

# Special Programs

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## Start South Dual Enrollment Program

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Start South is the dual enrollment/early college program. It is open to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the state of Alabama. Courses can be used to satisfy degree requirements at USA, or they can be transferred to other institutions. Coursework is offered online, on campus, and on the high school campus when available.

### Academic Requirements:

Applicants must have authorization from their high school, and they must have earned at least a "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) average in academic subjects. Tests scores are not needed for admission, but may be needed for math and English placement.

Alabama residents participating in Start South can qualify for automatic admission to USA if they complete 9 or more credit hours of USA coursework listed by August 15 of senior year and earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 USA GPA. Start South students also receive priority housing for entering freshmen upon earning 9 or more credit hours with a minimum 3.0 GPA by December of the senior year of high school.

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## College Of Medicine Early Acceptance Program (EAP)

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Qualified high school seniors are selected for acceptance to the University and to the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. Candidates selected for the program enter the Health Pre-Professions Program at USA; their curriculum will include core requirements for the selected baccalaureate program and prerequisites for matriculation in medical school. Students participating in the College of Medicine Early Acceptance Program must meet program requirements during their tenure as undergraduates to continue in the program. Upon successful completion of the baccalaureate degree and EAP requirements, students enter the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.

Go to the [Early Acceptance](#) page for more detail.

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## Physical Therapy Early Acceptance Program (PTEAP)

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The Department of Physical Therapy Early Acceptance Program offers a select number of talented high school seniors a position in the University of South Alabama Department of Physical Therapy first year class after completion of the pre-requisite requirements of the program and their USA undergraduate degree.

Go to our [Early Acceptance](#) page for more detail.

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## College Of Nursing Early Acceptance Program

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Highly qualified high school seniors selected for the College of Nursing Early Acceptance Program and fulfilling all program requirement are guaranteed admission to the upper division professional component of the nursing curriculum. Students are admitted to the College of Nursing and must complete all Pre-Professional Nursing courses at USA; their curriculum includes core requirements and prerequisites for the upper division nursing program.

Go to our [Early Acceptance](#) page for more details

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## The Honors College:

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See "[Honors College](#)".

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## Department Of Psychology Early Acceptance Program

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The Department of Psychology offers highly qualified high school students a position in the Master's Program in Experimental Psychology (Behavior and Brain Sciences) upon successful completion of pre-requisite requirements and their USA undergraduate degree.

Go to our [Early Acceptance](#) page for more details.

