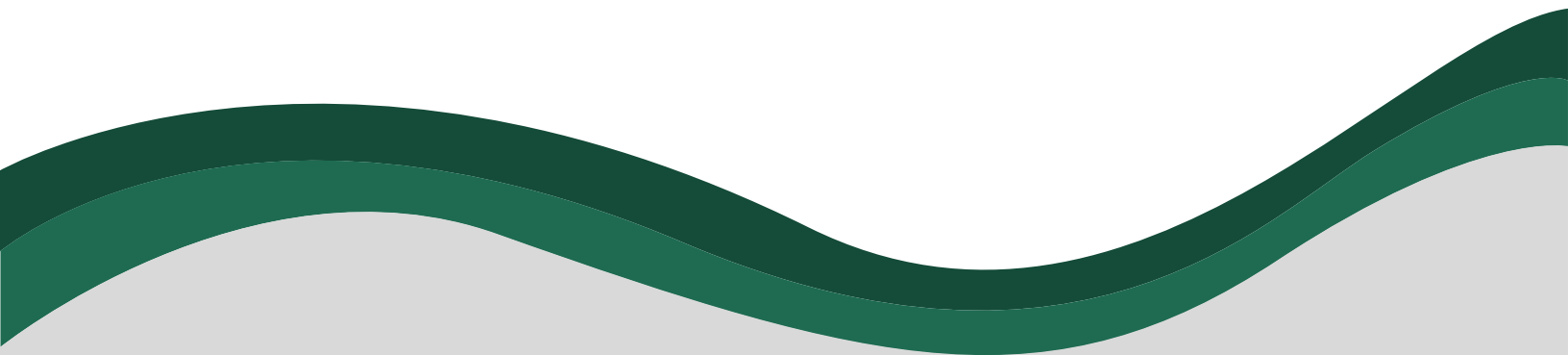




SCHOOL OF NURSING

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

PHD FALL 2024
ADMISSION PACKET



UAB School of Nursing (SON)
PhD Fall 2024
Graduate School Admissions Process Checklist

*Steps 1 through 8 must be complete prior to registering for courses

- 1. Sign and submit the acceptance form, FERPA Release form– UAB School of Nursing through Adobe Sign (a copy will be emailed to you upon completion).
- 2. Sign and submit your Program of Study form through Adobe Sign. The program of study form will come in a separate Adobe Sign email soon after you receive the offer email. (a copy will be emailed to you upon completion)
- 3. Review information regarding your Blazer ID. The University will create your ID for you. Go to Blazer Central to activate your ID. <https://idm.uab.edu/bid/reg>

AFTER RETURNING LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND BEING ADMITTED AS A UAB STUDENT:

- 4. Begin taking steps to gain medical clearance (Attachment A). Please review and visit the UAB Student Health and Wellness webpage: www.uab.edu/studenthealth
- 5. Background Check and Drug Screen Completion (Attachment B)
 - Step 1: Check email for background check notification from DISA UABSchoolofNursingPhD@screening.services, and complete within 10 business days of email arrival (mid-July 2024)

 - Step 2: Check your email for drug screen notification from LabCorp (OTSWEBAPP@Labcorp.com) and complete within ten days of email arrival (mid-July 2024)
- 6. Once all holds are cleared, register for classes as listed on your approved and signed program of study using the Registration Quick Guide (Attachment C)
- 7. Complete
 - HIPPA training course** – Instructions Attached (Attachment D) (Once for the duration of your program)
 - OSHA training course** – Instructions Attached (Attachment E) (Annual requirement)
- 8. Mandatory attendance at PhD Orientation: August 28, 2024 (agenda to be emailed at a later date)
- 9. Check the Academic calendar for important dates (Attachment F)
- 10. (Optional) Please apply if you qualify for any of the funding opportunities listed on the following website: <http://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/scholarships-financial-aid>

Medical Clearance/Immunization Requirements

We recommend you submit requirements and plan to complete any missing portions as soon as possible. Medical clearance compliance will be required prior to starting classes. Please contact UAB Student Health with any questions via the Patient Portal.

