Mission and Vision

The Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions (ACONHP) vision is to improve health in the community by effecting change in systems and policies, and to promote research and scholarly activities that advance nursing and health care knowledge. The ACONHP mission is to graduate nurses and other health professionals who are prepared to assume professional roles in diverse health care environments.

The Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions (ACONHP) offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with three options for registered nurses:

1. **Family Nurse Practitioner Option** - Students in this option will receive educational preparation that will enable them to provide patient-family centered evidence-based health care for individuals across the lifespan.

2. **Leadership in Organizational Environments Option** - Students in this option will receive educational preparation that will enable them to function at an advanced level in the health care environment concerning politics and legislation, budgeting and economics, leadership and management, such that these nurses may positively influence the management aspects of nursing and health care in society.

3. **Teaching-Learning Environments Option** - Students in this option will receive preparation related to the direct care role of nurse educators and advanced teaching methodologies that provide graduates with tools necessary to facilitate the education of nursing students, health care clients, and health care colleagues.

All options are available online and each course is asynchronous in nature. All MSN courses are subject to online learning fees. (See Expenses section) There is no mandatory campus-based component to the Teaching-Learning Environments option and the Leadership in Organizational Environments options. The Family Nurse Practitioner option has two mandatory on campus intensives.

The Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions retains the right to make modifications in its program/policies based on recommendations and mandates from the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education. Students currently enrolled in the nursing program will be required to adhere to any modifications made during their enrollment as a nursing major.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing and master’s degree program in nursing at the University of North Alabama are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).

**Degrees**

- Master of Science in Nursing-Family Practitioner Option (https://catalog.una.edu/graduate/nursing/msn-family-nurse-practitioner)
- Master of Science in Nursing-Leadership in Organizational Environments Option (https://catalog.una.edu/graduate/nursing/msn-leadership-organizational-environments)
- Master of Science in Nursing-Teaching Learning Environments Option (https://catalog.una.edu/graduate/nursing/msn-teaching-learning-environments)