

# NURSE EDUCATOR SUBSPECIALTY COURSES

## *Distance Accessible*

### **What is a Nurse Educator?**

The Nurse Educator (NE) is prepared to teach nursing and patient care in a variety of settings. The NE designs and implements educational programs for specific populations including patients, families, nursing students, technical students, and continuing education for nurses.

### **Who employs the Nurse Educator?**

The NE may be employed to teach in a University or College setting as an Instructor of Nursing. A variety of other employment opportunities exist within hospital and agency settings. In hospitals, the NE may work through the Nursing Administration department to provide education for health care teams throughout the medical center. The NE may be based in a Continuing Education Department, or with a specific hospital unit such as the critical care unit. Specialized agencies such as neurology or cardiovascular associates may employ the NE for teaching their patients.

### **What kind of nursing experience do I need prior to entering the program?**

Applicants to this course work are recommended to have at least one year of professional nursing or primary care experience in an area of medical or surgical nursing prior to enrolling in the advanced nursing clinical courses. Your program of study can be arranged so that you can gain the required experience while you are taking 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](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:**

- Prospective international students are asked to first contact International Recruitment and Student Services at [iss@uab.edu](mailto:iss@uab.edu), (205), 934-3328, FAX 934-8664 to determine eligibility in order to submit an application into any academic program.
- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) OR the World Education Services [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org), sent from the evaluators directly to the School of Nursing
- A degree equivalent to a master's degree in nursing 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

**Descriptive narrative:** Advanced nursing didactic content is provided in 5 courses and provides the student with a base of knowledge about patient care at an advanced level.

**How many semesters of study are required?**

Students who start course work in the summer or fall semester will take three 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 students in Alabama and in states with an established agreement. For up-to-date information on current state authorization statuses go to <http://www.uab.edu/online/state-authorization>.

**How do I become eligible to practice as an NE in my state of residence?**

Nurses are licensed by the states in which they practice and are subject to the rules and regulations of that state’s practice act. You will need to contact your state’s board of nursing to learn their particular requirements.

**What is a typical program of study like?**

<u>Coursework</u>		<u>Program of Study Option</u>	
NTC 660	Foundations in Nursing Education..... 3	Summer	Fall
NTC 658	Simulation and Technologies for Student Learning ..... 3	<b>Summer Year 1</b>	<b>Fall Year 1</b>
		NTC 660	NTC 650
NTC 650	Instructional Strategies in Teaching Nursing .... 3		NTC 658
NTC 652	Curriculum and Program Development ..... 3	<b>Fall Year 1</b>	<b>Spring Year 1</b>
NTC 654	Evaluation of Instruction in Nursing ..... 3	NTC 650	NTC 652
		NTC 658	NTC 654
	<b>Total .....15 credits</b>	<b>Spring Year 1</b>	<b>Summer Year 1</b>
		NTC 652	NTC 660
		NTC 654	

**Where can I get more information?**

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

**General information about the application process**

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