To ensure a safe and healthy campus, UAB requires all entering students to satisfy immunization/TB requirements. **All requirements must be met prior to enrolling at the university.**

Requirements:

- Physical Exam
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Tdap – (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis)
- Varicella (Chickenpox/Shingles)
- Meningococcal
- Hepatitis B with antibody titer
- Tuberculosis testing (annual 2 step tb skin test)
- Clinical Health History Form
- Flu

Submit Your Documentation:

- Log into BlazerNET at www.uab.edu/BlazerNET using your Blazer ID and password, Click on “Patient Portal” and log in using your Blazer ID and password.
- Click on “Forms”, then click “Add immunization record”

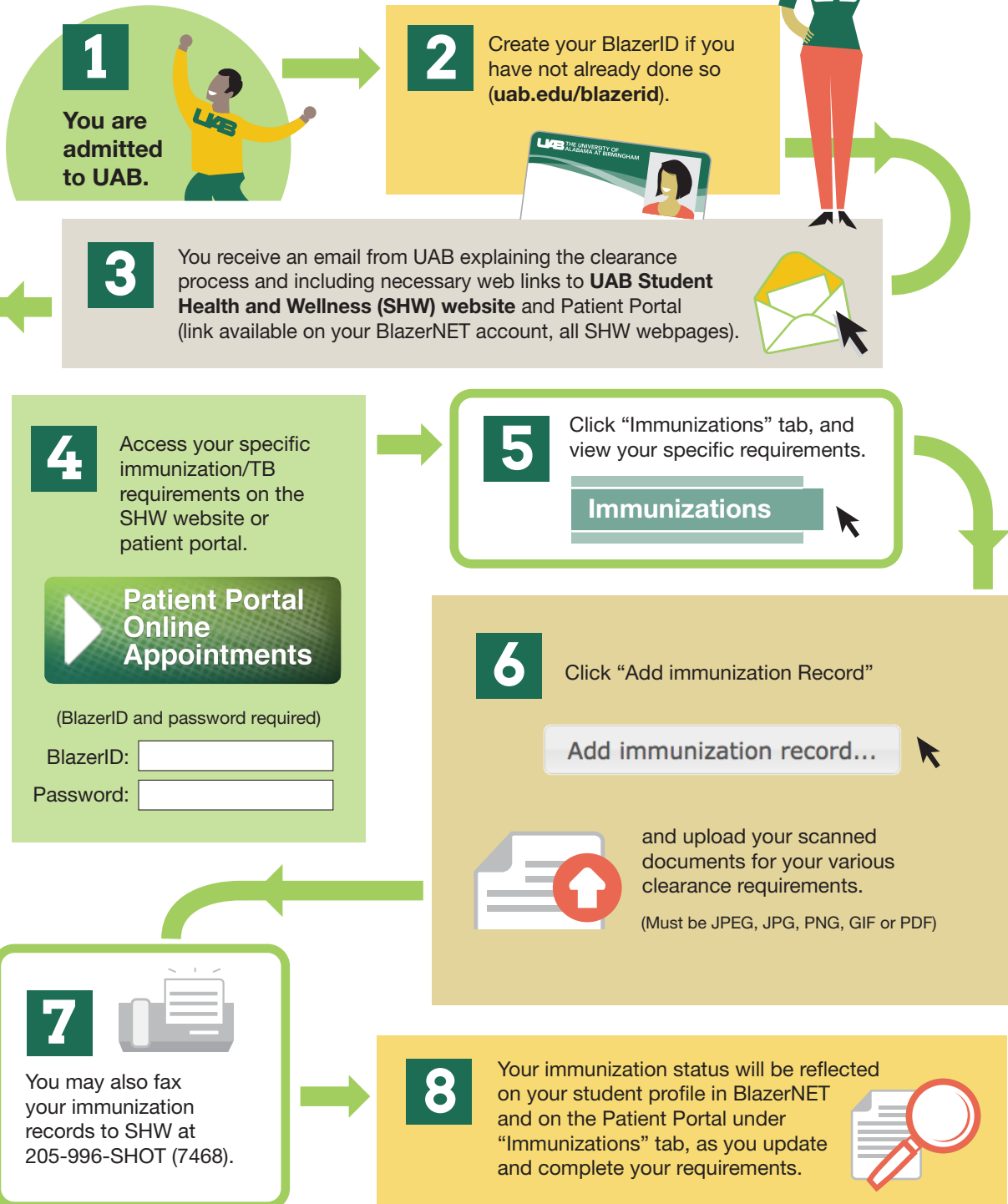
You will have the ability to scan and upload documents for your various clearance requirements. (Must be JPEG, JPG, PNG, GIF or PDF). You may also fax your immunization records to SHW at 205-996-SHOT (7468).

