

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for Second Degree Students

Individuals who have completed a previous undergraduate degree, outside the field of nursing, and who have met the UAB criteria for regular undergraduate admissions, may be considered for admission to the School of Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

### GETTING STARTED

Admission to the Second Degree BSN option is available in the fall and spring terms. Students who wish to apply as a second-degree student must have earned at least a bachelor's degree in a major other than nursing at a regionally accredited institution based on at least 120 semester hours of accredited work.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING for SECOND DEGREE STUDENTS:

- Bachelor's degree (120 hours of coursework) from an accredited institution
- Admission to UAB
- Advisement through a UAB Advisor
- A minimum grade of "C" in the pre-nursing foundation courses (32 hours)
- A pre-nursing foundation course GPA of at least 2.75 **and** an overall GPA of 2.75

#### OR

A pre-nursing foundation course GPA of at least a **2.75 and** a **GRE General Test** score of:

- a combined score of 297 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)\*
- 4 or better on the analytical writing skills portion

#### Additionally-

- **A resume**, outlining health care interest/experience, campus/community involvement, leadership, employment, etc. will be due by the application deadline. Resumes should not be more than one page in length and should only include activities from the past two years.
- 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.
- Admission decisions are based on your academic record, supporting documents, and BSN application at the time of the application deadline.

**Note:** Meeting the minimum requirements does not constitute admission into the nursing program.

### STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

**STEP 1:** Gain admission to the University of Alabama at Birmingham as a degree-seeking student through the UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The on-line application for the UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions is available at <http://www.uab.edu/students/admissions> along with contact information.

**STEP 2:** 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. At the scheduled appointment, the UAB Advisor will review your academic record in order to establish a plan for the sequencing of the pre-nursing courses that need to be completed before admission to the School of Nursing. The UAB Advisor will also explain the requirements and process for admission to the BSN Program. **Your assigned UAB Advisor will provide you with an application for the Nursing School upon scheduled completion of all pre-nursing foundation coursework.**

**STEP 3:** Submit all required documentation and adhere to the same deadlines/requirements as all other undergraduate BSN applicants.

## Pre-Nursing Course Requirements:

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

\* Students may otherwise take any additional science with lab (excluding Geology and Astronomy).

## Program

**The UAB School of Nursing Honors Program** – Applications are accepted once a student has gained admission into the School of Nursing, and 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.

### 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 Practicum	2
NUR 313L	Concepts of Professional Nursing Practicum	2	NUR 326	Concepts in Adult Health Nursing I	3
NUR 315	Population Focused Health Care	2	NUR 327L	Concepts in Adult Health Nursing I Practicum	2
NUR 314	Pathophysiologic Concepts	3	NUR 328	Pharmacotherapy I	2
			NUR 336	Leadership	2
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 Practicum	2	NUR 393L	Concepts of Maternal Child Health Nursing Practicum	3
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 Nursing	2	NUR 427L	Concepts of Complex Nursing Practicum	2
NUR 429L	Concepts of Community & Public Health Nursing Practicum	2	NUR 431L	Nursing Skills Development III	1
Semester 5		Sem Hrs	<b><u>Please Note:</u></b>		
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			

### 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 to promote better understanding on the part of Americans by developing educational partnerships.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) who apply to the BSN for Second Degree Students are eligible to apply for designation as Peace Corps Fellows.

### Where can I get more information?

Internet Website: <http://www.uab.edu/son>

#### UAB Advisement

**UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions**  
(205) 934-8221  
1-800-421-8743  
[www.uab.edu](http://www.uab.edu)

**School of Nursing Advisors** (GPA  $\geq$  3.0)  
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205-975-7529 | Nursing Building

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