

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Applications are evaluated based on the following:

- 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

Admission for Fall semester only (MSN NPs)

Applications will be accepted for each Fall semester only. Admission is competitive and on a space available basis. The application deadline is February 1 with admission interviews in February, March and April. Applications will be accepted after the February deadline at the discretion of the Graduate Nursing Chairperson, if spaces remain in the program. All application materials must be received by February 28.

Early Admission Decision Option (MSN NPs)

October 31 is the application deadline for the Early Admission Decision option. Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale with complete admission files will be **interviewed during November and December, and will receive the University's decision by the end of December**. Those who do not qualify for early admission decision may be held for consideration in the spring admission cycle.

Deadline and Deposit to Hold Seat (MSN NPs & DNP)

An applicant receiving an offer of admission must respond to that offer within the timeframe specified in the offer letter. An applicant accepting an offer of admission must submit a non-refundable admission **deposit equal to the current one semester hour's graduate tuition; this deposit is applied to the first semester's tuition**. **If the deposit is not received by the date indicated, the applicant's seat may be given to another incoming student**. Seats are limited in number.

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Graduate Nursing Programs	Admission Practices
Nursing Administration	Rolling Admission
MSN / MBA Dual Degree	Rolling Admission
RN to MSN - Nursing Administration (Both MSN and Dual Degrees)	Admission suspended
Health / Nurse Educator Certificate	Rolling Admission
Post-MSN Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Specialty Certificate	Rolling Admission
Nurse Entrepreneur Cert.	Rolling Admission
Business Strategies for Nurses Cert.	Rolling Admission
Limited Admission Policies* <small>*Once admitted, no change of program transfer from non-NP program to an NP program. Must apply to competitive cohort.</small>	
Post-MSN Doctor of Nursing Practice	Annual Admission for May Cohort
MSN Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	Annual Admission for Fall Cohort
MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	Annual Admission for Fall Cohort
MSN Adult Primary Care NP with Hospice and Palliative Care Specialty	Annual Admission for Fall Cohort
MSN Adult Acute Care NP with Hospice and Palliative Care Specialty	Annual Admission for Fall Cohort
RN to MSN	Admission suspended
Post-MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Cert.	Admission suspended
Post-MSN Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Cert.	Admission suspended