

## Accelerated Master's Entry to Nursing Pathway (AMNP) for Second Degree Students

The **Accelerated Master's Entry to Nursing Pathway (AMNP)** is an alternate pathway into the existing master's in nursing (MSN degree) for applicants who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing, who are **not** registered nurses, and who seek MSN preparation. Students will transfer into a specialty track after the pre-licensure phase. The AMNP was developed in response to the growing need for well-educated, highly skilled professionals who can manage complexity within clinical environments.

The **Program** is divided into two phases: (I) the Pre-licensure phase and (II) the Master of Science in Nursing, MSN, specialty phase. Students in the Phase I **must be prepared to dedicate 40 hours or more a week** to the coursework and clinical for this program. Students find that it is not feasible for them to work while completing Phase I of this program. Phase I is not a distance accessible program, whereas Phase II may be distance accessible depending on your master's specialty option.

### **Phase I: The pre-licensure phase: 50 Credits, 1395 contact hours**

Phase I consists of 12 months of full time study in which students complete the required courses and clinical experiences equivalent to a BSN degree and are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. Phase I will be an intense learning experience and students will emerge with the knowledge and skills required to function as a registered nurse. Upon successful completion of Phase I requirements, the UAB University Registrar will send a certified letter to the Alabama Board of Nursing stating that students have successfully completed requirements equivalent to a BSN degree and are eligible to take the National Certification Licensure Exam for RNs (NCLEX-RN). Students who successfully complete the NCLEX-RN may apply for licensure and for employment as a Registered Nurse.

### **Phase II: The Master of Science Specialty Phase:**

Phase II consists of four or more semesters of part time study via distance education through the School of Nursing and clinical work as a registered nurse. The typical programs of study are listed on each of the specialty track's individual fact sheet. The spring admission into a master's specialty track will provide you with an estimate length to complete your Master of Science in Nursing degree. **Successful completion of Phase II leads to a Master of Science in Nursing degree (MSN) with eligibility to take a board certification exam in most specialties. Only after successful completion of a board certification exam may the RN use the corresponding designation as part of their professional title.**

### **Admission Criteria**

- **Admission** is based on the applicant's academic record and all application materials at the time of the application deadline. Courses in progress must be validated with a letter from the college or university students are attending.
- **Degree Requirements** - students must complete a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university prior to beginning classes.
- **GPA**- The minimum cumulative **AND** foundational GPA for all AMNP applicants is 3.0 at the time of application. Admission is competitive and is based on space availability. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 does **not guarantee** admission to the School of Nursing. It is strongly recommended that applicants to the School of Nursing demonstrate a **record of full-time study; a minimum number of course repeats/grade forgiveness options, and withdrawals**.
- **GRE/GMAT/MAT Requirement**: Students who have a 3.2 GPA or better may waive this requirement.
- **Test Waiver**: The GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver process allows eligible candidates for master's study to have this requirement waived if they meet the following criteria:
  - Have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. Approval for the waiver does not imply or guarantee admission to the MSN program.
  - The following individuals are not eligible for the waiver process: • International applicant • Non-native English speaking applicants
- **Pre-requisites**: Students are eligible to apply if they will have successfully completed a minimum of 29 semester credit hours by the Application Deadline (September 16, 2011) of the AMNP Pre-requisite Foundation Coursework (listed on the next page). Successful completion of all AMNP *Pre-requisite Foundation Coursework* with a "C" or above, must be met prior to matriculation into the AMNP nursing program. The final minimum cumulative/overall and *Pre-requisite Foundation Coursework* GPA must be a 3.0 or greater. Once you have applied through **Apply Yourself**, and upon receipt of ALL official transcripts, your course work will be evaluated for advisement purposes.
- **A resume**, outlining health care interest/experience, campus/community involvement, leadership, employment will be due by the application deadline. Resumes should not be more than one page in length. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide **proof of work/volunteer experience in a healthcare setting** as part of the application process. The healthcare work is to be documented by letters from a supervisor (on agency letterhead). Completion of a nursing skills course does not meet these criteria.
- **Interviews**: Due to the competitive nature, **not all candidates that qualify for admission will be invited for interviews**. Applicants will be notified if they are invited to participate in the interview round for continued consideration for admission. All interviews will be conducted in November, 2011. You will be given ample time to plan for a trip to campus if you are selected to be interviewed. Students will be notified shortly after the interviews of our admission decision.
- **Applications** are completed through the UAB Graduate School at: <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uab-grad>

Candidates not eligible for the Waiver Process will be required to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT and submit an official score by the application deadline. During the application phase to *Apply Yourself*, you will select a date from the past for the requested date. Upon receipt of the applicant's transcripts, the Office of Student Affairs at the SON will verify with the student that they do not need to take one of the following: GRE/GMAT/MAT.

