What is An Emergency Nursed Practitioner?

The Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) is a master’s-prepared advanced practice nurse who provides care in a variety of locations including urgent care, fast-track, and rural and urban emergency department settings. The ENP works collaboratively with interdisciplinary patient care teams, including those from the prehospital sector, to provide high-quality, evidence-based emergency care for patients of all ages and acuities. Emergency care focuses on provision of expeditious evaluation, assessment of physical findings, diagnosis, treatment and education for a variety of urgent and emergent medical and traumatic conditions. The ENP functions as a healthcare provider, an interdisciplinary leader, and an effective communicator; and promotes evidence-based practice when planning and providing patient care. The ENP is an expert in time management, cost-containment, resource utilization, multitasking, and safety promotion; and must remain current in knowledge and understanding of laws and regulations specific to the provision of emergency care.

Who employs Emergency Nurse Practitioners?

Emergency Nurse Practitioners (ENP) are employed in a wide variety of settings including but not limited to urgent care facilities, fast-track clinics, emergency departments, and emergency transport services.

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

Currently, there are no requirements for clinical experience prior to admission. However, the faculty believes students admitted must have at least one year of professional nursing experience prior to enrolling in the clinical courses. Emergency Department experience is recommended. Your program of study can be planned so that you gain the required experience while 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?

- A nursing degree (BSN or higher) from a regionally accredited institution, equivalent to the one offered by UAB School of Nursing
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum
- An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale either cumulatively or on the last 60 semester credit hours.
- (3) 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 297 on the New 2011 Graduate Record Examination (GRE)’
- Additional – Selected options may require experience prior to enrollment in a specialty courses.* GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver Process: https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/images/stories/info_sa/GRE_MAT_Waiver.pdf
- Approval for the GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver does not imply or guarantee admission to the MSN program. When all of your transcripts are evaluated, if you do not meet the requirements, you will be notified that you need to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT. Candidates not approved for the GRE/GMAT/MAT waiver will be required to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT before final action on their application for master’s study. The School of Nursing at UAB must receive the official score by the posted materials deadline. Applicants for the GRE/GMAT/MAT waiver must meet the same requirements for admission to the MSN program as all other applicants.
- ***The following individuals are not eligible for the GRE waiver process:
  - International applicants
  - Non-Native English speaking applicants
  - Dual degree seeking program applicants MSN/MPH

For International Students:

- Prospective international students are asked to first contact International Recruitment and Student Services at isss@uab.edu, (205), 934-3328, FAX 934-8664 to determine eligibility in order to submit an application into any academic program
- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc www.ece.org OR the World Education Services www.wes.org, sent from the evaluators directly to the School of Nursing
- A degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited educational institution in the United States
- A score of 500 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, TOEFL
- Standardized test score. A minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum

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

You will be notified of your acceptance or denial within 30 days after the application submission deadline.
What are the classroom and clinical requirements?

Total credit hours: 55 hours; didactic hours: 41; clinical hours: 14; total hours of direct patient care: 840

Breakdown of hours:

Core and Support Courses: 18 didactic hours
Specialty: 27 total hours; didactic hours: 17; clinical hours: 10; total hours of direct patient care: 600
Emergency subspecialty: 10 total hours; didactic hours: 6; clinical hours: 4; total hours of direct patient care 240

Descriptive narrative: Didactic content is provided in 6 didactic core and support courses, 4 specialty track courses and 2 emergency nurse practitioner subspecialty courses and provides the student with a strong advanced primary care base for caring for patients with common health problems. Clinical experiences in a variety of emergency care settings offer preparation for the advanced practice role. Students are required to visit the campus in Birmingham, AL for orientation and three multiday intensives, and students must pass a comprehensive examination in order to graduate. Should academic problems arise, an additional on-campus visit may be required.

How many semesters of study are required?

Students who start course work in the summer semester will take seven semesters to complete the program. Students starting in the fall semester will take six semesters to complete the program. The programs of study are listed below.

Distance Accessibility

Applicants to any of our distance-accessible programs should become familiar with the regulations governing distance accessible programs in their state. Prospective students residing in states other than Alabama should contact their state’s Board of Nursing and Department of Education for specific rules and regulations pertaining to completion of clinical learning experiences in that state when enrolled in a distance accessible program. The ability to conduct course work is only guaranteed for student is Alabama and in states with an established agreement.

Will I be able to take a national certification examination when I complete the program of study?

Once you successfully complete the program, you will be awarded a Master of Science in Nursing degree and be able to apply to take a national certification examinations for your specialty. You will also have successfully obtained the didactic education requirements and 240 clinical hours towards requirements to sit for certification.

What is a typical program of study like?

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Total ................................................. 55 credits

Where can I get more information?

Internet website: https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/

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