

Nurse Practitioner Oncology Nurse Practitioner Subspecialty Courses *Distance Accessible*

What is an Oncology Nurse Practitioner?

The Nurse Practitioner with Oncology subspecialty works interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary and oncology health care to adults of all ages with specialized knowledge of oncology.

Who employs Oncology Nurse Practitioners?

Oncology Nurse Practitioners are employed in primary health care clinics, infusion centers, offices associated with hospitals, and private oncology practices. They may work in clinics that provide care to an adult population and their families.

What kind of experience do I need prior to entering the course work?

The faculty strongly encourages students to have at least one year of professional nursing experience prior to enrolling in the advanced nursing clinical courses. Oncology experience is preferred. Your program of study can be arranged so that you can gain the required experience while you are taking prerequisite courses.

What are the admission criteria?

- A nursing degree (MSN or higher) from a regionally accredited institution, equivalent to the one offered by UAB School of Nursing
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum
- 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 297 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) *

* GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver Process: https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/images/stories/info_sa/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.

*****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:

- This program is distance-accessible and therefore ***not*** eligible for applicants who plan to enter the US in F-1 or J-1 student status.
- If you plan to enroll in the MSN program in an immigration status other than F or J, please email International Student & Scholar Services at iss@uab.edu for confirmation of your eligibility for the program.
- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc www.ece.org OR the World Education Services 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 297 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum

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

You will be notified of your acceptance or denial within 60 days after the application submission deadline.

What are the classroom and clinical requirements?

Total credit hours: 17 hours; didactic hours: 11; clinical hours: 6; total hours of direct patient care: 360

Descriptive narrative: Didactic content is provided in Oncology Nursing specialty courses and provides the student with a strong advanced primary care base for caring for patients with common health problems. Clinical experiences in a variety of primary care and specialty clinic settings offer extensive preparation for the advanced practice role. Students are required to visit the campus in Birmingham, AL for 3 multiday intensives. Should academic problems arise, an additional on-campus visit may be required.

How many semesters of study are required?

Students who start course work in the summer semester will take four semesters to complete the program. The programs of study are listed below.

Distance Accessibility

Applicants to any of our distance-accessible programs should become familiar with the regulations governing distance accessible programs in their state. Prospective students residing in states other than Alabama should contact their state’s Board of Nursing and Department of Education for specific rules and regulations pertaining to completion of clinical learning experiences in that state when enrolled in a distance accessible program. The ability to conduct course work is only guaranteed for student is Alabama and in states with an established agreement.

Will I be able to apply to take a nurse practitioner certification examination when I complete the program?

Once you successfully complete the program, you will have obtained the didactic educational requirements to apply towards the portfolio towards a national certification examinations for your specialty. You will also have successfully obtained the didactic education requirements and 360 clinical hours of the required 500 supervised clinical hours for your examination toward Certification as an Advanced Oncology Nurse Practitioner.

How do I become eligible to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in my state of residence?

Nurse Practitioners are licensed by the states in which they practice and are subject to the rules and regulations thereof. You will need to contact your state’s board of nursing to determine their requirements.

What is a typical program of studies for Oncology Nurse Practitioner specialty course work?

Coursework

ONC 621	Advanced Practice Nursing for Oncology Care	3	Summer
ONC 622	Cancer Assessment, Diagnosis and Management.....	2	<u>Summer Year 1</u>
ONC 685	Practicum I: Oncology Nurse Practitioner.....	2	ONC 621
ONC 623	The effects of Cancer and Cancer Therapies.....	3	<u>Fall Year 1</u>
ONC 686	Practicum II: Oncology Nurse Practitioner.....	2	ONC 622
ONC 692	Residency: Oncology Nurse Practitioner.....	2	ONC 685
	Total	14 credits	<u>Spring Year 1</u>
			ONC 623
			ONC 686
			<u>Summer Year 2</u>
			ONC 692

Where can I get more information?

Internet website: <https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/>

General information about the application process

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