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Accelerated Nursing Degree Program: The School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Nursing Degree (AND) Program which enables students who hold a bachelor’s or higher degree in another field to progress through the professional nursing curriculum in three semesters and one summer of full-time study. Students interested in the AND Program must complete specified pre-nursing courses prior to being considered for admission to the Professional curriculum. An undergraduate grade-point average of at least 2.5 is required for admission to the AND Program. Admission decisions are based on unadjusted grade-point averages. The School of Nursing should be contacted for further advisement.

Academic Regulations
Advanced placement or CLEP credit in pre-nursing courses is granted according to university policies stated elsewhere in the bulletin. No advanced standing is allowed in the natural sciences by the School of Nursing. Proficiency examinations or Advanced Placement (CEEB), with accepted score, may be used for advanced placement.

An overall grade-point average of 2.0 must be maintained for progression through the professional program. Pre-nursing students who do not attain an overall grade-point average of at least 2.5 at the end of their freshman year should consider alternative fields of study.

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The Professional Program
Facilities: The School of Nursing is housed in Miller Hall, where classrooms, a computer lab, an auditorium, a skills laboratory and faculty offices are located. Facilities for clinical nursing experiences include East Alabama Medical Center and other hospitals in the area, Mental Health Centers, clinics, nursing homes, physicians’ offices, Public Health Departments, public schools and industrial sites. Students are responsible for complying with policies and procedures required by agencies in which clinical work is done.

Expenses: Students accepted into the professional program should expect to incur additional expenses. Uniforms, equipment, transportation to clinical sites, exit exams, content exams, NCLEX reviews, a health examination and liability and health insurance coverage are among the requirements. Students are required to have a drug screening test and maybe required to undergo a background check, depending on clinical agency policy. The costs of such requirements will be the responsibility of the students. Detailed information is furnished by the dean’s office at the time of admission.

Accreditation: The School of Nursing operates with full approval of the Alabama Board of Nursing and is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, NY, 10006, Telephone 1-800-669-1656, www.nlnac.org