

Doctor of Nursing Practice Admission Requirements

Applications for program cohorts are being accepted by the Graduate School. Cohorts start classes in May of each year.

Admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is determined on the basis of the following criteria:

- Completion of a Master of Science in Nursing degree from an accredited program with an overall graduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Current national certification in an advanced practice registered nursing role (NP, CNS, CNM, CRNA) or graduation from an accredited nursing administration master's program.
- **Three** completed recommendation forms from professional associates (one of whom must be a nurse with an advanced degree) who can assess applicant's potential for professional doctoral study.
- Admission Essay: In essay format, respond to the following questions. Each question should be answered in one word processed page or less (minimum font 11 pt).
 - Discuss your educational and professional goals, short and long term, and how the DNP degree will help you expand your practice.
 - Describe a clinical problem and how you facilitated changes to assure best practices.
 - Discuss a potential focus that you might pursue for your DNP applied research project and describe one researchable problem in that focus area.
- Résumé or CV that includes employment history, military service, community service, professional awards, honors, fellowships, memberships, and publications and presentations.
- Current unencumbered Michigan RN license (or eligibility for same) and Board of Nursing Specialty Certification (NP, CNM, or CRNA).
- Interview with the DNP Admission Committee.
- Criminal background clearance.
- Sample of prior scholarly work