You can access your specific immunization/TB requirements and general information at the following link: <http://www.uab.edu/studenthealth/medical-clearance/general-info> .

We look forward to serving you during your time at UAB. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Student Health and Wellness
205.975.7753

8 steps to completing Student Immunization / TB Clearance



The purpose of the medical clearance process is to ensure a safe and healthy environment on the UAB campus. Medical clearance requirements vary by school and student type. **These requirements must be met before the first day of class to avoid having a registration hold placed on your student account, registration cancelled, or being unable to begin classes.**

UAB Student Health and Wellness 1714 9th Avenue South

Please use the **Patient Portal** to contact Student Health and Wellness. This is the most efficient way to inquire about your immunizations or test results.

UAB Student Health & Wellness Immunization Form

Clinical Domestic Students

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

PROGRAM OF STUDY: _____ BLAZERID: _____@UAB.EDU

IMMUNIZATION HISTORY MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

***Copies of your original immunization records are acceptable in place of this form. Please submit completed form or immunization records directly to your UAB SH&W Patient Portal.**

- 1. **MMR-** Measles, Mumps, and Rubella: All students must satisfy this requirement, either by two vaccine doses against each of the three diseases or laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases.

EITHER

Two doses of MMR vaccine:

Date: ____/____/____

Date: ____/____/____

OR

Two doses of each vaccine component:

Measles

Date: ____/____/____ Date: ____/____/____

Mumps

Date: ____/____/____ Date: ____/____/____

Rubella

Date: ____/____/____ Date: ____/____/____

OR

Laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases:

Measles

Date: ____/____/____ Result: _____

Mumps

Date: ____/____/____ Result: _____

Rubella

Date: ____/____/____ Result: _____

*If any laboratory titers are non-immune, 2 repeat vaccines are required. Date: ____/____/____ Date: ____/____/____

- 2. **Tdap-** Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis: All students must have had one dose of the adult Tdap given 2006 or later. If the last adult Tdap is greater than 10 years old, a Td booster is required.

Tdap Date: ____/____/____

Td Date: ____/____/____

- 3. **Hepatitis B Series:** All students must have a series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations (initial dose, dose two at 1 month, dose three at 6 months). A post-vaccine surface antibody titer (to demonstrate immunity) is required one month after 3rd vaccine dose.

Dose 1 Date: ____/____/____

Dose 2 Date: ____/____/____

Dose 3 Date: ____/____/____

Hep B surface antibody titer:

Reactive: ____ Non-Reactive: ____

Date: ____/____/____

*If Hep B surface antibody is non-reactive, repeat series and post-vaccine surface antibody titer are required.

Dose 1 Date: ____/____/____

Dose 2 Date: ____/____/____

Dose 3 Date: ____/____/____

Hep B surface antibody titer:

Reactive: ____ Non-Reactive: ____

Date: ____/____/____

*If repeat Hep B surface antibody is non-reactive, Hep B surface antigen is required to rule out acute or chronic Hep B infection.

