State Authorization and The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing

A university that offers distance/online education must comply with the laws of its home state as well as the laws of any host state where educational experiences are offered. In addition, schools of nursing must comply with the host state’s board of nursing rules and regulations in order for its nursing students to engage in distance/online educational experiences. While state higher education requirements and boards of nursing rules and regulations vary greatly between states, the University of Alabama is pursuing state authorization and boards of nursing approvals in most states. In many cases, these processes can be very lengthy.

Currently, the Capstone College of Nursing (CCN) offers distance/online education for students pursuing degrees in the following programs: RN to BSN, MSN (with specializations in Case Management and Clinical Nurse Leader), DNP, and EdD (with specialization in Nurse Educator). Applicants must reside and be licensed in one of the state listed below. Students who are admitted must complete clinical experiences only in approved state(s) in which they are licensed. Students are required to notify the CCN of any change of residence.

Alabama  Kentucky  New York (except DNP)
Alaska   Louisiana  North Carolina
Arizona  Maine   North Dakota
Arkansas  Maryland  Ohio
California  Massachusetts  Oklahoma
Connecticut  Michigan  Oregon
Florida  Mississippi  Pennsylvania
Delaware  Missouri  South Carolina
Georgia  Montana  Tennessee
Hawaii  Nebraska  Texas
Illinois  Nevada  Vermont
Indiana  New Hampshire  Virginia
Iowa  New Jersey  West Virginia
Kansas  New Mexico  Wisconsin