TITLE: ADMISSION TO DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM

POLICY: The Academic Affairs Committee reviews admission criteria annually and advises the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (ADSA) on admission policy. Data on all applicants are compiled by the Office for Student Affairs (OSA).

RATIONALE: The College of Nursing screens applicants in order to select appropriate candidates and ensure adequate resources (e.g., faculty and clinical placements) for the delivery of high quality nursing education. Applicants are selected based upon criteria that demonstrate the greatest potential for success in the program.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:

The following criteria will be utilized in the process of admission to the BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice Program:

General Criteria:

1. A Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from a college of nursing that is accredited by an agency that is recognized by the US Department of Education National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. The list of current agencies is found here: https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg5.html#health
2. A GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the upper division nursing major.
3. Current licensure (or eligibility) as a Registered Nurse in the State of Florida.
4. Demonstrated ability in (or potential for) clinical excellence and leadership.
5. Students must be either a U.S. citizen, legal U.S. resident, or hold a valid visa.
6. International students or students whose native language is not English are required to pass one of the following tests with a satisfactory score of:
   - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
   - International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
   - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)
   - Successful completion of the University of Florida English Language Institute Program. International students or students whose native language is not English with unsatisfactory scores on the TOEFL and TOEFL iBT Speaking Component, IELTS, or MELAB; unsuccessful completion of the UF English Language Institute Program; achieve an acceptable score on an essay administered by the Academic Written English Program at UF.
Criteria for Applicants with a Master’s Degree in Advanced Practice Nursing:

1. A Master’s Degree in Nursing in advanced practice from a college of nursing that is accredited by an agency that is recognized by the US Department of Education National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. The list of current agencies is found here: [https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg5.html#health](https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg5.html#health).
2. A master’s degree program GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).
3. Current RN and Nurse Practitioner licensure.
5. International students or students whose native language is not English are required to pass one of the following tests with a satisfactory score of:
   - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
   - International English Language Testing System (IELTS):
   - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB):
   - Successful completion of the University of Florida English Language Institute Program. International students or students whose native language is not English with unsatisfactory scores on the TOEFL and TOEFL iBT Speaking Component, IELTS, or MELAB; unsuccessful completion of the UF English Language Institute Program; or an must achieve an acceptable score on an essay administered by the Academic Written English Program at UF.

**NOTE:** Applicants who are nationally certified as advanced practice nurses and hold a master’s degree in a field other than nursing may be considered for admission on a case by case basis.

### Additional Information for MSN to DNP Admission

1. Admitted DNP applicants who wish to pursue study in a track other than that of their MSN preparation, may request an individualized plan of study that will require additional coursework.
2. Prior to graduation, all DNP students will be required to demonstrate at least 1000 total clinical hours as a part of their graduate degree program (MSN plus DNP or DNP).

### Additional Admission Information from All DNP Applicants:

1. Three letters of recommendation: two must address clinical competence and leadership ability, and one must address academic ability.
2. Answers to three questions (500 word limit for each question):
   - Optional: Video question (2 minutes) What in your background will uniquely contribute to our community in the College of Nursing?
3. Resume/curriculum vitae. Please include awards, honors, leadership, and volunteer opportunities and academic scholarships.

4. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

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*Bold = committee responsible for A-01 review

**PROCEDURE:**
Applications will be screened by the ADAA-GCE in consultation with the ADSA, reviewed by the DNP Admissions Committee and appropriate Track Coordinators; and recommended to the Dean for admission. Applicants meeting all criteria and requirements will be recommended for admission on a space-available basis.

1. Deadline for completion of applicant file is March 15 and September 15 for currently enrolled Accelerated BSN students for a Spring start date. Applications will be accepted after the March 15 deadline on a space-available basis.

2. Applicants will be rank-ordered according to selection criteria, and this order will be considered in determining admission should there be more qualified applicants than spaces available.

3. Successful applicants are recommended to the Dean of the College of Nursing for admission, and all applicants are informed of the outcome.