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School of Nursing

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THE SCHOOL OF NURSING, established in 1979, offers a program of study leading to the bachelor of science in nursing. The nursing curriculum prepares beginning professional nurse generalists who are capable of functioning as members of the healthcare team in providing care for individuals and groups in diverse settings. The program also provides an educational base for advancement in formal study, research and practice. The facilities and resources of the university are used to provide a broad academic background in the humanities and sciences. Graduates are eligible to make application to the NCLEX-RN examination to become registered nurses.

A pre-professional program in Nursing Science is required of students seeking admission to the professional curriculum. The first two years of course work are designated Pre-Nursing (PNUR). The Professional Curriculum requires five terms including 1-2 summer terms, depending on the semester of admission. The Curriculum includes classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences.

Admission

Freshman eligibility is determined by the Office of Enrollment Services. Admission requirements are stated elsewhere in this Bulletin. High school mathematics, chemistry and biology courses are strongly recommended, along with other college preparatory courses in social science, history, literature and English composition. Students are strongly encouraged to see the academic advisor in the School of Nursing on a regular basis.

Transfers from other institutions must apply through the Office of Enrollment Services. Review of transcripts by the School of Nursing will determine the amount of credit allowed for the pre-nursing requirements. Students planning to transfer from other universities are encouraged to contact the School of Nursing as soon as possible for advisement on transfer of credits. Students must possess the functional ability to perform the skills and behaviors required of a professional nurse. These abilities include but are not limited to:

1. Adequate vision, such as that required to observe changes in physical conditions, to read small print on labels and markings on syringes, and to discern subtle changes in color;
2. Adequate hearing, such as that required to distinguish muted sounds through a stethoscope;
3. Fine motor skills and manual dexterity, such as that required to handle small, delicate equipment;
4. Strength to turn and assist with lifting adults, and to lift and carry children;
5. The mobility to respond quickly in emergency situations;
6. The ability to communicate and interact effectively with others, orally and in writing;
7. The ability to detect odors; and
8. The ability to read independently and to comprehend the written word.

Professional Program

Admission to the professional program occurs in both Fall and Summer. Pre-nursing students must formally apply for admission to the professional program, typically during the sophomore year, and meet the deadlines and requirements for the admission cycle as posted on the AUSON website: https://cws.auburn.edu/Nursing/pm/transition. To be eligible for consideration for an interview and admission, applicants must have completed at least 3 of the 5 required science courses in the pre-nursing curriculum and have no more than 22 hours of pre-nursing coursework outstanding. Criteria considered for admission include unadjusted pre-nursing GPA, science GPA, number of hours completed at Auburn, successful completion (C or better) of all pre-nursing requirements and interview score. While the GPA to be considered for an interview is an overall unadjusted GPA of 2.5 or higher, interviews will be granted based on the overall unadjusted GPA of the pool of applicants and in reality a higher GPA may be required to interview. Applicant interviews will be conducted once per year in February. Due to limited enrollment, all students who meet minimum requirements may not be interviewed or admitted.

Students will be notified of admission decisions in writing by March 1. Those applicants admitted must successfully complete all pre-nursing courses with a C or higher before entering the upper division.

Application for RN Licensure

Following successful completion of the registered nursing program, the graduate will apply for RN Licensure in Alabama or another state and follow all procedures as stipulated by the state board of nursing.
Academic Regulations

Advanced placement credit in pre-nursing courses is granted according to university policies stated elsewhere in the Bulletin. No advanced standing is allowed in the natural sciences by the School of Nursing. Proficiency examinations or Advanced Placement (CEEB), with accepted score, may be used for advanced placement.

A minimum grade of C is required in pre-nursing courses. Transfer credit will not be granted for courses in which a grade less than C is earned.

