RN – BSN
MOBILITY PROGRAM
Distance Accessible

The RN-BSN program for registered nurses (RNs) provides an opportunity for advanced placement in the program of nursing studies for individuals with previous nursing knowledge and/or experience. This option is open to any student who has submitted evidence of successful completion of an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program and who is licensed to practice as an RN in the state in which the student will do their student practicum. Upon admission to the School of Nursing, RNs can earn their BSN degree in two semesters if they enter as a full time student; however, the curriculum plan can be individualized for students who choose to decelerate their pace due to other commitments. A plan of 3 to 5 semesters is recommended for students who are employed full-time.

CURRICULUM

The RN-BSN requires a total of 125 semester hours divided as follows: BSN Foundation/General Studies requirements, 59 semester hours; BSN upper division course work of 30 semester hours; block credit of 36 semester hours for previous nursing courses and work experience, which is awarded after successful completion of NUR 474, NUR 475, NUR 381 and NUR 347.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Distance Accessible Courses

Upper division courses in the program are fully distance accessible, offering RN students the flexibility of completing the BSN course work while maintaining their work and family responsibilities. A variety of on-line teaching methods are used including online discussions, web-based activities, and online testing. Faculty are available in person, by phone or in a virtual classroom format. Students are required to attend an on-campus orientation prior to beginning the program.

Leadership Development Practicum

Students complete one practicum course focusing on leadership and management skills. Faculty will work with students in planning individualized experiences to meet the course objectives. Students must complete 90 clinical hours for the leadership practicum course. Students may complete the leadership practicum in their own community.

GETTING STARTED

Admission to the RN to BSN is available in the fall and spring terms. Requirements for admission include:

- Admission to UAB as a Pre-Nursing Mobility Program major. Upon admission to UAB, students are advised to contact the School of Nursing Office of Student Affairs at (205) 975-7529 for an application.
- Admission grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- A grade of at least “C” in Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, Descriptive Statistics and an elective (Area V courses).
- Evidence of successful completion of an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program. Students who enter the program directly from their ADN program must show proof of licensure before beginning their second semester in the program.
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum
- Students may apply and be considered for the program if lacking two or fewer prerequisite courses. All prerequisite courses must be completed before starting their third semester in the program.
- Advisement with the Program Manager whose contact information is listed on the next page (this can be done before applying to UAB).
## RN-BSN COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### General Studies/ BSN Foundation Courses:

*Students with a bachelor's degree in another field are only required to complete Area V pre-requisites.*

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| * Students must complete either a 6 hour sequence of literature OR history. If the student elects to complete a history sequence, the student can take an Area II elective. If the student elects to complete a literature sequence, the student can take an Area IV elective.*

### Upper Division Nursing Curriculum for BSN**

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### Where can I get more information?

Internet website: [http://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/rn-bsn](http://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/rn-bsn)

*General Information about application process and transcript review:*

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