

The University of Alabama, Capstone College of Nursing

RN to BSN/MSN option: CNL Program

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Application Components:

- Application Fee \$35.00
- Official copies of transcripts

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The RN to BSN/MSN program of study is an accelerated option for the experienced, highly qualified RN who holds an associate degree or diploma in nursing. RNs who meet MSN program admission criteria can apply for early admission to the Graduate School while completing the BSN requirements and decrease the time required to complete both the BSN and MSN degrees. The program of study for the Clinical Nurse Leader option includes six to nine semester hours of credit in each of the six semesters required for MSN degree completion. The BSN degree is awarded after completion of all requirements in the fourth semester.

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) is a new nursing role developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) as a way to provide the best possible cost-effective care for patients. The CNL relies on skills in patient care and requires in-depth knowledge in quality management, nursing leadership, evidence-based practice, risk analysis, and outcomes analysis. This master's prepared nurse generalist coordinates care of a distinct group of patients. The CNL is a resource for clinical decision making and serves as lateral integrator of care. The CNL is an active member of the interdisciplinary health care team designing and directing cost-effective and evidence-based care within a microsystem. The CNL is accountable for clinical outcomes as well as influencing work environments. The CNL is a leader in a variety of health care settings (e.g. hospital unit, outpatient clinic, home health agency). Implementation of the CNL role will vary by health care setting.

Admission decisions for the RN to BSN/MSN option are based upon the following:

- Completion of the lower-division requirements (Core Curriculum)
- Unencumbered RN license and eligibility for licensure in the state where clinical requirements will be completed
- An undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (on a 4.0 grading scale) on the last sixty hours of undergraduate work
- If the applicant's GPA is lower than 3.0, a GRE score of >900 or MAT score of $\geq 40^{\text{th}}$ percentile must be submitted.



For more information about the admissions process, go to:
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Program of Study

RN to BSN/MSN: CNL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

UA Core Requirements

Upon admission to the University as an RN to BSN/MSN student, credit for 38 hours of NUR course is awarded.

English Composition (EN 101 and 102) Human Biology with Lab (BSC 215 and 216) General Chemistry with Lab (CH 104) Organic Chemistry with lab (CH 105) Microbiology (BSC 242) Intro to Sociology or Anthropology (SOC 101 or ANT 102) General Psychology (PY 101) Arts (3 sem hrs): (ARH 252, 253 or 254, MUS 121, NEW 212, TH 114 or TCF 112)	Human Growth and Development (HD 101) Medical Ethics (PHL 204 or PHL 200) Mathematics MA 110 or higher) Introduction to Nutrition (NHM 101) Computer Science (6 sem hrs.) or Foreign Language (8 sem hrs.) Statistics (3 sem hrs.): (BER 345, PY 211 or ST 260) Literature or History (9 sem hrs.) ¹
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¹ All students are required to complete either a six hour history or literature sequence. Students must also complete three hours in the area outside of their sequence (e.g. a student completing HY 101 and 102 must take a Literature course to satisfy degree requirements). Students who plan to complete the RN to BSN/MSN track are encouraged to complete NUR 319 with the core requirements, prior to promotion to upper division for completion of the remaining NUR courses.

Required BSN/MSN Nursing Courses

Fall I NUR 319 Nursing Informatics 3 NUR 348 Role Transition 4 NUR 449 Community Health 5 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total hrs: 12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By October 15, apply for early, expedited admission to the MSN program, contingent upon successful completion of first semester BSN coursework and all undergraduate course requirements with a 3.0 GPA. 	Spring I (Begin MSN Courses) NHM 580 Research & Statistics 3 CHS 520 Epidemiology 3 NUR 502 Issues in Community Health 2 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total hrs: 8</i></p>	Summer I NUR 580 Fiscal Resource Management 3 NUR 505 Advanced Health Assess. 3 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total hrs: 6</i></p>
Fall II NUR 501 Theoretical Models 3 NUR 522 Human Relations Mgt. 3 BSC 529 Advanced Pathophysiology 3 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total hrs: 9</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete BSN requirements • BSN degree awarded • 3.0 GPA required in Fall I, Spring I, Summer I, and Fall II courses to progress to Spring II courses 	Spring II NUR 525 Evidence Based Practice 4 NUR 595 Issues in Pharmacotherapeutics 3 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total hrs: 7</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for admission to candidacy • Apply for MSN degree (forms available at graduate school web site) 	Summer II NUR 535 Clinical Immersion 6 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Total hrs: 6</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total semester hours in upper division and MSN program = 48 • Complete 36 hours of MSN degree requirements • MSN degree awarded