In the professional program, a minimum grade of C, or Satisfactory in all courses, must be achieved. An overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained for progression through the professional program. Because the professional nursing curriculum is designed for progressive development of nursing knowledge and skills, students who earn an Unsatisfactory or grade less than C in a professional program course are not allowed to progress to the next clinical course. The course in which the student earns a grade less than C or Unsatisfactory may be repeated one time only. Students who earn a grade less than C or Unsatisfactory in two or more professional program courses or whose GPA falls below a 2.0 will be dropped from the professional program and are not eligible for readmission. Transfer credit is not generally allowed for courses in the professional program.

The Professional Program

Facilities

The School of Nursing is housed in the nursing building located at 710 South Donahue Drive. Clinical nursing experiences are conducted at acute care, community and long-term care facilities in a variety of locations. Students are responsible for complying with policies and procedures required by agencies in which clinical experiences are completed.

Expenses

Students accepted into the professional program should expect to incur additional expenses including a professional fee associated with the clinical courses. Uniforms, equipment, transportation to clinical sites, smart phone devices with the capability of retrieving required information, laptop with designated specifications, standardized exams and software, NCLEX reviews, a health examination and liability and health insurance coverage are among the requirements. Students are required to have a current drug screen and background check. The costs of such requirements will be the responsibility of the student. Additional information is located on the AUSON website: https://cws.auburn.edu/shared/files?id=201&filename=Detailed%20Nursing%20Expenses%20Per%20Semester_4.17.17.pdf

Accreditation

The School of Nursing operates with full approval of the Alabama Board of Nursing and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, (202) 887-6791, http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation.

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Courses

NURS 2017 HONORS INTRO TO NURSING (2) LEC. 2. Pr. Honors College. Study of professional nursing's role as the foundation of the health care system.
NURS 2023 DOSAGE CALCULATION AND MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS (1) DSL. Provides fundamental dosage calculation and medical terminology concepts essential for professional nursing and/or healthcare practice. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 2 credit hours.

NURS 3110 THEORETICAL CONCEPTS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE (3) LEC. 3. Coreq. NURS 3141 and NURS 3130. Exploration of essential professional nursing concepts.

NURS 3120 NURSING PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Coreq. NURS 3130 and NURS 3141. Admission to the School of Nursing Upper Division. Pathophysiological concepts that guide nursing professionals in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care for patients across the lifespan.

NURS 3130 EVIDENCE BASED SKILLS, ASSESSMENT, AND HEALTH PROMOTION (4) LEC. 4. Coreq. NURS 3141 and NURS 3110. Integration of current evidence to guide nursing skills, assessment, and health promotion.

NURS 3141 CONCEPTS AND EVIDENCE BASED SKILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL PRACTICE (3) LAB. 9. SU. Coreq. NURS 3130 and NURS 3110. Application of foundational nursing concepts, skills, and assessment across the lifespan in diverse settings with emphasis on health promotion.

NURS 3210 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Pr. NURS 3120 or NURS 3123. Nurse's role in therapeutic pharmacology.


NURS 3231 PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS: ACUTE CARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN - CLINICAL (4) LAB. 12. SU. Pr. NURS 3123 or NURS 3120. Application of concepts inherent in the delivery of nursing care for acutely ill individuals and their families.


NURS 3730 PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS: MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 3110 and NURS 3130 and NURS 3141. Coreq. NURS 3730. Concepts inherent in the delivery of nursing care for mentally ill individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan.

NURS 3731 PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS: MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN CLINICAL (2) LAB. 2. SU. Pr. NURS 3110 and NURS 3130 and NURS 3141. Coreq. NURS 3730. Clinical application of concepts inherent in the delivery of nursing care for mentally ill individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan.

NURS 3813 HOLISTIC NURSING PATHOPHYSIOLOGY & HEALTH ASSESSMENT (6) DSL. 6. Coreq. NURS 3843. Pathophysiological concepts that guide professional nurses in assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of holistic care for patients across the lifespan.


NURS 3843 FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE (5) DSL. 5. Coreq. NURS 3813. Admission to the School of Nursing RN to BSN Program. Examines concepts, theories, and competencies fundamental to the formation of professional nursing practice.

