

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 grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00; applicants for the dual certification programs must have a minimum 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.

Admission to the DNP Program

Application requirements specific to the DNP program are:

- a 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;
- satisfaction of the legal requirements for the practice of nursing;
- 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);
- a current résumé, goal statement (statement of purpose), statement of disclosure, and supplemental/information form;
- 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;
- additional application requirements for post-APRN MSN to DNP applicants include providing verification of an MSN in a recognized ARNP specialty and proof of certification; and
- an upper-level statistics course (undergraduate course at junior/senior level) completed within five years of application deadline except for post-APRN MSN to DNP applicants; acceptable University of Iowa courses are STAT:3510 Biostatistics, PSQF:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods, STAT:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods, or BIOS:4120 Introduction to Biostatistics (equivalent courses from other colleges also are accepted; see below for additional details), and the upper-level statistics course must have a letter grade of C-minus or higher.

For statistics courses taken at another institution, refer to that institution's catalog or registrar's office to verify course numbering scheme. Community college courses are considered to be at a lower level (first-year/sophomore) and are not acceptable as an admission prerequisite statistics course. For further questions, regarding the admission upper-level statistics course requirement contact the graduate programs office.

Additional application requirements for post-graduate certificate applicants includes providing proof of APRN certification.

Application deadline for the DNP program is Feb. 1 for all specialties except anesthesia nursing, which has a June 1 application deadline.

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

Applicant interviews are required for the DNP program; in some cases, virtual interviews such as through Zoom may be arranged.

Due to the level of web-based coursework required, international students in the DNP program of study are not eligible for F-1, F-2, or J-1 student immigration status. Questions regarding visas and immigration documentation should be directed to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS).