Nursing DNP, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Emphasis

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

The post-baccalaurate 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.

Admission Criteria:

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School (http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective) application
- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from a nationally accredited nursing program
- BSN 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 to DNP program is selective and open to students who have earned a BSN from UMSL or completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program.

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- 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 to DNP program are limited and are first awarded to guaranteed applicants. Based on space availability, applications will be accepted until the class is full.

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 6130 Research, Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice 3
- NURSE 6660 Introduction to Health Systems Management, and Policy for Underserved 3
- NURSE 7211 Biostatistics I 3
- NURSE 7209 Advanced Nursing Roles and the Role of the DNP 3
- NURSE 7220 Leadership in Practice 3
- NURSE 7230 Epidemiology 3
- NURSE 7240 Health Informatics 3
- NURSE 7251 Healthcare Economics 3
- NURSE 7260 Program Evaluation and Quality Management in Healthcare 3
- NURSE 7291 DNP Capstone I 2
- NURSE 7292 DNP Capstone II 2
- NURSE 7293 DNP Capstone III 2
- NURSE 7443 Healthcare Policy 3

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 7200 State of the Science in Nursing Research and Practice

Total Hours 42

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

Nurse Practitioner Specialty Courses

- NURSE 6722 Foundations of Adolescent and Geriatric Health 3
- NURSE 6739 Adult-Geriatric Health I: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice Nursing 4
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**Learning Outcomes**

- Integrate informatics, research, and ethical/legal principles to provide excellence in advanced clinical nursing practice.
- Translate research to improve healthcare delivery and health outcomes.
- Generate strategies for multidisciplinary leadership through analysis of critical indicators and/or healthcare delivery systems to optimize patient care and safety.
- Demonstrate an understanding of strategies to influence health policy-making to improve health outcomes, shape healthcare delivery, and remove barriers to healthcare.
- Evaluate approaches to practice utilizing both nursing theories and other health system theories.