



GRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

An Initiative to.... Transform the Health of Alabama

The UAB School of Nursing (SON) wants to improve the quality of life for all Alabamians, especially those who have limited health care access. Through targeted programs, the school is devoted to increasing the number of primary care nurse practitioners (NPs), building partnerships to break down barriers, and increasing access to health care in rural and underserved areas.

In Alabama, 55 of the state's 67 counties are rural and 62 counties have a shortage of primary care providers. This health professional shortage affects more than 1.6 million Alabamians. With support from the Daniel Foundation of Alabama, the UAB School of Nursing is working to overcome one of the most challenging issues facing our state by training providers who want to live and serve in these rural areas.

Graduate Students who are Primary Care Scholars (GNEPCS) will:

- Have opportunities to gain clinical experience in rural health practice settings in Alabama with primary care providers
- Participate in monthly mentoring sessions led by Pam Carver, CRNP, program director. These will provide opportunities for students to share clinical experiences, as well as discuss "timely topics" in rural health and have guest speakers. (Distance accessible)
- Be encouraged to grow as advocates for improving access and patient care in rural Alabama by participating in opportunities to network and engage at the local, state, and national level in organizations, such as the UAB chapter of the Alabama Student Rural Health Association.
- Have access to content specifically created by expert practitioners for primary care providers currently practicing in rural Alabama
- Participate in our GNEPCS Annual Summit, which will be a tremendous opportunity for face-to-face networking, hands-on skills training, and learning from experts in rural health.

If you are currently in one of our primary care NP tracks and intend to practice in a rural area of Alabama after graduation, we would encourage you to consider applying. Although the program is not a scholarship and does not provide additional funding for your education, it will provide opportunities for students to gain more knowledge and experience and better prepare for practice in rural Alabama.

Please contact us for additional information.

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