Hep B surface antigen titer:

Positive: ____ Negative: ____

Date: ____/____/____

**If Hep B surface antigen is positive, visit with SH&W provider is required for additional testing. If negative, student will be considered a non-responder.

- 4. **Varicella** (chickenpox or shingles): All students must have documented history of Varicella, a positive Varicella antibody titer, or two doses of Varicella vaccines given at least 28 days apart.

EITHER

History of Varicella (chickenpox or shingles): Yes: ____ No: ____

Date: ____/____/____

OR

Varicella antibody titer Positive: ____ Negative: ____ Date: ____/____/____

OR

Varicella vaccination Dose 1: ____/____/____ Dose 2: ____/____/____

*If Varicella antibody titer is negative or equivocal, two repeat vaccinations are required.

Varicella vaccination Dose 1: ____/____/____ Dose 2: ____/____/____

5. **Meningococcal:** All students 21 and younger are required to show documentation of a meningitis vaccine given on/after their 16th birthday. Students age 22 and older are exempt. Date: ____/____/____

6. **Tuberculosis:** All clinical students must meet UAB's Tuberculosis screening requirement. If no history of positive Tb skin test, two separate skin tests or one IGRA blood test are required upon matriculation. Skin tests must be placed at least one week apart.

EITHER

a. Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) within 12 months prior to matriculation:

Date Placed: ____/____/____ Date Read: ____/____/____ Result (mm): _____ Positive: ____ Negative: ____

b. Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) within 3 months prior to matriculation:

Date Placed: ____/____/____ Date Read: ____/____/____ Result (mm): _____ Positive: ____ Negative: ____

OR

a. IGRA (Tspot or Quantiferon TB Gold) blood test and UAB TB Questionnaire within 3 months prior to matriculation:

Date: ____/____/____ Positive: ____ Negative: ____

b. UAB TB Questionnaire

*If positive skin test or IGRA result, Chest X-Ray within 3 months prior to matriculation and UAB TB Questionnaire required.

a. Chest X-Ray Date: ____/____/____ Normal: ____ Abnormal: ____ (*Please attach results)

b. UAB High Risk TB Questionnaire

c. Have you been treated with anti-tubercular drugs? Yes: ____ No: ____

If yes, type of treatment: _____ Length of Treatment: _____ *Please attach supporting documentation.

Verification of the above Student Immunization Record and Tuberculosis Screening by Health Care Provider:

Verified by: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Office Stamp (if Available):

Please list penicillin, codeine, insect bites, antibiotics, specific food or chemical, etc.

Family & Personal Health History (to be completed by the student)

Has any person, related by blood, had any of the following?

Yes	No		Relationship
		High Blood Pressure	
		Stroke	
		Cancer	
		Heart attack before age 55	
		Diabetes	
		Glaucoma	

Yes	No		Relationship
		Cholesterol or blood fat disorder	
		Blood clotting disorder	
		Psychiatric	
		Suicide	
		Alcohol/drug problems	

Have ever had or now have: (please check at right of each item and if yes, indicate year of first occurrence)

Yes	No	Symptom	Year
		High Blood Pressure	
		Rheumatic fever	
		Heart trouble	
		Pain/pressure in chest	
		Shortness of breath	
		Asthma	
		Pneumonia	
		Chronic cough	
		Tuberculosis	
		Tumor/cancer (specify)	
		Malaria	
		Thyroid trouble	
		Serious skin disease	
		Hearing loss	
		Sexually transmitted disease	
		Severe menstrual cramps	
		Irregular periods	
		Frequent vomiting	
		Gall bladder or gallstones	
		Jaundice or Hepatitis	
		Rectal disease	
		Severe/recurrent abdominal pain	
		Sinusitis	
		Hernia	
		Chicken pox	
		Anemia/Sickle Cell Anemia	
		Eye trouble besides glasses	
		Bone, joint, other deformity	
		Shoulder dislocation	
		Knee problems	
		Recurrent back pain	
		Neck injury	
		Diabetes	