NURS 3940 HEALTHCARE AND LEADERSHIP IN NURSING ABROAD (3) LEC. 45. LAB. 0. Pr. NURS 3230 and NURS 3330. Study abroad learning opportunity to explore healthcare, culture, cultural values, nursing leadership, and nursing regulation in Seville, Spain.

NURS 3970 SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING (3) LEC. 3. Focused study plan designed for students who are out of sequence in the professional nursing curriculum. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.
NURS 4110 CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Theories and concepts of care of children with special needs and/or chronic health problems.

NURS 4120 CAMP NURSING (2) LAB. 6. SU. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Clinical experience in the care of children with chronic conditions in a camp setting.

NURS 4130 NURSING THE ART OF CARING (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Philosophical, social, and ethical principles inherent in the practice of professional nursing. Emphasis is on caring as a philosophy to guide clinical practice.

NURS 4140 CONTEMPORARY HEALTH ISSUES OF WOMEN (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Exploration of the health care delivery system as it pertains to women.

NURS 4150 HUMAN SEXUALITY IN HEALTH AND ILLNESS (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Human sexuality in relation to the health-illness continuum. Sexuality across the lifespan.

NURS 4160 SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVES IN NURSING (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Use of the nursing process to help clients with various spiritual orientations meet spiritual needs.

NURS 4170 CARDIOLOGY FOR NURSES (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Emphasis on the nurse's role in the management of clients with cardiovascular disorders.

NURS 4180 TRAUMA NURSING (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. A broad overview of the specialty of trauma nursing and the multiple factors that affect patient care in an emergency or trauma situation.

NURS 4190 AIDS: A SOCIAL EPIDEMIC (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. The psychosocial, physical, emotional, ethical, legal, behavioral, and changing health care needs of clients, families, aggregates and populations as a result of AIDS.

NURS 4210 APPLIED CLINICAL NUTRITION FOR NURSES (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NUFS 2000 or NTRI 2000 or NTRI 2003 or NTRI 2007. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Interdependent function of the nurse as a provider of nutritional care for the individual.

NURS 4220 INTEGRATIVE HEALING THERAPIES (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Theoretical and empirical bases for the use of selected interventions in clinical nursing practice.

NURS 4230 PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS: CHRONIC AND COMPLEX CONDITIONS (5) LEC. 5. Pr. NURS 3120 or NURS 3123. Coreq. NURS 4231. Concepts inherent in the delivery of nursing care for individuals, families, and populations with chronic and/or complex conditions.

NURS 4231 PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS: CHRONIC AND COMPLEX CONDITIONS - CLINICAL (5) LAB. 15. SU. Pr. NURS 3120 or NURS 3123. Coreq. NURS 4230. Applications of concepts inherent in the delivery of nursing care for individuals, families, and populations with chronic and/or complex conditions.

NURS 4240 CULTURAL EXPEDITIONS IN HEALTH CARE (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Hands-on experience with different aspects of culture including an overnight stay in a replica of a third world global village.

NURS 4250 COMPLICATIONS OF OBSTET NURSIN (2) LEC. 2. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Concepts and theories underlying nursing care of complications of the childbearing family.

NURS 4260 MENTORING IN NURSING (2) LEC. 1. LAB. 3. Pr. NURS 3720 and NURS 3721. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. Theoretical and practical aspects of peer mentoring.

NURS 4270 PERIOPERATIVE NURSING (2) LEC. 1. LAB. 6. Pr., Senior-level student in Nursing. A broad overview focusing on the specialty area of peri-operative nursing and the multiple factors that will impact patient care from the preoperative phase through the recovery phase. Fall.

NURS 4280 ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY (2) LEC. 2. Theoretical foundations and guidelines for practice of animal-assisted therapy.

NURS 4290 EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 3230. Application of appropriate research findings and other evidence to influence nursing practice.

