are qualified to evaluate your qualifications for graduate study.		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (last 4 digits)	DEGREE OR OPTION SOUGHT	
APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME	APPLICANT'S MIDDLE OR MAIDEN NAME	APPLICANT'S LAST NAME
APPLICANT'S FULL ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE		

Request to Evaluator

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students in the same field with whom you have been acquainted.						
	Superior	Very Good	Good	Average	Fair/Poor	No occasion to observe
Depth of Knowledge in Proposed Field of Study						
Motivation and Initiative						
Diligence and Perseverance						
Independence						
Creativity						
Dependability						
Integrity						
Emotional Stability						
Verbal Clarity						
Writing Skills						
Teaching Ability						
Research Ability						
Overall Intellectual Capability						
HOW LONG AND IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?						
PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE APPLICANT AND HIS/HER CAPABILITY FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN THE PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.)						

Name of Evaluator: (Please Print) _____

Signature of Evaluator: _____

Position and/or Title: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: MSN ADMISSIONS, OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, SCHOOL OF NURSING, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM, NB 105, 1530 3RD AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35294-1210

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Signature of Evaluator: _____

Position and/or Title: _____

Address: _____



NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

Prior to registration, all students must present to the UAB Student Health Services Office satisfactory proof of: (1) vaccination for hepatitis B within the preceding seven years, (2) receipt of at least the first dose of the vaccine for hepatitis B, or (3) a confirmed prior illness with hepatitis B. This proof should be submitted along with the health clearance form. Proof that all three doses of the vaccine have been received within six months of the first dose must be presented to the UAB Student Health Services Office for students to continue their studies in the School of Nursing.

Medical Clearance Requirement

Before enrolling for the first term in the Post MSN Advanced Study Option for MSN graduates, all students are required to obtain medical clearance through the UAB Student Health Services Office.

RN Licensure/CPR Requirement

Before enrolling in an advanced practice nursing course, all students must provide proof of current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state in which they will engage in clinical practice and evidence of current CPR (BCLS for Professionals) certification.

TUITION, FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

For up to date information please visit the Graduate School website.

Instructions for Obtaining Medical Clearance for Admission/Enrollment to Graduate Studies at the School of Nursing at UAB

Medical clearance by the UAB Student Health Services Office is **REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION and ENROLLMENT** to the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing.

In order to obtain medical clearance, you must provide all information requested on the Student Health Form http://main.uab.edu/sys/images/pdf/shealthservice/Med_Require.pdf or www.uab.edu/studenthealth) and return it to the UAB Student Health Services Office, 930 South 20th Street, Suite 221, Birmingham, AL 35294-2042 well before your expected time of admission/enrollment.

Your personal physician must complete and sign the third page of this form. A fee of \$5.00 (\$25.00 for International students) will be charged to all incoming nursing students for processing the HEALTH HISTORY and PHYSICAL FORM upon its receipt by the Student Health Service Office. This fee will be charged to your account through the UAB Student Accounting Office.

If you have questions or concerns about the form, the fee, or any other aspect of the medical clearance process, you should contact the UAB Student Health Services Office at (205) 934-3580. Questions concerning your admission status should be directed to the School of Nursing Student Affairs Office at (205) 934-3534.

A health history, immunization, and physical examination form is provided to assist UAB Student Health Services in giving you the best health care while at UAB. **This form must be completed by your personal physician or a physician of your choice prior to your becoming medically cleared.**

Take your time and read over your health forms **carefully**. Filling out your health forms correctly and **attaching photocopied proof** of immunizations and required titer tests to the back of your health form will circumvent any unnecessary delays in your admission/enrollment process. **This medical clearance process usually takes longer to complete than you may estimate, so the sooner you get started the better.** If you need to refill out another health form you may print a new copy from the UAB Student Health Services website:

http://main.uab.edu/sys/images/pdf/shealthservice/Med_Require.pdf or
www.uab.edu/studenthealth

You are encouraged to keep a photocopy of your completed health form and immunization proof for your own records and to resubmit if your original paperwork gets lost in the mail.

In completing your health form you will need the following:

1. Completely fill out your health forms (*please print*).
2. A physical exam is required for your medical clearance and admission/enrollment to the School of Nursing (see your health form).*
3. An initial 2-Step Tuberculin skin test (this is the process of completing two individual tuberculin tests at least 10 days apart and no more than two weeks apart). You will be required to take a 1-Step annually while at UAB.
4. Proof of having two MMR vaccinations (see your health forms for details).
5. Proof of a Tetanus Booster within the past 10 years
6. Start your Hepatitis B vaccine series. You must have at least your first Hepatitis B vaccine prior to your admission/enrollment to the School of Nursing. The Hepatitis A/B combination vaccine is available at UAB Student Health Services if you wish to have additional protection. (Remember that the second vaccine is given 1 month from the first and the third is given 5 months from the second.) Titer testing is required for all those students who have completed their hepatitis B vaccine series.
7. You will need your Hepatitis B surface antibody titer testing (Hbsab-quantitative) preferably 1-2 months after completing your 3rd vaccine. If you have already completed your Hepatitis B vaccines in the past then have your titer test drawn to make sure you are producing adequate antibodies for your protection.
8. Varicella (Chickenpox) Titer testing is required for all students in the School of Nursing. This titer test is required regardless of prior vaccination or disease.

In addition to the health form, you will also find an **application** form and a **waiver** form for health insurance at the UAB Student Health Services website. You are required to **either** 1) subscribe to the University major medical plan or provide proof of comparable insurance by 2) completing the “**Waiver of Medical Center Student’s Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan**” form. For more information regarding the Viva plan, you may go to their website at www.vivahealth.com and view “Mandatory Student Plan.”

If you prefer to have UAB Student Health Services complete your physical, you may call for an appointment at (205) 934-3580. Appointments are limited, so call soon for an available time. The current cost of the physical is \$45.00 with additional charges for any required immunizations and titer testing.

Congratulations on your decision to attend UAB and best of health during your course of study!