Yes	No	Symptom	Year
		Mononucleosis	
		Hay fever	
		Head/neck radiation	
		Arthritis	
		Concussion	
		Frequent/severe headache	
		Dizziness/fainting spells	
		Severe head injury	
		Paralysis	
		Epilepsy/seizures	
		Blood transfusion	
		Protein in blood or urine	
		Ulcer (duodenal/stomach)	
		Intestinal trouble	
		Pilonidal cyst	
		Allergy injection therapy	
		Back injury	
		Broken bones	
		Kidney infection	
		Bladder infection	
		Kidney stone	
Mental Health History			
		Sleep problems	
		Self-injurious Behavior	
		Depression/bipolar	
		Anxiety/panic	
		LD/ADD/ADHD	
		Eating Disorder	
		Obsessive compulsive	
		Self-induced vomiting	
Substance Use History			
		Alcohol/drug problem	
		Smoke 1+ pack cigs/week	

UAB SH&W PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (*Please print in black ink*) To be completed and **signed** by physician or clinician. A physical examination is required for all clinical students within 1 year prior to matriculation.

You may schedule a physical exam at Student Health & Wellness if you do not have a physician. Schedule an appointment through your patient portal or call 205-934-3580 and ask our receptionist for details.

Last Name			First Name		Middle	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	BlazerID@uab.edu
Permanent Address				City	State	Zip Code	Area Code/Phone Number

Height _____ Weight _____ TPR ____/____/____ BP ____/____

REQUIRED

Vision: Corrected Right 20/____ Left 20/____

Uncorrected Right 20/____ Left 20/____

Color Vision _____

Are there abnormalities? If so, describe full	WNL	ABN	DESCRIPTION (attach additional sheets if necessary)
1. Head, Ears, Nose, Throat			
2. Eyes			
3. Respiratory			
4. Cardiovascular			
5. Gastrointestinal			
6. Musculoskeletal			
7. Metabolic/Endocrine			
8. Neuropsychiatric			
9. Skin			
Other			

A. Is there loss or seriously impaired function of any organs? ____ No ____ Yes

Explain _____

B. Recommendation for physical activity (physical education, intramurals, etc.) ____ Unlimited ____ Limited

Explain _____

Signature of Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner

Date

Print Name of Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner

Date

Office Address/Stamp (**Required**)

Area Code/Phone Number

Drug Screen & Background Check

All PhD students in the School of Nursing are required to consent to and pay for a criminal background check and urine drug screening at least once per year.

You will receive an email (sent to your UAB.EDU email address) requesting you to complete a background check. The email will come from UABSchoolofNursingPHD@screening.services, DISA Global Solutions Inc. The cost of the background check is \$92.

Approximately 24 hours after you order and pay for your background check, you will receive an email from OTSWEBAPP@Labcorps.com, LabCorp. This email will contain your registration number to complete your drug screening.

The deadline to complete both the background check and the drug screening is 10 business days from the date of the first background check email you are sent, unless you are notified of a change in the deadline. It is recommended that you order and pay for your background check within 3 days of receiving the email from UABSchoolofNursingPHD@screening.services.

Please remember your UAB email account is one of the official forms of communication for UAB. If your UAB email account is forwarded to another email account, please be aware that important emails may be filtered into your junk, spam, or other folder. You are responsible for checking your UAB email. Any correspondence missed because you forwarded your UAB email to a different email account (Yahoo, Gmail, etc.) will not excuse you from complying with these requirements.

During this process, either company may attempt to reach out to you by phone. Please answer all calls until this process is complete, as the testing centers may need additional information from you.

Please Note: Missing these important deadlines may jeopardize your seat in the program. The School of Nursing may rescind your admission offer for PHD Pathway if you fail to comply with these requirements. Please be diligent and complete the background check and drug screening requirements in a timely fashion.