**Prerequisite AMNP Foundation Courses:**

<u>Courses</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Courses</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>
BY 115	Human Anatomy**	4	BY 116	Human Physiology**	4
BY 261	Microbiology	4	CH 105/106	Chemistry 105/106	4
CH 107/108	Chemistry *	4	MA 105 or 110	Pre-calculus or Finite Math	3
MA 180	Descriptive Statistics	3	PY 212	Developmental Psychology	3
			NTR 222	Nutrition	3

(\*Applies only to students who take microbiology at UAB; otherwise may take any 2<sup>nd</sup> science with a lab excluding geology and astronomy)  
 (\*\* Indicates AMNP Prerequisite coursework that must have been successfully completed within the past seven, 7, years)

**Students offered admission:**

**Prior to the first day of class**

- Those accepted will need to complete the UAB medical history questionnaire and physical, provide proof of required immunizations, and receive a satisfactory screening by the UAB Medical Center Student Health Service. Medical Clearance may be completed during orientation.
- CPR certification will be required. Below is a list of agencies that may provide you with this service. Please note that CPR training is also available during orientation.
  - American Heart Association's Healthcare Provider Course (Course C or BLSC)
  - American Red Cross' Professional Rescuer Course

**Peace Corps Fellows Program**

The School of Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is designated as a Peace Corps Fellows program. The goal of the Peace Corps (PC) Fellows Program is to help returning Peace Corps Volunteers build on the skills they acquired during their Peace Corps service and to pursue a career in nursing. These Peace Corps Fellows will be placed in internships in underserved U.S. communities to promote better understanding on the part of Americans by developing educational partnerships, and allow them to use their skills and expertise to address problems related to health disparities and lack of access to health care in Alabama.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) who apply to the AMNP program are eligible to apply for designation as Peace Corps Fellows. Each year, up to two fellows are chosen to receive scholarship support during their first year of the AMNP upon successful completion of the first semester. In addition, fellows have opportunities for pursuing their clinical placements in underserved communities to focus on addressing health disparities and limited access to health services. Fellows and other RPCVs are invited to participate in seminars and programs throughout the year in which they share their experiences with one another and with other faculty and students at UAB.

<b>First Year Program of Study</b>								
<b>Spring Term</b>			<b>Summer Term</b>			<b>Fall Term</b>		
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 512	Pathophysiology	4	NUR 513	Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3	NUR 509	Nursing in Communities	2
NUR 514	Health Assessment	3	NUR 505	Nursing Care of Adults	4	NUR 510L	Clinical Practice in Communities	2
NUR 501	Foundations of Professional Nursing	3	NUR 507	Promoting Healthy Childbearing and Childrearing Families	3	NUR 515	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2
NUR 504L	Concepts and Skills for Professional Nursing	2	506L	Clinical Practice with Adult Patients	4	NUR 516L	Clinical Practice in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	2
NUR 502L	Foundations of Clinical Practice	3	NUR 508L	Clinical Practice with Childbearing and Childrearing Families	3	NUR 503	Nursing Care of Older Adults	3
						NUR 517	Leadership in Professional Nursing	2
						NUR 518L	Synthesis Practicum in Nursing	5

  

<b>Second Year Program of Study (Using a typical Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track)</b>								
<b>Spring Term</b>			<b>Summer Term</b>			<b>Fall Term</b>		
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 600Q	Research Design and Inferential Statistics	4	NUR 601	Role Development for Adv. Nursing Practice	3	NUR 613	Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3
NUR 643Q	Nursing Informatics	3	NUR 612	Advanced Pathology	3	NUR 614	Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	4

  

<b>Third Year Program of Study (Using a typical Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track)</b>								
<b>Spring Term</b>			<b>Summer Term</b>			<b>Fall Term</b>		
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Nxx 621	Advanced Nursing I	5	Nxx 622	Advanced Nursing II	5	Nxx 692L	Residency	6
Nxx 685L	Practicum I	3	Nxx 686L	Practicum II	3	NUR 602	Issue Affecting Adv. Nursing Practice	3

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