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 specialties 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.

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

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