
Policy Number:	619
Policy Name:	Graduate Nursing Program Admission Requirements (Doctoral)
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Approved admission to the **Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** degree program requires the following of all students:

1. Completion of a master's degree or higher from an accredited program of nursing
2. Current U.S. licensure unencumbered and in good standing as a Registered Nurse (upload Nursys verification report in application)
3. A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 from a previous graduate program (official transcripts must be submitted)
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Current resume or curriculum vitae
6. Active national certification in an advance practice registered nurse (APRN) specialty
7. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog
8. Statement of goals
9. Interview may be required (via web, phone, or in person)
10. Successful passage of criminal background check will be required upon offer of admission
11. Successful passage of drug screen and satisfaction of current health and immunization policy of the Department of Nursing will be required the semester prior to data collection in a clinical setting.

Approved admission to the **Nurse Anesthesia Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** degree program requires the following of all students:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited program of nursing
2. Current U.S. licensure unencumbered and in good standing as a Registered Nurse (upload Nursys verification report in application)
3. Minimum of one year of critical care nursing experience within the U.S., its territories or a U.S. military hospital outside of the U.S.
4. A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0. This includes a minimum GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate science coursework.
5. Evidence of a completed statistics course (undergraduate or graduate)
6. Evidence of a completed Organic Chemistry I or upper division Biochemistry course
7. Typed personal statement that is no more than two pages in length and addresses the following three areas:
 - A. Describe why you have chosen the Nurse Anesthesia specialization
 - B. Describe your professional goals
 - C. Describe why you feel the University of North Dakota program is best suited to help you meet your professional goals
8. Three letters of recommendation, preferably from a manager or supervisor, a healthcare provider, or nursing faculty member. Letters should speak to applicant's ability to be successful in the DNP program, addressing items such as clinical skills, critical thinking, independent decision making, and collaborative skills with other health professionals, nursing leadership, etc

9. Professional resume or curriculum vitae
10. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog
11. Interview required
12. Successful passage of criminal background check and drug screen will be required upon offer of admission
13. Satisfaction of current health and immunization policy of the Department of Nursing will be required upon offer of admission

Approved admission to the **Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)** degree program requires the following of all students:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program or equivalent nursing preparation.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.00 for all undergraduate work or a GPA of at least 3.00 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (Based on A=4.00).
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in graduate course work.
4. Completion of a graduate level univariate statistics course.
5. A one- to two-page paper stating the applicant's research interests and professional goals.
6. Evidence of current, unencumbered licensure to practice as a registered nurse.
7. Three professional letters of recommendation.
8. Current resume or curriculum vitae
9. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog
10. An interview (via web, phone, or in person) will be required for applicants meeting the admission requirements
11. Successful passage of criminal background check will be required upon offer of admission
12. Successful passage of drug screen and satisfaction of current health and immunization policy of the Department of Nursing will be required the semester prior to data collection in a clinical setting.

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