The Post MSN Non-degree 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 planned program of study. A graduate level general pathophysiology course is required prior to entry into the advanced study option.

NOTE: Students pursuing this non-degree option may not qualify for financial aid, if financial aid is dependent on enrollment in a degree seeking program. Please check with your funding sources prior to application. If your funding requires you to be degree seeking, an alternative plan is to apply for a second masters through the online ApplyYourself application at https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uab-grad.

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**

**Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gerontological Primary Care:** 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 the Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Nurse Practitioner Certification Examinations.

**Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gerontological/Women’s Health Primary Care:** Dual Adult-Gerontological and Women’s Health certified nurse practitioners works interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care to adults of both genders and of all ages with specialized knowledge of women’s health. Preparation in these two areas provides the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with more opportunities than preparation in just one area.

**Nurse Practitioner Family Primary Care:** 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.

**Nurse Practitioner Pediatric Primary Care**: 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.

**Nurse Practitioner Psychiatric-Mental Health**: Psychiatric nurse practitioners works interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary mental health care to patients of all ages in communities. 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 mental health problems, management of persistent mental illness, and appropriate and effective collaboration and referral.

**Acute and Continuing Care**

**Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gerontological Acute and Continuing Care**: Adult acute care nurse practitioners 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.

**Nurse Practitioners Neonatal Care**: Neonatal nurse practitioners 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.

**Nurse Practitioner Pediatric Acute and Continuing Care**: Pediatric acute care nurse practitioners 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.

For additional information, contact:

MSN Program Manager
(205) 975-7529
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 Non-degree 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. Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from all colleges or universities attended thereby providing proof of degrees awarded. Also, a resume and essay is required. Describe the reason for selecting the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing for graduate studies in nursing. Explain your plans for pursuing the Post MSN as either a full-time or a part-time student. Briefly summarize your background professional experience relevant to your specialty selection and rationale for the specialty selected and future career goals. Additionally, using APA format, provide a clear and succinct explanation to illustrate the need for master’s prepared nurses in your desired specialty area. Please use evidenced based literature to support your discussion.

Application Fee
The application processing fee for the Post MSN Non-degree Advanced Study Option student is $40.00. A check in the amount of $40.00 should be made payable to the UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING and mailed 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 Non-degree 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 Non-degree 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 go to www.uab.edu/nursing/student-information/tuition-fees.

Academic Standards
Post MSN Non-degree 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 Non-degree Advanced Study Option graduate student does not constitute admission to study leading to the MSN degree in the School of Nursing.
POST MSN NON-DEGREE ADVANCED STUDY OPTION

Admission Requirements
1. Earned masters degree in nursing. (Official transcripts from all colleges are 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. Three personal reference forms.
6. Resume with education and work experience.

PLEASE NOTE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE COURSE WORK YOU MUST:
- Obtain medical clearance; for forms please visit http://www.uab.edu/studenthealth/medical-clearance/school-of-nursing
- Provide proof of OSHA training on Bloodborne Pathogens and TB
- Provide a notarized copy of CPR certification
- Provide a notarized copy 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 Non-degree Advanced Study Option and a $40.00 check made payable to "UAB School of Nursing" to the address at the top of this sheet along with supporting documents.
2. Have an official transcript from every college or university ever attended sent to the address at the top of this page. All official transcript(s) must be mailed directly to UAB SON from the school in which the student attended. Unofficial or officials transcripts sent to UAB SON by students or delivered in person by a student will not be accepted.
3. Distribute evaluation forms to three 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. If additional information is required for your application, you may be contacted by a UAB School of Nursing faculty member. However, most applicants will not need to be contacted.

The application and all supporting documents must be received by the Office of Student Affairs in the School of Nursing by the Master’s in Nursing deadlines as listed on our website at: http://www.uab.edu/nursing/student-information/application-deadlines
For which term are you applying?  □ Fall _______(year)  □ Summer ______(year)

APPLICATION FOR POST MSN NON-DEGREE 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?

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If you are not a United States citizen but have United States permanent residency status, you must give your alien registration card number:

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? (If you do not answer this questions, you will be classified as a non-resident.)  □ Yes □ No

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

Primary Care
□ Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gero Distance Accessible
□ Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gero /Women’s Health Distance Accessible
□ Nurse Practitioner Family Distance Accessible
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□ Nurse Practitioner Psychiatric-Mental Health Distance Accessible

Acute and Continuing Care
□ Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gero Distance Accessible
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□ Nurse Practitioner Pediatric Distance Accessible

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

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I have read and understand the provisions of admission as a Post MSN Non-degree Advanced 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.

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Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

*This information is used for statistical reporting only. The UAB is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.
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Name of Evaluator: (Please Print)_____________________________________________________

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Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: MSN ADMISSIONS, OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, SCHOOL OF NURSING, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM, NB 1002, 1720 2ND AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35294-1210
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NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

Medical Clearance Requirement
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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
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