In addition, the email with results will come from DISAGlobalSolutionsInc@screening.services. Please let us know if you have any additional questions!

Staffing and supply shortages have increased the wait time on the return of your background check/drug screen results to UAB Nursing Student Success. The hold on your account will be removed as soon as we have clearance from DISA. Please know that there is a seat available for you to register in your classes. We request your continued patience and understanding in this process.

American Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

****HIPAA training is a one-time training**

You will have access to HIPAA one semester prior to enrolling in the pathway.

HIPAA works to ensure that all medical records, medical billing and patient records meet certain consistent standards with regards to documentation, handling and privacy.

**If you have taken HIPAA training with another healthcare institution, you will need to retake it through UAB's Campus Learning in order to complete the requirement and receive credit.

New UAB School of Nursing Students

Do not go directly into CAMPUS LEARNING, use the link provided.

To access the HIPAA training course go to:

(clicking the link enrolls you into the course)

https://uab.docebosaa.com/lms/index.php?r=course/deeplink&course_id=27&generated_by=151665&hash=89c0297a2b7474b2ada7e5ab7cc93766a3192250

- Click on LOGIN WITH BLAZERID
- Login using your BlazerID/Username and Password
- Successful completion is considered a score of 75% or better. If unsuccessful, repeat these steps until you have a satisfactory score.
- You can see your certificate in the Campus Learning System by going to "My Activities" located on the homepage; however, <https://www.uab.edu/learninglocker> is the repository for full training history. Courses completed within the campus learning system will be logged into the Learning Locker within 1 business day

Returning/Current UAB School of Nursing Students or Previous/Current UAB Employees

If you have completed HIPAA with UAB as a Previous Student or Employee, you will need to send a copy of your Certificate to the Office of Student Success via email (sonstudaffrs@uab.edu) or fax to 205.934.5490.

- To view and email/print your HIPAA certificate in the Campus Learning System go to <https://www.uab.edu/learninglocker>
- LOGIN WITH BLAZER ID
- Select "View Certificate" and either Print or Email your Certificate to the Office of Student Success.

The School of Nursing will have access electronically to your training. Once you complete the training you should expect **2** business days before your hold is removed.

If you are having problems accessing Campus Learning or accessing your course/certificate please email campuslearning@uab.edu. Please include a phone number where you can be reached. This phone should be near your computer so that someone can assist you.

Bloodborne Pathogens Course (OSHA)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Bloodborne Pathogens Course is REQUIRED ANNUALLY.

You will have access to OSHA one semester prior to enrolling in the pathway.

New UAB School of Nursing Students

(Do not go directly into CAMPUS LEARNING, use the link provided)

To access the “Bloodborne Pathogens Course” (OSHA) training go to:

(clicking the link enrolls you into the course)

https://uab.docebosaas.com/lms/index.php?r=course/deeplink&course_id=153&generated_by=151665&hash=c521d66fdc107127e15b8255bd9640cb1465247

- Click on LOGIN WITH BLAZERID
- Log in using your BlazerID and password
- Click on Bloodborne Pathogens Course
- You will need to click on and go through *Course Material, Reality Check, Course Assessment and Course Evaluation*
- You can see your certificate in the Campus Learning System by going to “My Activities” located on the homepage; however, <https://www.uab.edu/learninglocker> is the repository for full training history. Courses completed within the campus learning system will be logged into the Learning Locker within 1 business day

Returning & Current UAB School of Nursing Students (1 year or older)

