

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

## Getting Started

- **Traditional Student**
  - First-time college students who complete the first two years at UAB and then apply for admission to the School of Nursing for the upper-division nursing curriculum
  - Work with an assigned UAB Advisor during your progression at the university
  - Students who complete their prerequisites at UAB may qualify for priority consideration for admission to the upper-division nursing curriculum
- **Transfer Student**
  - Students who transfer from another university or two-year community college and complete all foundation and prerequisite courses elsewhere, then apply first through UAB Admissions, and then to the School of Nursing for the upper-division nursing major.
  - BSN foundational and general studies courses are the same as those taken by students who complete all course work at UAB
  - Two separate applications are required: one to the university and the second to the School of Nursing
  - Students in this option will be assigned a UAB Advisor who will assist them in determining eligibility for application into the upper-division nursing major
- **Second Degree**
  - Students who have completed a previous undergraduate degree outside of the nursing discipline and who meet the UAB criteria for regular undergraduate admission
  - Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing major that was earned at an accredited school or university, and the first degree must have been based upon at least 120 semester hours of earned credit
  - Students in this option must first apply to UAB where they are assigned a UAB Advisor who will assist them in determining eligibility for application to the upper-division major
- Your nursing education at UAB begins with the foundation courses in the arts, sciences, and humanities that provide the base for the upper division courses in nursing during the junior and senior years. A minimum grade of “C” in the pre-nursing courses and an overall GPA and a pre-nursing course GPA of at least 2.75 is required to be considered for application review and maintained through admission. Meeting the minimum requirements does not constitute admission into the nursing program.
- Submit all material and adhere to the same deadlines and requirements as all other undergraduate BSN applicants
- Advisement with an assigned UAB Advisor is a requirement for application to the School of Nursing
- Once admitted as an undergraduate student to UAB, you will be notified through an offer of admission letter to contact your assigned advisor in the UAB Advising at (205) 975-7529 for students with a GPA  $\geq 3.0$ , and for student with a GPA  $< 3.0$  at 205-934-8184 with the Vulcan Materials Academic Success Center for academic advisement. The UAB Advisor will also explain the requirements and process for admission to the BSN Program.
- Admission decisions are based on your academic record, supporting documents, and BSN application at the time of the deadline
- You are strongly encouraged to provide proof of work/volunteer experience in a healthcare setting as part of the application process. This experience is not required for admission but may factor into the admission decision.

## Pre-Nursing Course Requirements

<b>Area I: Written Composition</b>		<b>6 hours total</b>	<b>Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts</b>		<b>12 hours total</b>
EH 101	English Composition I	3	Literature*		3 (or 6)*
EH 102	English Composition II	3	Arts		3
			Humanities		3
			Area II Elective		3
<b>Area III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics</b>		<b>11 hours total</b>	<b>Area IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences</b>		<b>12 hours total</b>
CH 105/106	Inorganic Chemistry	4	PY 101	Psychology	3
CH 107/108	Organic Chemistry**	4**	PY 212	Developmental Psychology	3
MA 105 or 110	Pre-Calculus or Finite Math	3	History*		3 (or 6)*
			Area IV Elective		3
<b>Area V: Additional Pre-Nursing Requirements</b>		<b>18 hours total</b>	<b>Additional Pre-Nursing Requirements NUR 100 or other approved FYE course</b>		<b>2 hours total</b>
BY 115	Human Anatomy	4	<b>TOTAL: 61 hours</b> * Student needs either a <u>6-hour sequence</u> of literature or history. ** Students may otherwise take any additional science with lab (excluding Geology and Astronomy).		
BY 116	Human Physiology	4			
BY 261	Microbiology	4			
NTR 222	Nutrition	3			
	Descriptive Statistics	3			

## Programs

**The Dean's Nursing Scholars Program** – This program insures entering freshmen directly out of high school with a guarantee of admission during the next year's admission into the School of Nursing upon successful completion of the required undergraduate pre-nursing foundation and core classes.

- Eligibility**
- A high school senior with a composite ACT score of 25 or above or an equivalent composite SAT score.
  - A minimum high school grade point average of 3.2 in the academic classes required for admissions to UAB.
  - Admission through the UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions
  - Applies to UAB into a pre-nursing major

**The UAB School of Nursing Honors Program** – Applications are accepted once a student has gained admission into the School of Nursing. The Honors Program allows for research experiences that engage students, faculty, and staff with the community to identify and meet community needs and to enhance academic and civic learning.

*Benefits - Students who successfully complete the Honors Program will receive a certificate of acknowledgement at the UAB Honors Convocation and will graduate "With Honors in Nursing." Students who participate in both the UAB Honors Program and the School of Nursing Honors Program will graduate "With University Honors in Nursing."*

### BSN-Upper Division Nursing Studies (5 semesters)

**Fall / Spring Admission** (nursing students complete their studies in five consecutive semesters including the summer terms)

Semester 1		Sem Hrs	Semester 2		Sem Hrs
NUR 310	Concepts of Professional Nursing	3	NUR 321L	Nursing Skills Development II	1
NUR 311L	Nursing Skills Development I	2	NUR 322	Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing	3
NUR 312L	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	2	NUR 323L	Concepts of Behavioral Health Nursing	2
NUR 313L	Concepts of Professional Nursing	2		Practicum	3
	Practicum	2	NUR 326	Concepts in Adult Health Nursing I	2
NUR 315	Population Focused Health Care	3	NUR 327L	Concepts in Adult Health Nursing I	2
NUR 318	Pathophysiologic Concepts			Practicum	2
			NUR 328	Pharmacotherapy I	
			NUR 336	Leadership	
Semester 3		Sem Hrs	Semester 4		Sem Hrs
NUR 388	Concepts in Adult Health Nursing II	3	NUR 392	Concepts of Maternal Child Health Nursing	4
NUR 389L	Concepts in Adult Health Nursing II	2	NUR 393L	Concepts of Maternal Child Health Nursing	3
	Practicum	2		Practicum	
NUR 338	Pharmacotherapy II	2	NUR 410	Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	2
NUR 409Q	Health Care & Information Technology	2	NUR 426	Concepts of Complex Nursing	2
NUR 428	Concepts of Community & Public Health	2	NUR 427L	Concepts of Complex Nursing Practicum	2
	Nursing		NUR 431L	Nursing Skills Development III	1
NUR 429L	Concepts of Community & Public Health				
	Nursing Practicum				
Semester 5		Sem Hrs	<u>Please Note:</u>		
NUR 447L	Synthesis and Assimilation Practicum	4	Students may deviate from this curriculum plan only with permission from the BSN Program Director.  Q = Web-based, L = Lab or Clinical		
NUR 449	Synthesis Review	1			
NUR 448	Transition to Professional Nursing	2			
NUR	Nursing Elective	3			

Students that successfully complete the program requirements will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

### Where can I get more information?

Internet Website: [www.uab.edu/son](http://www.uab.edu/son)

#### UAB Advisement

**UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions**  
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