

Doctor of Nursing Practice

The UMSL College of Nursing is committed to admitting a diverse group of students who will become nurse leaders responsive to the specific needs of the communities and populations we serve. We value diversity, intellectual discourse and rigor, caring, professionalism, mutual respect and support, innovation, collaboration, and transparency. Applicants will be selected using inclusive and balanced admission criteria that measure their potential in nursing practice, education, research, and scholarship. We measure our success by graduates who become lifelong learners and leaders in their communities and in the profession of nursing.

Applicants to the DNP program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as GPA, a personal statement, an essay, work/volunteer experiences, professional activities, leadership roles, honors, award recognitions, etc.

Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri–St. Louis cannot admit students from all states for online programs. Please see the Center for Teaching and Learning for additional information: http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/onlinelearning/state_authorization.html

Admission Criteria

BSN to DNP

The post-baccalaureate entry point is designed for registered nurses who have completed a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree and desire to obtain a doctoral degree in nursing practice. The student will develop the knowledge, skills, and expertise to become clinical scholars, clinical experts, and transformational leaders who will function at the highest level of nursing practice.

Admissions ~~Requirements~~ Criteria:

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application

- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from a nationally accredited nursing program
- BSN ~~3.25~~ 3.0 GPA (calculated on last 60 hours of BSN coursework)
- Current professional licensure
- Completion of an undergraduate general statistics course

Direct Admit **BSN to DNP** Option

Guaranteed admission to the ~~BSN-DNP~~ **BSN to DNP** program is selective and open to students who have earned a BSN from ~~the University of Missouri – St. Louis~~ **UMSL** or completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program. ~~Applicants must have a 3.75 GPA (calculated on last 60 hours of BSN coursework). Once admitted, students must maintain a 3.25 GPA. For full consideration, applications must be submitted by April 1.~~

Admission Criteria:

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application
- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from UMSL OR completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer Program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program
- 3.75 GPA in last 60 hours of BSN coursework

Once admitted, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Spaces in the ~~BSN-DNP~~ **BSN to DNP** program are limited and are first awarded to guaranteed applicants. ~~Non-guaranteed applicants should apply for early acceptance by January 15.~~ Based on space availability, applications will be accepted until the class is full.

MSN to DNP

The post master's entry point is designed for graduate-prepared nurses who want to develop the knowledge, skills, and expertise to become clinical scholars, transformational leaders, and function at the highest level of nursing practice while obtaining a terminal degree in nursing practice.

Admissions ~~Requirements~~ Criteria:

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application
- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- MSN from a nationally accredited nursing program
- MSN ~~3.25~~ 3.0 GPA
- Current professional licensure
- Completion of an undergraduate general statistics course or Graduate level general statistics course

See the UMSL College of Nursing's website for the application process and specific program deadlines. ~~Application Process~~

- ~~Complete the UMSL Graduate Application Form~~
- ~~Complete the DNP Supplemental Application Form. You must complete UMSL's Graduate Application Form before you are able to access the Nursing Supplemental Application Form.~~
- ~~Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities~~
- ~~Current CV/resume~~
- ~~Two letters of recommendation~~
- ~~A two-page essay, indicating your professional goals and proposed DNP project. The written statement should respond to the following attributes:~~
 - ~~**Introduction** - Include professional background, but not personal identifiers such as name, place of employment, etc., and the population track of interest (i.e., leadership, FNP, AGNP, etc.). (250 word max.)~~

- ~~○ **Learning** - Describe how you think about and pursue learning in your profession. (250 word max.)~~
- ~~○ **Diversity** - Discuss a nursing practice experience that changed or impacted your understanding of diversity and why. (250 word max.)~~
- ~~○ **Meaningfulness** - Describe an activity that brings meaning to your life. (250 word max.)~~
- ~~○ **Leadership** - Describe direct or indirect leadership experiences you have had. (250 word max.)~~
- ~~○ Final summary~~

~~Please visit our online application site for detailed information about submitting the materials listed above.~~

Degree Requirements

The DNP Curriculum focuses on three tiers:

1. Foundational Concepts
2. Clinical Expertise
3. Integration of Practice

Core Content for BSN to DNP program

Completion of the BSN to DNP program requires the completion of the following core content for all emphasis areas:

NURSE 6111	Healthcare Systems Concepts and Theory	3
NURSE 7211	Biostatistics I	3
NURSE 7230	Epidemiology	3
NURSE 7209	Advanced Nursing Roles and the Role of the DNP	3
NURSE 7443	Healthcare Policy	3

NURSE 7240	Health Informatics	3
NURSE 6130	Research, Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSE 6660	Introduction to Health Systems Management, and Policy for Underserved	3
NURSE 7200	State of the Science in Nursing Research and Practice (or nursing elective)	3
NURSE 7260	Program Evaluation and Quality Management in Healthcare	3
NURSE 7220	Leadership in Practice	3
NURSE 7251	Healthcare Economics	3
NURSE 7291	DNP Capstone I	2
NURSE 7292	DNP Capstone II	2
NURSE 7293	DNP Capstone III	2
Nursing elective (choose one of the following):		3
NURSE 7200	State of the Science in Nursing Research and Practice	
NURSE 6321	Instructional Strategies in Nursing	
NURSE 6420	Healthcare Law and Regulation	
NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health	
Total Hours		42

Prior to completion of the DNP ~~Program~~, ~~program~~ students will complete a ~~clinically focused scholarly~~ clinical scholarship project that satisfies the graduate school requirements.

~~The minimum hours to complete a DNP if entering with an MSN is 35 hours. If entering with a BSN, the DNP requires 71-76 hours based on emphasis area.~~

Core Content for MSN to DNP program

Completion of the MSN to DNP program requires the completion of the following core content:

NURSE 7209	Advanced Nursing Roles and the Role of the DNP	3
NURSE 7211	Biostatistics I	3
NURSE 7240	Health Informatics	3
NURSE 7220	Leadership in Practice	3
NURSE 7291	DNP Capstone I	2
NURSE 7292	DNP Capstone II	2
NURSE 7230	Epidemiology	3
NURSE 7443	Healthcare Policy	3
NURSE 7251	Healthcare Economics	3
NURSE 7260	Program Evaluation and Quality Management in Healthcare	3
NURSE 7293	DNP Capstone III	2
Nursing elective (choose one of the following):		3
NURSE 6321	Instructional Strategies in Nursing	
NURSE 6420	Healthcare Law and Regulation	
NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health	

NURSE 6660	Introduction to Health Systems Management, and Policy for Underserved
NURSE 7200	State of the Science in Nursing Research and Practice
Total Hours	33

Prior to completion of the DNP program, students will complete a clinical scholarship project that satisfies the graduate school requirement.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The College of Nursing added the MSN to DNP Core Content that was not transferred over to the new bulletin. This is not a new curriculum and no changes have taken place on the curriculum. We also added a line about the clinical scholarship project that must be completed prior to completing the DNP program. The College of Nursing took off the application deadlines and put in a standard statement that directs students to the CON's website for application details and deadlines. To have the Direct Admit BSN to DNP track progression be consistent with the BSN to DNP and MSN to DNP tracks, the College of Nursing approved that the GPA that is required to continue in the Direct Admit Option Track be changed to 3.0 from 3.25, which is indicated above. To remain consistent with the Graduate School, holistic admission, and other DNP programs, the College of Nursing approved that the GPA requirement for admission to the BSN to DNP and MSN to DNP programs be 3.0, which is indicated above.