

**Post-MSN Certificate: Adult Advanced Practice Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Specialty**

Applications are evaluated based on the following:

- Possession of a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from an accredited program with a graduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants may be considered for admission to the graduate certificate prior to completion of the MSN degree; however, the certificate will be awarded only upon completion of the MSN degree.
- Current national certification in Advanced Practice Nursing as: Adult NP, Family NP, Gerontological NP, Acute Care NP, or Adult Health CNS.
- Current unencumbered Michigan RN license and Board of Nursing Specialty Certification as Nurse Practitioner.
- Two completed recommendation letters from people who directly supervise your work in a nursing role or from health professionals who can assess your potential to provide palliative care.
- Current résumé.
- Employment history. Significant work experience provides a basis for course assignments. It is recommended that students have meaningful professional nursing experience prior to and concurrent with enrollment in the program. Prior clinical experience in advanced practice palliative care (not required) will be evaluated and may be applied to the clinical hours required for the certificate. This is addressed during the admission interview. A maximum of 180 hours (4 s.h.) clinical, with validation by supervisor, can be applied to certificate requirements.
- Statement of goals for post-graduate education in advanced practice palliative care.
- Admission interview with the Chair of Nursing Graduate Program.
- Criminal background clearance.

**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)	<b>Admission suspended</b>
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
<b>Limited Admission Policies*</b>	
*Once admitted, no change of program transfer from non-NP program to an NP program. Must apply to competitive cohort.	
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	<b>Admission suspended</b>
Post-MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Cert.	<b>Admission suspended</b>
Post-MSN Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Cert.	<b>Admission suspended</b>