

**UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE SCHOOL OF NURSING  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**PURPOSE**

The Master of Science in Nursing program has as its purpose the preparation of graduate-level nurses capable of practicing as administrators, educators, or advanced practice nurses in a variety of health care settings.

The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program is designed to meet the critical need for leaders, teachers, and advanced clinicians in nursing. The program is structured around the major components of theory, research, and clinical practice. The concepts of leadership, critical thinking, decision making, and planned change are integrated throughout the curriculum. The graduate nursing student at the University of Mobile will develop specific roles through refinement of existing professional skills, expansion of the knowledge base for practice, and development of advanced competencies in selected areas of practice.

**ADMISSION**

A student seeking admission to graduate study should address all inquiries to the office of graduate programs. Admission to graduate school is the first step in the process of admission to graduate study in nursing, but does not guarantee admission to a particular curriculum within the nursing program. Students entering the FNP program must have 2 years of clinical experience, preferably in an ambulatory setting, before entering the clinical component of the program.

Applicants may be admitted to graduate study in one of the following categories:

**UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION**

To qualify for unconditional admission the student must:

1. Hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree from an accredited program in nursing;
2. File the application for admission to the office of graduate programs and furnish the various materials listed in the instructions;
3. Pay a non-refundable application fee;
4. Furnish official transcript(s) from each institution attended, showing all credits previously earned;
5. Have an overall graduate GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale; and
6. Submit an official report of test scores obtained on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) of at least 1500 or on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) of 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or better.

**CONDITIONAL ADMISSION**

Conditional admission may be granted to:

1. An applicant whose GPA is lower than 3.00 but not lower than 2.75;
2. An applicant who has not met test score requirements (NOTE: MAT must be at least 35; GRE 1300); and
3. An applicant whose B.S.N. is from a non-accredited nursing program.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ADMISSION TO NURSING PROGRAM**

Specific requirements for admission to the nursing major include:

1. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better on all graduate courses.
2. File an application specifying the intended major within nursing.
3. Complete all core courses:
  - A. Family Nurse Practitioner – NU 501, NU 503, NU 504, NU 507, NU 508, NU 509
  - B. Nursing Education/Administration – NU 501, NU 502, NU 503, NU 504, NU 505, NU 515, NU 516, NU 517

**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**Family Nurse Practitioner Sequence\*  
(47 Semester Hours)**

NU 501 Theoretical and Scientific Basis for Advanced Practice .....	3
NU 503 Current Issues in Nursing and Health Care .....	3
NU 504 Research Methodology.....	3
NU 507 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning.....	4
NU 508 Advanced Pathophysiology.....	3
NU 509 Pharmacology in Advanced Practice .....	3
NU 510 Family Practice I .....	6
NU 511 Family Practice II .....	6
NU 512 Family Practice III .....	6
NU 513 Family Practice IV .....	6
NU 542 Nurse Practitioner Seminar.....	1
NU 598 Research Project <b>or</b>	
NU 599 Thesis .....	3

*\*Following completion of the Family Nurse Practitioner Sequence, the student must complete the requirements of the appropriate board of nursing prior to assuming the FNP role or using the title in credentials.*

**Nursing Education/Administration Sequence  
(39 Semester Hours)**

NU 501 Theoretical and Scientific Basis for Advanced Practice .....	3
NU 502 Organizational Behavior and Processes ...	3
NU 503 Current Issues in Nursing and Health Care .....	3
NU 504 Research Methodology.....	3
NU 505 Management of Human and Financial Resources .....	3
NU 515 Curriculum Development in Nursing .....	3
NU 516 Computer Utilization in Nursing .....	3
NU 517 Testing and Evaluation .....	3
NU 530 Administration of Nursing Organizations	3
NU 531 Administration of Nursing Practicum.....	3
NU 540 Teaching Nursing I .....	3
NU 541 Teaching Nursing II .....	3
NU 598 Research Project <b>or</b>	
NU 599 Thesis .....	3