



Graduate Program
APPLICATION FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)
Postmasters Entry

Action on Admission: The Admissions Committee will select the best qualified applicants for the DNP program based on a composite assessment of:

- Academic performance on all coursework taken, with particular emphasis on the sciences (because of their relationship to assessing analytical problem-solving abilities), relevance to selected DNP focus, patterns of course withdrawals and course repeats, and the nature of course selections.
- Applicant-supplied information and statements on the application forms and essay.
- Responses from References.
- If necessary, a personal interview with representatives of the Admission Committee.
- Writing and verbal communication skills.
- Completeness of application forms.

Admissions will be granted to the most highly qualified applicants. The next most highly qualified applicants will have their names placed on a waiting list. Some students may not be admitted. They will be referred to appropriate advising offices for assistance.

Name: _____

Are you licensed as a registered nurse? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what state? _____
(A copy of your valid State of Kansas nursing license is required prior to admission)

REQUESTED FOCUS (SPECIALIZATION)

I have an NP or CNS national certification in the follow specialization:

Acute Care NP _____ Family NP _____ Psychiatric/Mental Health NP _____ Adult CNS _____
Other Specialty (please specify) _____

In addition, please upload the following to the CollegeNet application with the WSU Graduate School:

- **Current Resume for Curriculum Vitae**
- **Personal Goals Essay** A maximum of 1000 words (double space; 12 font; Times New Roman; 1 inch margin) in the form of a typed essay which addresses your:
 - Reasons for pursuing the DNP including your professional goals and how the program will enhance your future roles/activities as an advanced practice nurse,
 - Focused area of interest in pursuing DNP (e.g., practice area of interest in which you may be interested in developing the final project), and
 - Most difficult issues that you anticipate while in the DNP program and your plans to handle them.
 - Your essay will be evaluated on content and writing abilities. If admitted, this essay will also be used to help tailor the learning experience toward the individual's area of interest.

CERTIFICATION/EXPERIENCE

For Post-masters entry to Individual/Family Focus

Current national certification in specialization and relevant experience as an advanced practice nurse not listed above. Attach your documentation including copies of current certification and APRN designation with a listing of relevant experience including dates and the supervisor's name and contact information. *Applicants not meeting this criterion may be considered on an individual basis.*

Following receipt of application materials, an interview may be required. Selected applicants will be notified of the date, time, and location for the interview. Interviews are evaluated and provide information to the Admission Committee. Accepted students must meet the admission criteria for the DNP program (GPAs, prerequisites), and be admitted to Wichita State University Graduate School.

Mission and Vision Statement

The School of Nursing mission is to improve the health of the community (public good) by inspiring change in health care (cultural/economic driver) through innovation and excellence in nursing education, scholarship, practice, and service (essential educational driver).

Vision: INSPIRE INNOVATE EXCEL