

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the DNP program completely online?  
**The DNP program is completely online except for one clinical orientation for students in the BSN-DNP and MN-DNP who are adding a new specialty certification.**
2. How often do I have to come to campus?  
**Students in the BSN-DNP and MN-DNP adding a new specialty certification are required to attend a 3-4 day Clinical Orientation the fall semester in which they begin clinical courses for their specialty.**
3. Do the DNP programs have an orientation?  
**All DNP students are required to complete a two-part orientation once accepted into the program. The first part is a Virtual Orientation Site requiring the completion of several modules prior to the DNP Orientation Webinar, which is the second part of the orientation. The DNP Orientation Webinar is a one-day live event conducted online. Students are not required to come to campus.**
4. Where can I find a clinical affiliation?  
**Specialty tracks within the College of Nursing's graduate program require a practice component. Although faculty assists students in locating appropriate practice/clinical sites, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to secure a site and preceptor if indicated. Students who are unsuccessful in being accepted by an agency in their home community may have to travel to another area to complete practice requirements or withdraw from the program. Please review the list of clinical affiliations found under the "Current Student" tab on the College of Nursing Web Site at <http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/con/students/clinicalagencies.html> If there is not a clinical site listed near you or you are interested in a site not listed, negotiations should be initiated as soon as you begin the program through the Track Coordinator for your specialty.**
5. Are the GRE or MAT required for admission to the DNP?  
**Neither the GRE or MAT are required for admission to this program.**
6. Am I required to complete a drug screen and background check for this program?  
**Upon admission to the DNP program, the College of Nursing requires every student to complete a drug screen and background check through a certain agency. This should not be completed until admission into the program has been granted. All immunizations and medical records are also requested upon admission to the program.**
7. How are exams proctored?  
**Students in the BSN-DNP or MN-DNP Adding a New Specialty Certification are required to purchase the Secure Remote Exam Proctor for monitoring/proctoring test and identity authentication when required by a course.**

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8. How can I pay for this degree?  
**Students may apply for financial aid through the USA Office of Financial Aid at <http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/finaid/index.html> We do recommend completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to determine student loan eligibility. Please visit the USA Office of Financial Aid for important financial aid deadlines and for supplemental information required by the FAFSA.**
9. Are there any scholarships available?  
**Scholarships for nursing students are located on our Scholarship Webpage at <http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/con/students/scholarships.html>**
10. How long do I have to complete the program?  
**All requirements for the BSN to DNP and the MN-DNP Adding a New Specialty Certification must be completed within seven calendar years of admission. All requirements for the MN to DNP program must be completed within five calendar years of admission.**