

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 Nurse Administrator, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner), DNP, and a Joint Nursing Science PhD in collaboration with the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Applicants to the RN to BSN, MSN Nurse Administrator, or DNP programs must reside and be licensed in one of the state listed below. Applicants to the Nurse Practitioner programs must be reside and be licensed in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, or Florida. 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
Delaware	Mississippi	Pennsylvania
Florida	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



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