APPLYING TO THE POST MASTER'S DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) represents the highest degree in nursing practice. Graduates receive additional preparation to expand practice in breadth and depth as well as coursework and mentorship to facilitate leadership and practice-related scholarship in their professional career. Designed for those that already have a Master's degree in an advance nursing practice (APRN) specialty or a background in management, leadership or administration, this program will *prepare* graduates to be leaders that drive the application of evidence and promote excellence in nursing practice and health care. As a practice-focused doctoral program, innovation and inquiry are central to graduating DNP-nurses prepared in leadership to identify, develop, and evaluate solutions to the most troubling challenges found in clinical practice and health care. This program is offered online for post-master's DNP students. Some courses require a face-to-face intensive meeting for instruction. Students can expect to come to campus at least twice each year.

Admissions Factors

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA
- Sample of written scholarly work
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay response
- Interview
- TOEFL with a score of 83 or higher(international students), ILTS scores will not be accepted

Admission Requirements & Eligibility

Prior Degree

It is expected that applicants to the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice program have a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BS or BSN) and a Master in Nursing or a related advanced nursing degree.

- Those pursuing the DNP with a background as an APRN must have graduated from a master's level program accredited by the appropriate national accrediting body.
- Applicants pursuing the DNP with a background in management, leadership, or administration may have one of the following types of master's degree (this is not an exhaustive list, please check with the Admissions Office if you are unsure about your degree):
  - Master's in Nursing Administration
  - Master's in Nursing with Major in Leadership in Health Systems
  - Master's in Health Systems Leadership
  - Master's in Community Healthcare Systems
  - Master's in Public Health
  - Master's in Organizational Leadership
  - Master's in Business Administration with the Major in Health Care
  - Master's in Hospital Administration
  - Master's of Health Administration

RN Licensure Status

All Post-Master's DNP students must be licensed prior to matriculation as an R.N. in the state of Oregon or in the state where clinical coursework will take place. All APRN students pursuing a DNP must be licensed prior to matriculation as an APRN (CNS, NP, CNM, or CRNA) in the state of Oregon or in the state where clinical coursework will take place.

Work Experience

It is recommended that applicants hold at least one year of work experience in advanced nursing practice. Applicants must submit a description of current engagement in practice such as a curriculum vitae or resume as part of the application.

Grade Point Average

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate and graduate courses.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit three letters of reference as part of their application. Electronic reference forms are located and sent out via the online Nursing CAS application system. It is preferred but not strictly required that applicants submit references from the following sources; faculty or academic source, supervisor, and/or a co-worker/colleague.

Sample of Scholarly Work

Applicants to the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice program are required to submit an example of scholarly writing. This can be a published paper, thesis, or research paper used as a part of a course requirement. Note: If you do not have a sample of your scholarly work to submit, please let us know; we can arrange for you to write an article analysis in response to an article that we provide you.

HOW TO APPLY TO POST MASTERS DNP PROGRAM:

Step 1: Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at www.ohsu.edu/son in the tab "Admissions & Prospective Students", then select "**Applying**". This Applying page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

Step 2: The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service for Nursing CAS. You must set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:
- ✓ **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s).
  Mail transcripts to: NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471 ***OHSU will not accept**

applicant transcripts- in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by Nursing CAS.

- ✓ **Manually enter every college course** into your NursingCAS account.
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae –** uploaded to Nursing CAS documents section
- ✓ **3 Letters of Recommendation –** submitted via Nursing CAS
- ✓ **Essay responses –** available in the Nursing CAS application
- ✓ **Sample of Scholarly work –** uploaded to Nursing CAS documents section

Step 4: Once the above steps have been completed in your NursingCAS application, you must submit your application via NursingCAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with the NursingCAS office to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts. Nursing CAS Support: 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am -7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the NursingCAS system.

Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Laura Stadum, Title IX Coordinator, 503-494-0258, titleix@ohsu.edu