NURS 4310 INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 3230. Nursing student collaboration with pharmacy professional practice teams in delivering care to patients in their home environments.
NURS 4810 PROFESSIONAL NURSING LEADERSHIP IN MICROSYSTEMS (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 3230 and NURS 3231. The study of leadership and management concepts for direct patient care.

NURS 4833 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING (3) DSL. 3. Pr. NURS 3813 and NURS 3843. Coreq. NURS 3833. Admission into Online RN-to-BSN Program. Addresses evidence-based leadership/management competencies for the professional nurse working with interprofessional team.

NURS 4843 TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE (6) DSL. 6. Pr. NURS 4833 and NURS 3833. Coreq. NURS 4853. Admission into Online RN-to-BSN Program. Integrate past nursing practice and acquired knowledge, skills, and attitudes for transition to the professional nursing role.


NURS 4900 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING (1-6) IND. Directed readings and/or clinical study in student-selected areas related to nursing. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

NURS 4930 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT (1) LEC. 1. LAB. 15. Pr. (NURS 3130 or NURS 3220) and NURS 4230 and NURS 4231. Coreq. NURS 4911 and NURS 4910. Capstone course for a community assessment project completed throughout the nursing program.

NURS 4970 SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING (1-4) STU. SU. Focused study plan designed for students who have not met an identified curricular benchmark. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credit hours.

NURS 4997 HONORS THESIS (1-3) IND. Pr. Honors College. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credit hours.

NURS 7110/7116 ADVANCED PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT/APPLIED CLINICAL CONCEPTS I (3) LEC. 2, LEC. 4. Departmental approval. Focus is on assessment, knowledge and techniques required for master's level prepared nurses in a clinical setting. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7120/7126 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT/PROCESS MGT. FOR APNS (3) LEC. 3. Addresses elements of quality improvements and organizational responsibilities related to quality assurance. May count either NURS 7120 or NURS 7126.

NURS 7220/7226 ROLES AND ISSUES OF THE PRIMARY CARE PRACTITIONER (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. This course explores the complex process of role development for the advanced practice nurse within current health care systems. Competencies and role development issues of advanced nursing practice are included. Role transition and strategies for facilitating role acquisition and implementation including social, legal and ethical issues governing advanced practice in primary health care are addressed. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7230/7236 ADVANCED PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Admission to the MSN Program or permission of MSN faculty. Indepth understanding of Pathophysiology associated with complex conditions to determine treatment options and prevention strategies across the lifespan.

NURS 7240/7246 ADVANCED PHARMACOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Pr. NURS 7230 or NURS 7236. Admission to the MSN Program or permission of MSN faculty. Provides a process for students to think pharmacotherapeutically which is identifying a disease process, select a treatment based on the treatment goals, and how to adjust therapy.

NURS 7250/7256 HEALTHCARE POLICY AND ETHICS FOR THE NURSE LEADER (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. This course addresses the U.S. health care delivery system at micro and macro levels, problems, principles and the alternatives for managing problems in a systematic manner. Health policy, economic, and ethical principles and the relationship of these concepts to advocacy and leadership roles are explored. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7260/7266 NURSE EDUCATOR: TRANSITION TO A FACULTY ROLE (3) LEC. 3. Provides the nurse educator with a understanding regarding the components of the nurse faculty role. The student will explore dynamics that influences the development of the role and attainment of success in higher education.

NURS 7310/7316 TRANSITION TO ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING (2) LEC. 2. This course is designed to introduce the Masters student to scholarly writing and inquiry for evidence-based practice. The principles of synthesis in writing and understanding of research are addressed. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credit hours.
NURS 7320/7326 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. Analysis and evaluation of curriculum construction, selection of teaching strategies for diverse groups and individuals, and evaluation of learning outcomes in education of patients, health providers, and nursing students. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7330/7336 DIAGNOSTIC REASONING AND CLINICAL MANAGEMENT (3) LEC. 3. Pr. NURS 7110 or NURS 7116. Focus is on the process of collecting data and arriving at diagnostic and therapeutic conclusions to guide clinical management for patients. Preq: NSG 6671, NSG 6649, NURS 7110.

