



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA COLLEGE OF NURSING SELECTS SOFTWARE SECURE TO ASSURE EXAM INTEGRITY IN ONLINE PROGRAM

NEWTON, Mass., August 23, 2011 - Software Secure, Inc., a pioneer in secure, computer-based testing solutions, today announced that the University of South Alabama College of Nursing has selected Software Secure's [Secureexam® Remote Proctor System](#) to ensure the integrity of the school's online examinations.

Beginning in September 2011, approximately one thousand currently enrolled graduate nursing school students, and all future enrollees will be required to use the Remote Proctor System. Remote Proctor consists of a hardware device that connects to a student's computer and enables them to take exams from home with the same academic integrity as if they had a human proctor in the room. "Upholding the integrity of the exam process and grading system is of paramount importance to reinforcing the value of a Nursing School degree," said Dr. Debra C. Davis, Dean of USA's College of Nursing.

Software Secure's [Remote Proctor device](#) features a biometric finger scanner that authenticates the identity of a distance learning test-taker, a microphone to record audio and built-in camera that captures a 360 degree view of the exam environment. At the same time, the system's patented Secureexam lockdown software provides access to the exam content while prohibiting access to all other digital materials. The Remote Proctor System meets and exceeds federal regulations requiring online programs to take steps to authenticate the identity of students and ensure the integrity of the academic programs. Purchase of the device can be covered through financial aid.

"We are thrilled to support the administrators, faculty and students at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing," said Douglas M. Winneg, CEO and Founder of Software Secure. "In these times of great growth in distance education, it's gratifying to work with a school that focuses on both the quality of their online offering as well as the convenience for their students."

By requiring the use of the Remote Proctor System for all of its nursing students taking all of their high-stakes exams, USA is able to attain the gold standard in remote proctoring for securing remote testing for as little as \$14 per exam over the life of a nursing students' stay in the program.

“Ensuring exam integrity without over-burdening our students was a critical goal of the College of Nursing,” said Dr. Davis. “We looked at a variety of other methods and technologies, and found Software Secure offered the most comprehensive solution that also is cost effective,” she added. “We expect our students will be as excited about the convenience of true anytime-anywhere testing, as the administration is with the comprehensive security.”

About University of South Alabama College of Nursing

As part of an academic health science center and an early adopter of the use of technology in nursing education, the College of Nursing (CON) offers the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN), master of science in nursing (MSN), and doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degrees. The College enrolls students from across the U.S. and is especially known for the high quality of its innovative online degree programs. The mission of the CON is to provide quality innovative educational programs to a diverse student body, to participate in research and scholarly activities, and to provide service to the university, the profession, and the public. The CON accomplishes this mission by providing a caring, engaging environment for the empowerment of student learning potential, the professional development of faculty, and the promotion of the nursing profession. To learn more, visit the college website at www.southalabama.edu/nursing

About Software Secure

[Software Secure](#) is a pioneer and market leader in secure, computer-based testing solutions that assure the integrity of classroom and online testing environments. [Academic institutions](#) throughout the world as well as organizations overseeing high-stakes testing environments have chosen Software Secure for testing solutions that exceed regional and national accreditation standards as well as federal regulation requirements, and facilitate the responsible use of technology in education. (www.softwaresecure.com)

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