



Graduate Nursing Education Primary Care Scholars Initiative

About the Program

With 55 of 67 Alabama counties designated as rural, and 62 designated as primary care shortage areas, primary care nurse practitioners are needed more than ever before to improve health care access for all Alabamians.



Graduate Nursing Education Primary Care Scholars (GNEPCS) are current NP students who intend to practice in one of Alabama's rural or underserved areas. Primary Care Scholars enroll in the same courses as their classmates, but receive mentoring, content relative to rural health issues, preceptorships with rural health providers and other opportunities for professional development.

The GNEPCS initiative focuses on educating more advanced practice nurses to work in underserved areas, and on building networks connecting Alabama's existing rural health care providers with one another and UAB-to reach more Alabamians needing primary care.

[Click here to learn more about the GNEPCS initiative.](#)

Partnership Opportunities

If you're a primary care NP practicing in an underserved or rural area, we invite you to partner with our GNEPCS initiative. As a rural nurse practitioner working with our Primary Care Scholars, you have the opportunity to invest in the providers of tomorrow by sharing your knowledge and experience.

Access to online professional development educational offerings, for which you can earn free CEUs and network with other Alabama NP providers, is one of the benefits of partnering with the GNEPCS initiative.

April Webinar:



Deborah Kirk Walker, DNP, CRNP, NP-C, FNP-BC, AOCN

Deborah K. Walker, DNP, is an Assistant Professor in the UAB School of Nursing. She earned her BSN and MSN from Troy University and her DNP from University of South Alabama. She has a wide range of clinical expertise in hematology/oncology, chronic illness, and health promotion, as well as oncology/palliative care education internationally. Dr. Walker has more than 15 years of experience as an advanced nurse practitioner.

"Who, When, and How of Cancer Screening"

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Approved for 0.94 ABN and 0.78 ANCC contact hours

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Webinars are offered through GoToMeeting via Canvas, our online learning platform. You will need to register in order to participate. The initial registration requires a few steps, but the process is easy following the initial set-up.

Please email ruralnps@uab.edu and registration instructions will be sent to you.