

5. Three letters of professional recommendation in sealed envelopes indicating the reviewer's support of the student's ability to successfully complete a demanding graduate level academic and clinical program. At least one recommendation should come from a current or recent direct supervisor.
6. Personal essay stating one's philosophy of nursing, reasons for wanting to study in a particular area of specialization, expectation of the DNP Area of Specialty, and future career goals
7. Applicants to the DNP should include in their essay an area of interest for consideration as a DNP project
8. Current CV or resume

All completed applications are to be submitted to Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Office who will forward them to the Area of Concentration Coordinator or Program Director for review and appropriate action. DNP admission decisions are the responsibility of the DNP Admissions Committee.

DNP admissions committee chair presents summary of admission decisions to the DNP council including: number and status of students offered admission. The report will then be forwarded to the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee (APG) for final review of the process. APG will relate to the Coordinator of the Major/Area of Concentration and DNP Council any concerns they may have with the implementation of the admission process.

Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Office will notify applicants of the admission decision. Applicants who do not qualify for admission to full graduate status may be considered for provisional status except for international applicants.

Provisional Admission

Applicants meeting the following criteria will be considered for provisional admission:

- A verbal GRE percentile score of 50% or higher,
- a quantitative GRE percentile score between 40% and 49%, and
- a score of 3 or above on the analytical writing section

Students admitted provisionally will be required to take PSYED 2018 Statistics 1: Descriptive and Inferential Statistics with or prior to registering for NUR 2011 Applied Statistics for Evidence Based Practice. Advanced practice students should also take Pathophysiology. They must also meet with their academic advisor to determine which courses must be taken as part of the initial 12 credits required to determine eligibility for transfer from Provisional to Full Graduate Status (Policy 206).

Admission of International Students

Application is made through the Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Office, School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh, 239 Victoria Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15261, USA. Applications from international students are reviewed according to the DNP programs admission criteria stated above and are admitted as stated above. The application must be completed in English and accompanied by official academic credentials with notarized English translations. Applicants to the Post-Master's DNP Program must have a degree comparable to the U.S. master's degree in nursing. Applicants to the BSN to DNP Program must have a degree comparable to the U.S. baccalaureate degree in nursing or entry level master's degree in nursing. The official transcripts must show all high school and post-high school work, including grades in each course, examination grades and standing in examinations and classes, and whatever other credentials are available to give a clear description of the student's academic accomplishments. "Applicants to the DNP Programs from other countries should review Policy 201 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION, GRADUATE PROGRAM for additional admission criteria for international students."

Admissions of RN-DNP Program Students

Applicants to the RN-DNP program must graduate from a CCNE, NLN, or ACEN accredited associate degree program or diploma school of nursing. A student may be admitted to the DNP program pending satisfactory completion of the 24 graduate bridge credits and completion of the BSN

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