Certification and Retraining

- Log in to Campus Learning <https://uab.docebosaas.com/learn>
- Click on LOGIN WITH BLAZERID
- Log in using your BlazerID and password
- From the landing page-upper right side-you will choose **MY ACTIVITIES** from the profile section -Under ‘My Activities’ you will choose **Certification** – this will take you to the ‘Certification and Retraining’ page
- -Click on **RENEW NOW** – this will direct you to the course that requires re-certification* (All previous certificate’s will be available in the Learning Locker)
- You will need to click on and go through *Course Material, Reality Check, Course Assessment and Course Evaluation*
- You can see your certificate in the Campus Learning System by going to “My Activities” located on the homepage; however, <https://www.uab.edu/learninglocker> is the repository for full training history. Courses completed within the campus learning system will be logged into the Learning Locker within 1 business day

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REGISTRATION

To register for courses, please sign in to **BlazerNET** (www.uab.edu/blazernet). Access to BlazerNET requires a BlazerID and password.

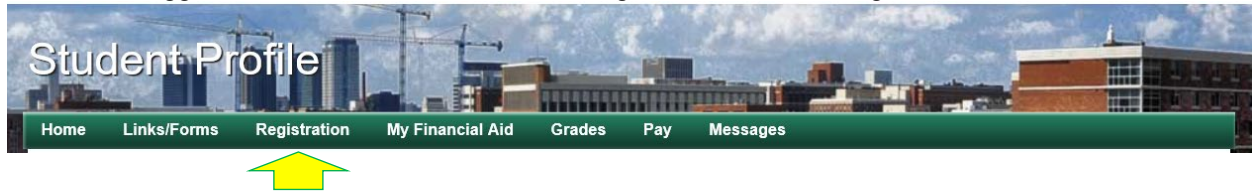
UAB Central Authentication System
Enter your BlazerID and Password:

BlazerID:

Password:

How to Register through BlazerNET

- Once logged in to BlazerNET, click on the "Registration" link on the green ribbon.



To look up the Course Reference Number for your course(s)

- Click on the "Look Up Classes" link to search the available courses for the term. You may search for classes with several different criteria, but the only block that must be utilized is the *Subject* block.

1. **Registration**

- Select Term
- Look Up Classes
- Add, Drop or Withdraw Classes
- Change Class Options
- Week at a Glance
- Student Detail Schedule
- Registration Status
- Active Registration
- Registration History
- Enrollment Verification Request
- Banner Self-Service Enrollment Verification Request
- Order Text Books
- Schedule Planner -- New!!!**
Create the perfect class schedule.
- Schedule Planner Registration Cart

RELEASE: 8.8

2. **Select Term**

May, 10-Week, Summer A, and Summer B session classes are listed under the Summer Term.

Search by Term:

None

Submit Reset

RELEASE: 8.7.1.2

3. **Look Up Classes**

Subject:

- NOH-Nursing -Occupational Hlth
- NPE-Nursing - Pediatrics
- NPN-Psyc Mental Hlth Nur Prac
- NRM-Nursing - Research Methods
- NST- NUR - Statistical Methods
- NTC-Nursing - Teaching
- NTR-Nutrition Sciences
- NUR-Nursing**
- NWH-Nursing - Womens Health
- OB-Oral Biology

Course Search Advanced Search UAB Online/Distance Class Search

- Once the classes are visible, register for the course(s) by clicking on the empty checkbox to the left of the CRN and clicking on the Register button at the bottom of the screen.

Sections Found

MA-Mathematics																			
Select	CRN	Subj	Crse	Sec	Cmp	Cred	Title	Days	Time	Cap	Act	Rem	WL Cap	WL Act	WL Rem	Instructor	Date (MM/DD)	Location	Comments
MA-180 PREREQUISITES: Undergraduate level MA 102 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MA 105 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MA 106 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MA 107 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MA 110 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MA 125 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MA 225 Minimum Grade of C																			
<input type="checkbox"/>	36779	MA	180	ZN	01	3.000	Intro to Statistics	MW	08:00 am-08:50 am	55	21	34	10	0	10	TBA	01/08-04/27	CH 443	Recommended that 2 years of high school algebra or MA102 has been completed before taking course. First day attendance is mandatory.Students who have

