

## 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 (for Advanced Practice concentration) 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 (for the Administrative concentration)

**OR**

An earned MSN in a different specialty than above will be considered for the Administrative concentration. Note: a longer program of study may be required to fulfill required practice hours.

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.
  - A writing sample which describes a problem the applicant has identified in the practice setting and/or a published article authored by the applicant.
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](http://www.wes.org)) or Josef Silny & Associates ([www.jsilny.com](http://www.jsilny.com)).

### Additional Information

Perspective 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. Student dismissed from another DNP program for academic, practice, or behavioral reasons will not be admitted to the Caylor School of Nursing DNP program. Perspective students must have a letter from the program director stating that the perspective student is currently or withdrew when they were in good standing.

Applicants are reviewed for the graduate program upon completion of all admission requirements. The applicant can be admitted as **full-time or part-time** student. 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: unencumbered RN license, current infant, children, and adult CPR certification, health insurance, current immunization according to the CDC guidelines, negative drug screen, and background check.