NURS 7340/7346 ADVANCED THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. Students explore the theoretical foundations of advanced nursing practice. The roles of the Master's prepared nurse are explored, along with central concepts inherent to nursing practice. Theories from nursing and related disciplines are examined with emphasis on application of theory to nursing practice. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7350/7356 QUALITY, SAFETY, AND PREVENTION USING TECHNOLOGY (3) LEC. 3. Departmental approval. This course examines the concepts of clinical illness prevention, population health, quality and safety in health care, and the use of information technologies. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7360/7366 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE I (2) LEC. 2. Departmental approval. This course is designed to introduce the Master's student to evidence based practice. The foundations of EBP are explored including search strategies, research critique, and applications of EBP in advanced practice. Synthesis and evaluation of evidence using various models will be discussed. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7370/7376 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE II (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 7360 or NURS 7366 or departmental approval. This course focuses on the concepts necessary for implementation and evaluation of an EBP project. Data collection tools, data analysis, and the presentation of data will be explored. Students will discuss change strategies, protection of human subjects, and the development of measurable outcomes. Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7430 EVIDENCE BASED NURSING PRACTICE (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 7316 or NURS 7310. This course is designed to introduce the Masters student to evidence-based practice (EBP). The foundations of EBP are explored including evidence-based models, search strategies, synthesis, and evaluation of research and other evidence, and application of EBP in advanced practice. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credit hours.

NURS 7440/7446 PRIMARY CARE I: WOMEN AND CHILDREN (3) LEC. 1, SEM. 2. Pr. NURS 7330 or NURS 7336. Admission to the MSN Program, completion of pre-requisites, or departmental approval. Focus is on the primary care nurse practitioner's role in managing common acute and chronic health problems in the women and pediatric population in a variety of primary care settings.

NURS 7540 IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING PRACTICE (2) LEC. 2. Pr. NURS 7436 or NURS 7430. This course focuses on the concepts necessary for implementation and evaluation of an evidence-based practice project. Data collection tools, data analyses, and interpretation of data analysis will be explored. Students will discuss change strategies, development of measurable outcomes and dissemination of any results. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credit hours.

NURS 7550/7556 PRIMARY CARE II: ADULTS AND ELDERLY (3) LEC. 1. SEM. 2. Pr. NURS 7330 or NURS 7336. Admission to the MSN Program, completion of pre-requisites, or departmental approval. Focus is on the primary care nurse practitioner's role in managing common acute and chronic health problems in the adult and geriatric population in a variety of primary care settings.

NURS 7810/7816 NURSING EDUCATION PRACTICUM (3) PRA. 3. Pr. (NURS 7340 or NURS 7346) and (NURS 7350 or NURS 7356) and (NURS 7360 or NURS 7366) and (NURS 7320 or NURS 7326) and (NURS 7370 or NURS 7376) and (NURS 7250 or NURS 7256) and EDLD 8500 or departmental approval. Synthesis of educational theories, research, and strategies in applying the roles of the educator in teaching clients, students, or care providers. Selected educational settings provide opportunities to practice the roles of the educator under guidance of qualified preceptor. This course will be a combination of professional seminars and teaching practice (180 hours). Admission to the MSN Program

NURS 7920/7926 PRIMARY CARE PRACTICUM (7) LEC. 1, LEC. 6. Pr. (NURS 7440 or NURS 7446) and (NURS 7550 or NURS 7556) or departmental approval. This course focus is on the application of knowledge and skills in the transition to the role of the primary care nurse practitioner. Admission to the MSN Program, completion of pre-requisites.

