

Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP

Admission

Applicants to College of Nursing graduate programs must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Applicants must have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00; applicants for the dual certification programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.50. A criminal background check is required for all students upon admission. The College of Nursing has additional application requirements, as follows.

Applications are reviewed once a year. To be reviewed, the application must be complete with all materials submitted.

International students who require F-1, F-2, or J-1 student immigration status are not eligible to apply to the DNP program, due to the extensive web-based coursework required. Questions regarding visas and immigration documentation should be directed to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS).

Admission to the DNP Program

Applicant requirements specific to the DNP program are:

- Bachelor's or advanced degree with a major in nursing from a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited nursing program;
- active nursing license;
- minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 (for single subprograms);
- minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 (for dual certification applicants); and
- specific clinical experience requirements working as a registered nurse are required if applying to subprograms of adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner-acute care, and anesthesia nursing. Visit DNP Admission Information FAQs on the College of Nursing website for specific work experience requirements.

Applicants must apply to the Graduate College as part of the process for admission to the College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The first step is to complete the online application through the Graduate Admissions DNP webpage and pay the appropriate fee. As part of the second step, Graduate Admissions will contact the applicant by email to provide instructions on uploading supporting documents, which include the following:

- current written recommendations from three persons knowledgeable about the applicant's competence in the practice of nursing and potential for leadership and scholarship (forms required);
- current résumé, goal statement (statement of purpose), statement of disclosure, and supplemental/information form;
- official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate coursework;

- DNP applicants to the direct care programs with master's degrees in nursing from other schools must provide verification of completed clinical hours from their institution's graduate director or must submit appropriate course syllabi; and
- additional application requirements for the pathway subprogram for the MSN to DNP, those applicants with MSN and ARNP, include providing verification of an MSN in a recognized ARNP specialty and proof of certification.

Application Deadlines

The application deadline for the DNP is Feb.1 for all subprograms except anesthesia nursing and health systems. The anesthesia nursing subprogram application deadline is June 1 and health systems subprogram is July 1.