

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATED DEGREE PROGRAM

## **What are the coordinated Master's degree tracks between the School of Nursing and the School of Public Health?**

Three coordinated specialty tracks (Adult Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner) are available to prepare students to develop expertise in a primary care advanced practice nursing specialty of their choice within the School of Nursing. Student will develop expertise from the School of Public Health (SOPH) either focusing on Health Behavior or Health Care Organization & Policy.

## **Who employs graduates of the Coordinated Degree Specialty Track?**

Graduates are qualified for a variety of educational, clinical, and research positions in community nursing and public health care endeavors. The dual degree options build on the synergy generated through two complementary curriculum tracks.

## **Can I specialize further?**

Elective courses are available for knowledge base enhancement in the School of Nursing.

## **What kind of experience do I need prior to entering a coordinated degree track?**

All experience requirements for the Primary Nurse Practitioner population focus specialty track apply to these tracks and can be found on the FACT SHEETS for each specialty track (adult NP, family NP, pediatric NP).

## **What are the Admission Criteria?**

Applications must be made to both the School of Nursing and the School of Public Health through UAB Graduate School. The admission criteria for the School of Nursing MSN program is as follows: Please go to the School of Public Health website for information on their application process

(<http://www.soph.uab.edu/prospective/quick> ).

- A nursing degree (BSN or higher) from a regionally accredited institution, equivalent to the one offered by the School of Nursing at UAB
- 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 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or combined score of 297 on the New 2011 GRE\*
- Additional – Selected options may require experience prior to enrollment in a specialty courses.

\* GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver Process:[http://www.uab.edu/nursing/images/stories/infostudents/GRE\\_MAT\\_waiver.pdf](http://www.uab.edu/nursing/images/stories/infostudents/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.

\*An alternate master's in nursing pathways option is available: <http://www.uab.edu/nursing/student-information/acad-prog/amnp>

**\*\*\*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:**

- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) OR the World Education Services [www.wes.org](http://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).
- If your Visa status is F1 or J1, meet with your course faculty by week 2 of each semester to plan how you will meet Federal Regulations
- Possess a nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum

Procedure for Admission to the [School of Public Health](#) can be found on their web site.

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

You will be notified by Email of your acceptance or denial to the School of Nursing's MSN program within 30 days after the application submission deadline. School of Public Health applicants will be notified by email two weeks after the application is sent to the prospective departments.

**What are the classroom and clinical requirements?**

Didactic and clinical course requirements are found on the specific FACT SHEETS for the School of Nursing. These requirements for the SOPH will vary depending on which coordinated degree is being sought. Some of the SOPH courses are not distance-accessible so classroom attendance is mandated.

**Where can I get more information?**

Internet website: <http://www.uab.edu/nursing>  
or [www.soph.uab.edu](http://www.soph.uab.edu)

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