

Graduate Programs in Nursing

The School of Nursing offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Both the DNP and MSN are approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Doctor of Nursing Practice

The DNP provides education in advanced areas beyond what the MSN program provides. Some areas of advanced content are: critical thinking and leadership in the health care system, and health policy.

There are two entry points for this program. Those who have completed either the BSN or the MSN may apply.

DNP Admission Requirements – Post Baccalaureate:

In addition to the general University requirements for admission to graduate studies, the following requirements apply:

- 1.) An approved graduate level statistics course taken within the last six years;
- 2.) A Bachelor of Science in Nursing from a nationally accredited school (NLN or CCNE);
- 3.) For BSN holders: A GPA of 3.00 or higher in the following areas:
 - a) Last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
 - b) All undergraduate Nursing courses
 - c) Any graduate level courses taken
 - d) The following four science courses taken with an overall GPA of at least 3.00 and no grade that generates less than 2.00 credit points per credit hour in any one course:
Anatomy/Physiology, Microbiology, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology;
- 4.) There are two applications in the process, the Graduate School application and the School of Nursing application. *Both must be completed.*
- 5.) All students will request entrance to a specific specialization upon application. Due to revisions in the Nursing curricula, please contact the School of Nursing for the most recent information regarding specializations.

- 6.) Evidence of license as a registered nurse in *Kansas*;
- 7.) Coverage by professional liability insurance. CNS and NP students must have NP student coverage prior to enrollment in practicum coursework. Minimum coverage required: \$1,000,000 single incident/\$3,000,000 aggregate;
- 8.) Computer literacy is an expectation of the graduate nursing program. Skill should include: word processing, email, file attachments, and internet searches. If courses require Blackboard, students are highly encouraged to complete the Blackboard orientation. Students may elect to take Personal Computing 105, or another basic computer skills course, to fulfill the computer literacy expectation; and
- 9.) Technical standards must be met.

DNP Admission Requirements – Post-Master's:

In addition to the general University requirements for admission to graduate studies, the following requirements apply:

- 1.) An approved graduate level statistics course taken within the last six years;
- 2.) A nursing master's degree from an accredited School, with a GPA of 3.250 or higher in all master's work;
- 3.) Individual/Family focus applicants are required to:
 - a) Present proof of APRN licensure in Kansas;
 - b) Present proof of, or eligibility for, national certification as a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist;
- 4.) Some latitude may be given in the following GPA requirements on an individual basis (3.000 or higher in the following areas):
 - a) Last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
 - b) All undergraduate Nursing courses
 - c) Any graduate-level courses taken
 - d) The following four science courses taken with an overall GPA of at least 3.00 and no grade that generates less than 2.00 credit points per credit hour in any one course:
Anatomy/Physiology, Microbiology, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology;

- 5) There are two applications in the process, the Graduate School application and the School of Nursing application. *Both must be completed.*
- 6.) Admission for Post-Master's applicants will be to the practice specialization area in which their nursing master's degree was completed.

For more information please contact the School of Nursing Graduate Programs Office.

Master of Science in Nursing

Significant curriculum revisions are in process that affect the requirements for this degree. Contact the School of Nursing for the latest information.

Facilities

The School of Nursing offers state-of-the-art clinical laboratories and equipment for students' use. Practica are completed in a variety of local and regional health care agencies including hospitals, clinics, health departments, home health agencies, and extended care facilities.

Excellent preceptors and clinical sites afford the student the best possible experience in his or her chosen specialization.

Financial Assistance

Graduate teaching or research assistantships, as well as Professional Nurse Traineeships, are usually available. WSU's financial aid office will assist students with loans or other financing.

Faculty

The School of Nursing graduate faculty members have received recognition for excellence in teaching and research and have published in national peer reviewed journals. Many faculty are nationally certified and remain active in clinical practice.

Carol Bett, PhDc, MN, MA, RN. Instructor
Belinda Childs, MSN, APRN. Adjunct Instructor, Diabetes
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