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.

General Admission 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 3.0 GPA (calculated on the last 60 hours of BSN coursework)
• Current professional licensure
• Completion of an undergraduate general statistics course
• Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP-AC) emphasis area requires at least one (1) year of inpatient pediatric nursing experience
• Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) emphasis area requires at least one (1) year of inpatient or outpatient psychiatric nursing or emergency room nursing experience

Direct Admit BSN to DNP Option
Direct 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. This option is not available for PNP-AC or PMHNP emphasis areas.
NURSE 7954  Advanced Practice Nursing: Practicum III 1 1-4
NURSE 7291  DNP Clinical Scholarship Project I 2
NURSE 7292  DNP Clinical Scholarship Project II 2
NURSE 7293  DNP Clinical Scholarship Project III 2

Total Hours 9-18

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All students must complete a minimum of 8 hours of residency. One credit hour is equivalent to 75 residency hours.

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

Total number of hours in degree program: 70

Learning Outcomes

A successful graduate should, upon completion, be able to:

• Integrates evidence-based concepts from advanced practice nursing, the arts, sciences, and humanities to provide comprehensive, competent, holistic, and patient-centered care promoting healthy outcomes and health equity for diverse individuals, families, communities, and populations.

• Demonstrates clinical decision-making and actions based on ethical and legal obligations, standards of practice, economics, health equity, and nursing values.

• Applies knowledge of health care policies in their regulatory environment and their influence on health care access and quality.

• Generates, synthesizes, translates, applies, and disseminates research to improve health outcomes, quality of care, and minimize risk of harm.

• Evaluates approaches to practice utilizing information and communication technologies to promote, safe, high-quality care, and efficient health delivery services according to best practice, professional, and regulatory standards.