Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)
PhD Admission Application Instructions

Applying for Admission

The UAB School of Nursing collects applications via the UAB Graduate School Application System called TargetX. Please carefully read all directions below to ensure a smooth and successful application process. Successful application submission relies on careful completion of all application questions, requirements, and compliance with the directions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Please see the below link for the most up to date application deadline information:

CLICK HERE: https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/student-information/acad-prog/application-deadlines

Note: All application materials MUST be received by the published deadlines in order for the application to be considered.

DISTANCE ACCESSIBILITY & YOUR STATE

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) can be completed on-campus or in a distance-accessible format. Applicants who plan to complete 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 students in Alabama and in states with an established agreement.

To check on the status of your state, please click here.

Please follow the instructions carefully.

☐ TargetX Application
  • Submit an application to UAB Graduate School here.
  • Please answer the questions as required:
    ▪ For which of the following are you applying? Doctoral Degree
    ▪ Intended program of study: Nursing (PhD)
    ▪ Concentration: select “Not Applicable – the selected program does not offer concentration options
    ▪ Term: Choose a term of entry (example: Fall 2019)
Complete the TargetX Application and all of the following items

☐ Items to be mailed to the UAB School of Nursing
☐ Request one (1) official transcript from every college or university you ever attended (even if no degree awarded) to be mailed or emailed by the issuing institution to the School of Nursing:

UAB School of Nursing
PhD Applications
NB 1002; 1720 2 nd Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35294-1210
Electronic Transcripts can be emailed to: sontranscripts@uab.edu

(If presently enrolled in a MSN program, have a copy of the current transcript sent in time to be received by the deadline and a final transcript sent when final grades and degree are posted).

▪ Licensure and Certifications
  List all Licensure and Certifications
  ▪ Nursing License
  ▪ CPR certification
  ▪ Advanced Practice Nurse or Eligibility in the state in which you plan to practice (if applicable)

▪ Nursing Employment History
  • List all relevant employment

▪ Educational History
  • List ALL post-secondary colleges or universities that you have attended or are currently attending, beginning with the most recent.

▪ Recommendations: Three (3) letters of professional reference and recommendation forms attesting to the applicant’s potential for graduate study. Suggestions include: healthcare supervisor or manager, faculty (recommended within the last 3 years), and healthcare professionals (not peers or family)

▪ Two Personal Statement/Essays: Upload a personal statement/essays. Specific instructions are given under the “Supplemental Essay” section for required essay content and formatting (please answer all parts of the question)

☐ Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume: Submit a current CV/Resume under the “Documents” section (required essay content and formatting, please answer all parts of the question)

☐ Application Fee: Submit application fee payment online through TargetX via credit card (Domestic applicants and green card holders fee is $50.00 and international applicants is $60.00)
International Applicants:

Along with the requirements listed above, international students will also have to:

- Prospective international students are asked to first contact the UAB International student and Scholar Services at isss@uab.edu, (205) 934-3328, FAX (205) 934-8664 to determine eligibility in order to submit an application into any UAB School of Nursing academic program. **Please note that we cannot ensure program eligibility unless you contact this office.**
- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (www.ece.org) OR the World Education Services (www.wes.org), must be sent directly to the School of Nursing. (see above for transcript instructions)
- 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 score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or combined score of 297 on the New 2011 GRE.
- Possess a nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum

**IT IS THE APPLICANTS RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR THE STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATION ON A REGULAR BASIS. Please use the “Application Dashboard” of the application to monitor the status of your application**

For questions regarding UAB PhD Program:
For additional information on the Nursing program, please contact:

for questions about the curriculum
Dr. Karen Heaton
PhD Program Director
kharp@uab.edu
(205) 996-9467

OR

for questions about the admission process

Ms. Jacqueline Lavier
PhD Program Manager
jlavier@uab.edu
(205) 975-3115