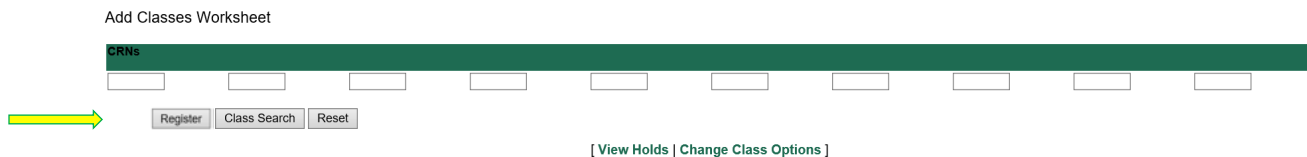
Register Add to WorkSheet New Search

If you already know the CRN for your course(s)

- Click on the “Add/Drop Classes” link in the “Registration Tools” channel.



- The Add/Drop worksheet will appear. There will be a row of empty blocks. Type in the 5-digit CRN for your course in any of the blocks. If you are registering for more than one course, tab over to another block and enter in all of the courses at one time. (You do not need to type in the subject or number for the course, only the CRN is required!)
- Click on the *Register* button at the bottom of the screen when complete.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Register for co-requisites in your Clinical Sequence by selecting **BOTH** courses required at the same time. Failure to select both courses at the same time will cause an error and not allow you to register for either course until **BOTH** are selected simultaneously.

If you receive a Registration Error Message when registering, please contact the Office of Student Success in the School of Nursing 205-975-7529

Please see the list below of **common registration errors:**

- RAC:** A Registration Access Code (RAC) is required for your account.
- CORQ:** Course has a corequisite. The CRN of the required corequisite should follow the CORQ error message. Please submit the courses simultaneously.
- PREQ/TEST SCORE:** Course has a prerequisite or test placement requirement. The CRN or title of the required prerequisite should follow the PREQ error message.
- CLOSED SECTION:** There are no more seats available in the course.
- NEED INSTRUCTOR PERMISSION:** Permission of the instructor is required to take this course.
- LEVEL RESTRICTION:** Your classification level is invalid for this course.
- HOLDS:** Holds are on your account, which restrict you from registering. Please scroll down until you see a “View Holds” icon. This icon will show your specific holds. Please see the department listed to remove the hold.

ACADEMIC CALENDER FALL 2024

Apr 8 - Aug 25	Open Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree-seeking graduate and undergraduate students • Non-degree-seeking graduate students
Jul 29 - Aug 25	Open Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-degree-seeking undergraduate students
TBA	Payment Deadline: 100% balance due for Traditional Payment; 1st Payment Deadline for Blazer Flex Plan. Failure to pay the first installment of the Blazer Flex Plan will result in assessment of \$50 late fee.
Aug 26	Classes Begin
Aug 26 – Sept 3	Registration After Classes Begin
Sep 2	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 3	Last Day to Drop/Add (Without paying full Tuition & Fees)
Sept 3	Last Day to a Submit Graduate & Undergraduate Application for Degree
TBA	2nd Payment Deadline for Blazer Flex Plan Failure to meet payment deadline results in assessment of \$50 late fee.
Oct 18	Last Day to Withdraw from a course with a grade of "W"
TBA	Final Payment Deadline for Blazer Flex Plan Failure to meet payment deadline results in assessment of \$50 late fee.
Nov 11 – Nov 22	Assigned Time Registration for Spring 2025
Nov 25 – Dec 1	Fall/Thanksgiving Break
Dec 6	Last Day to withdraw for the term. (Must withdraw from all courses)
Dec 6	Last Day of class
Dec 7 – 8	Undergraduate Reading Days
Dec 9 - Dec 13	Final Exams
Dec 14	Commencement – Graduate Students
Dec 14	Commencement – Undergraduate Students
Dec 16	Grades Due (by midnight)
Dec 18	Grades Available Online