

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE ADMISSION CRITERIA/REQUIREMENTS

1. Earned Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) from a nationally accredited CCNE or ACEN program.
2. Certification as Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse-Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

OR

MSN with an Administration concentration and/or at least one year of experience in a nursing administration role

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An earned MSN in a different specialty than above will be considered on an individual basis. Note: a longer program of study and/or additional requirements may be required to fulfill required practice hours and consideration is not a guarantee of admission.

3. Unencumbered licensure in the United States as a registered nurse. Practice will dictate specific state licensure.
4. At least two years of full-time work experience (or equivalent) in nursing as a registered nurse.
5. GPA 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
6. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores for applicants with cumulative grade point average less than 3.4 as reported by the MSN institution.
7. Basic statistics course.
8. A completed application packet includes:
 - Completed DNP application form.
 - Official GRE scores (If applicable).
 - A current resume, which includes employment history, military service, academic scholarships, awards and/or honors, professional memberships and awards, professional presentations or publication, and community service activities.
 - A three-page typewritten letter discussing the applicant's goals and personal reasons to undertake doctoral education. The letter should indicate the applicant's career plans upon program completion.
 - Three letters of reference pertaining to academic ability, professional proficiency, and personal integrity: one from the applicant's current supervisor, one from a faculty member who has worked with the applicant during previous academic study, and one professional reference selected by the applicant.
 - Official transcripts from each college, university, or nursing program attended.
9. An optional telephone or in-person interview as part of the admission process.
10. International students must demonstrate sufficient ability to read, write, and speak English with a minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL.
11. International students must submit official transcripts for evaluation to one of the following services: World Education Services (www.wes.org) or Josef Silny & Associates (www.jsilny.com).

Additional Information

Prospective students who have been enrolled or are still enrolled in another program may be considered for admission to the Caylor School of Nursing DNP program. Students dismissed from another DNP program for academic, practice, or behavioral reasons will not be admitted to the Caylor School of Nursing DNP program. Prospective students must have a letter from the program director stating that the prospective student is currently in or withdrew when they were in good standing.

Applicants are reviewed for the graduate program upon completion of all admission requirements. If a student chooses to interrupt the NURS course sequence for any reason, an admission application must be resubmitted to Graduate Nursing Office. Readmission to the DNP program is not guaranteed.

Accepted students must submit a completed medical profile form, immunization record, background check, and urine screen prior to matriculation. Students must have and maintain for the duration of the program an unencumbered RN license; current infant, children, and adult CPR certification; health insurance; current immunization according to the CDC guidelines; negative drug screen; and a background check.