NURS 7940/7946 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE III (2) LEC. 2. Pr. (NURS 7370 or NURS 7376) and (NURS 7360 or NURS 7366) or departmental approval. The focus of this course is the application of evidenced based practice concepts in advanced nursing practice. EBP III is a practicum course in which the student may implement the project proposed in EBP I & II or prepare a manuscript from that project that synthesizes the evidence and submit to a national refereed professional journal. Admission to the MSN Program
NURS 8320/8326 INFORMATICS AND MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH OUTCOMES (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with knowledge and skills to access and utilize health care data. May count either NURS 8320 or NURS 8326.

NURS 8330/8336 QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with clinical data management and outcome skills with an essential component of any EBP. May count either NURS 8330 or NURS 8336.

NURS 8410/8416 THEORY APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. The course is the basis for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) project by identifying and investigating the various phenomena of interest in student's practice area. May count either NURS 8410 or NURS 8416.

NURS 8420/8426 POPULATION HEALTH OUTCOMES (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with knowledge and skills to examine population health issues across the lifespan, globally and regionally. May count either NURS 8420 or NURS 8426.

NURS 8430/8436 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides DNP student with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify, evaluate, and consider costs associated with implementing and sustaining change. May count either NURS 8430 or NURS 8436.

NURS 8440/8446 LEADERSHIP FOR ADVANCED HEALTH POLICY (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with the knowledge and skills to be a leader in health care and to influence health policies at multiple levels.. May count either NURS 8440 or NURS 8446.

NURS 8510/8516 FOUNDATION FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with the methodological basis for translating evidence into practice systems in a variety of health care environments. May count either NURS 8440 or NURS 8446.

NURS 8540/8546 ADVANCED PRACTICE PRACTICUM (2) LEC. 2. Provides the DNP student with opportunity to synthesize advanced practice knowledge and role behaviors in a advanced practice role. May count either NURS 8540 or NURS 8546. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

NURS 8710/8716 TRANSITIONAL SKILLS FOR DNP PRACTICE (2) LEC. 2. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with the knowledge and skills to develop their DNP role as a leader in health care improvement efforts. May count either NURS 8710 or NURS 8716.

NURS 8720/8726 HEALTH INNOVATIONS AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENTS (3) LEC. 3. Admission to DNP Program. Provides the DNP student with knowledge and skills to develop, implement, and evaluate programs that improve health. May count either NURS 8720 or NURS 8726.

NURS 8930/8936 DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM I : DEVELOPMENT (3) LEC. 3. Pr. NURS 8516 and NURS 8716. First in a three-course sequence which provides the DNP student with the tools and direction needed to develop a comprehensive project proposal. My coun either NURS 8930 or NURS 8936.

NURS 8940/8946 DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM II : IMPLEMENTATION (4) LEC. 4. Pr. NURS 8516 and NURS 8716. Second in a three-course sequence for the DNP student to execute the project plan in collaboration with the agency site. May count either NURS 8940 or NURS 8946.

NURS 8950/8956 DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM III : EVALUATION AND PRESENTATIONS (4) LEC. 4. Pr. NURS 8516 and NURS 8716. Third in a three-course sequence for the DNP student finalize, evaluate, and disseminate their DNP project. May count either NURS 8950 or NURS 8956.
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The School of Nursing offers a Masters in Science of Nursing (MSN). MSN graduates are ready to lead in educator and advanced practice nurse roles in health-related services to diverse populations. The MSN Program has two program options: Nurse Educator (33 credit/semester hours) and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (43 credit/semester hours). All formal program options share a 24-credit/semester hour core and then courses specific to each program option. The program is offered via a hybrid format where a few on campus course meetings may be held over the semester. The program does not require a thesis. Students are required to complete a capstone paper, generally a plan for an evidence-based intervention either in the educational setting or in the primary care practice setting. Students enrolled in the MSN Program prior to May 2018 are in a joint program with Auburn University Montgomery. Upon graduation of these students, the joint program will be discontinued.

Admission to all formal program options is competitive and all qualified applicants may not be admitted. Schools of Nursing Admission Minimum Requirements include:

• A bachelor of science in nursing from an accredited college or university
• Good academic standing from the last university attended
• Overall GPA of 3.0
• Unencumbered RN License. Students completing a BSN Program during the semester of application must request a waiver from the admission committee in order for the application to be considered.
• Three Professional References
• 500-word Professional Goal Statement. This statement will include: reasons for pursuing this degree and program option, past experiences, career goals and past achievements.
• Successful completion of undergraduate statistics course.

Applicants may be asked by the School of Nursing for additional information and may be required to interview with the Director of the MSN Program, the MSN admission committee, and/or graduate faculty.

Full-time admission is available in the summer semester only and part-time admission is available, summer, fall, and spring if space it available. It is unlikely due to scheduling of courses and pre-requisites that students admitted part-time can move to full-time status. Courses are offered only one time per each academic year so changing programs of study from full to part-time may impact planned graduation dates. Application deadlines are: (1) Summer Semester- March 1, (2) Fall Semester-June 1, and (3) Spring Semester-October 1. The application is completed online and may be found on the Auburn University Graduate School webpage.

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NURS 7326 Curriculum Development and Evaluation 3
HIED 8500 The Professoriate 3
NURS 7816 Nursing Education Practicum 3

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specific Courses

NURS 7226 Roles and Issues of the Primary Care Practitioner 3
NURS 7336 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Management 3
NURS 7446 Primary Care I 3
NURS 7556 Primary Care II 3
NURS 7926 Primary Care Practicum 7

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NURS 7346 Advanced Theoretical Foundations of Nursing 3
NURS 7356 Quality, Safety, and Prevention Using Technology 3
NURS 7366 Evidence-Based Practice I 2
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Primary Care Practitioner Option - MSN

NURS 7226 Roles and Issues of the Primary Care Practitioner 3
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Nursing Education Option

Nurse Educator Specific Courses

NURS 7326 Curriculum Development and Evaluation 3
NURS 7266 Nurse Educator: Transition to a Faculty Role 3
NURS 7816 Nursing Education Practicum 3
Total Hours 9

Curriculum in Nursing - Traditional

Freshman

Fall Hours Spring Hours
BIOL 1020 Principles of Biology 4 CHEM 1030 Fundamentals Chemistry I 4
& BIOL 1021 Principles of Biology Laboratory & CHEM 1031 Fundamental Chemistry I Laboratory
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**Fall Admissions**

**Junior**

**Fall**

- NURS 3110 Theoretical Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice: 3 hours
- NURS 3120 Nursing Pathophysiology: 3 hours
- NURS 3130 Evidence Based Skills, Assessment, and Health Promotion: 4 hours
- NURS 3141 Concepts and Evidence Based Skills for Professional Clinical Practice: 3 hours

**Spring**

- NURS 3210 Nursing Pharmacology: 3 hours
- NURS 3230 Professional Nursing Concepts: Acute Care Across the Lifespan: 6 hours
- NURS 3231 Professional Nursing Concepts: Acute Care Across the Lifespan - Clinical: 4 hours

**Summer**

- NURS 3330 Professional Nursing Concepts in the Childbearing Family and Reproductive Health: 4 hours
- NURS 3331 Professional Nursing Concepts in the Childbearing Family and Reproductive Health - Clinical: 2 hours
- NURS 3730 Professional Nursing Concepts: Mental Health Across the Lifespan: 2 hours
- NURS 3731 Professional Nursing Concepts: Mental Health Across the Lifespan Clinical: 2 hours
- NURS 4810 Professional Nursing Leadership in Microsystems: 2 hours
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TOTAL HOURS - 125-127

Curriculum guides for the junior and senior year vary according to semester of admission to professional program.

1 Students must choose between PSYC 2010 or SOCY 1000 for at least 3 hrs if their social science credit.

2 Must have History sequence and one Literature course OR a Literature sequence and one History course.

3 Students who have AP or transfer credit for US History must complete one of the following: ECON 2020, ECON 2030, POLI 1050, or POLI 1090 as a social science.

**Students must make a "C" or better in all PNUR and NURS courses**
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