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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 Nurses 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 for the APRN track. APRN certification is not required for Leadership track.
7. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements for Nursing Students as published in the graduate catalog.
8. A two-page American Psychological Association (APA) formatted professional statement which addresses your professional goals and how the DNP degree will contribute to the achievement of these 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 Nurses 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 for Nursing Students 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 **Family Nurse Practitioner 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 work experience as an R.N. within the U.S., its territories or a U.S. military hospital outside of the U.S. required
4. Achieve a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 . Applications will not be considered for GPA below 3.0
5. Evidence of a completed statistics course (undergraduate or graduate)
6. Official transcripts from every institution attended
7. Typed personal statement that is no more than two pages in length and addresses the following areas:
 1. Describe why you have chosen the FNP specialization
 2. Describe 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 for Nursing Students as published in the graduate catalog.
11. Online application and \$35 nonrefundable application fee
12. Successful completion of an interview with program faculty
13. Reside in a state in which the University of North Dakota is approved to deliver the graduate nursing program at the time of admission and throughout duration of the nursing program
14. If enrolled in a previous graduate nursing program, a letter of good standing from program director, unless a degree was conferred
15. Successful passage of criminal background check and drug screen will be required upon offer of admission
16. Satisfaction of current health and immunization policy of the Department of Nursing will be required upon offer of admission

Approved admission to the **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner 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 work experience as an R.N. in an inpatient psychiatric unit within the U.S., its territories or a U.S. military hospital outside of the U.S. required
4. Achieve a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 . Applications will not be considered for GPA below 3.0
5. Evidence of a completed statistics course (undergraduate or graduate)
6. Official transcripts from every institution attended
7. Typed personal statement that is no more than two pages in length and addresses the following areas:
 1. Describe why you have chosen the PMHNP specialization
 2. Describe 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 for Nursing Students as published in the graduate catalog.
11. Online application and \$35 nonrefundable application fee
12. Successful completion of an interview with program faculty
13. Reside in a state in which the University of North Dakota is approved to deliver the graduate nursing program at the time of admission and throughout duration of the nursing program
14. If enrolled in a previous graduate nursing program, a letter of good standing from program director, unless a degree was conferred
15. Successful passage of criminal background check and drug screen will be required upon offer of admission
16. 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. The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies' current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
2. Completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program or equivalent nursing preparation.
3. 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).
4. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in graduate course work.
 5. Completion of a graduate level univariate statistics course.
 6. A one- to two-page paper stating the applicant's research interests and professional goals.
 7. Evidence of current, unencumbered licensure to practice as a registered nurse.
 8. Three professional letters of recommendation.
 9. Current resume or curriculum vitae.
 10. Completion of a graduate level nursing theory course.
 11. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements for Nursing Students as published in the graduate catalog.
 12. An interview (via web, phone, or in person) will be required for applicants meeting the admission requirements.
 13. Successful passage of criminal background check will be required upon offer of admission.
 14. 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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